

FRIDAY LETTER

Brook Acre CP School

Learn and be happy

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Our Very Own Willy Wonkas

As part of Year 4's Learning Journey, 'Chocolate', they visited a chocolate factory in Southport on Monday called Chocolate Whirled. Simon, the owner, discussed the scientific facts behind making chocolate and they discussed changing states of matter-solids, liquids and gases. While they were with him, he also showed them how to make chocolate lollypops and then they made their own, making sure that the temperature was right (32 degrees centigrade), which was ideal to make delicious chocolate. Before they went in the fridge, they were blasted with ice spray so that they would solidify quicker.



Meanwhile, in Laura's group, the children discussed running a business and finding unique selling points for the chocolate pizza they were about to make. They had to price up the ingredients and work out the profit they would make and then the children packaged the chocolate. The end result was magnificent and mouth watering!

Year 4 children later had an e-mail from Simon saying, "**Year 4 were fantastic, so well behaved and polite, an absolute pleasure to work with.**" What a lovely comment, well done, Year 4!

Baby News

Everyone in School would like to pass on their congratulations to Mrs Chidzey who gave birth to a healthy baby girl last week. We're really looking forward to meeting baby Isla, when Mrs Chidzey brings her in. Mrs Chidzey and her family are now enjoying spending quality time with their special little lady and making lots of happy memories.



What High School is All About

On Wednesday morning, Year 5C children visited University Academy Warrington to discover what high school was all about. They had a busy morning investigating habitats in a science lesson and then learned how to talk about the weather in French! They even had a chance to ask the vice principal any questions they may have had about moving up to High School.



This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience and is part of the many things we participate in with our local high schools in order to ensure that children are more than ready for Year 7 when it's their time to move on. Year 5K will visit UAW for their high school taster on Wednesday 23 May.



Green Fingers

Yesterday, Year 3 children enjoyed a sunny, but rather windy, day at Kenyon Hall Farm. They were given a tour around the fields and saw all the delicious fruits that have started to grow. Later, they all potted their own peas and beans and now have the responsibility of caring for them as they grow. They also brought back to school a range of potted flowers to plant and look after in

the school grounds. The children's knowledge and understanding about plants was very impressive! Thanks to our parent helpers who helped make this day happen.

Swimming

Year 3 children got off to a great start in the first of their swimming sessions on Tuesday this week. They will continue with their lessons every **Tuesday until 10 July**. Swimming is an extremely important aspect of the school curriculum and we hope to ensure that all our pupils can become water confident and overcome any fears they may have to gain a skill they will go on to teach their own children. It may one day save a life! Good luck to all of Year 3.





Number Crunching

Foundation Stage 1 children welcomed parents and carers into Nursery on Wednesday for their Maths workshop. The children enjoyed recognising numbers through printing, writing and adding opportunities. Everyone had a lovely day and even the weather could not put a dampener on their learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined in with the fun.



STARS OF THE WEEK			
★	FS1 AM Henry		★
	FS2 Lacey	★	
	Year 2 Codey		
★	Year 4 Oakley		
	Year 5K Libby	★	
		FS1 PM Kane	★
		Year 1 Ellie-Mae	
		Year 3 William	
		Year 5C Olivia	
		Year 6 Igor	★

SEAL THEME			
"I Can be Pleased for Someone Else's Achievements"			
Children spotted this week:			
FS1 AM Leah		FS1 PM Millie	
FS2 Ellie-Rose		Y1 Kye	
Y2 Charlie		Y3 Lilly W	
Y4 Ruby		Y5C George	
Y5K Jack		Y6 Stephen	
<i>Congratulations to our Stars, SEAL and Headteacher Award winners, who will all be invited to enjoy their lunch on the Captain's Table.</i>			

BEST ATTENDANCE	
Year 5K - 99.8%	
Well Done!	

Congratulations also to Jayden-Lee, Year 3, who received Star of The Week from his new club, Cross Fit Training.

Headteacher Award

The Headteacher's Award is given each week to children who have shown impeccable behaviour, outstanding attitudes and admirable learning skills.

This week the Headteacher's Award goes to:

Foundation Stage – Patrick (FS1 PM) for his lovely behaviour during the parent workshop. Patrick engaged really well with his mum in the maths areas and did some fantastic counting!

Key Stage 1 – Izzy-May (Y1) for amazing confidence. Izzy-May is flying with her phonics and working so hard to use known digraphs and blends for writing. It's wonderful to see how independent and grown up you are Izzy-May – well done!

Key Stage 2 – Wiktorina (Y5K) for her application of reading skills. Wiktorina is really pushing herself on in reading, showing greater inference and asking questions to dive deeper into a text. Amazing!

WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: "reflection"

We have been discussing and using this week's word all around school as we have encouraged and supported children to 'reflect' on their learning in each lesson, **prove** their progress by identifying the skills they have shown and 'reflect' on where they should take themselves next. Reflection is a key skill to building self confidence and pride and celebrating achievements - there's a lot to be proud about!

Next week's word - 'Suspicious'

The challenge is set to see how often we can use these words in our talking and in our writing, both at school and at home with families. Please send in any examples used at home after half term, so we can celebrate this out of school learning with the children.

Electronic News

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter directly to your phone or inbox? A letter was sent home yesterday asking parents and carers to provide school with their email addresses so that we would be able to email out the newsletter to all classes, making it easier for parents to access a colour version and reducing our printing over the next year. If you didn't receive a letter, or need anymore information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Going Green

Our school council have been busy promoting recycling around the school and in our community. They have previously met with Mrs Curtis and Miss Holmes to discuss ideas to encourage recycling and chose a range of new recycling bins which have now been placed around the school, indoors and out. They are hoping that this will encourage parents and children to recycle their waste and protect our environment. Please look out for our new bins and use them appropriately (if you're not sure what goes where, just ask the children!) We would like to say a huge thank you to our school council for their help in bringing this important issue to everyone's attention.

LOUISE GOWER, THE SCHOOL NURSE, IS IN SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 2 MAY FROM 9.00 TO 9.30 AM FOR ONE OF HER DROP IN SESSIONS