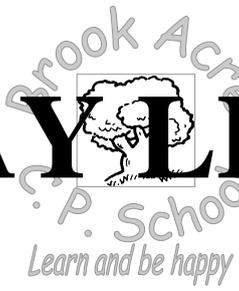


FRIDAY LETTER

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Catalyst Museum

Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to the Catalyst Museum in Widnes on Tuesday where they were able to explore lots of activities involving magnets and learned all about how they attract and repel. During the day the children became real scientists! They wore goggles and lab coats to investigate a selection of mystery chemicals to find out if they were acid or alkali. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and listened extremely well to all of the museum staff. Thank you to our parent and carer helpers, without your support we would not be able to provide these trips.

Parent and Carer Visits



On Tuesday, Foundation Stage 2 children welcomed their parents and carers into class to learn about reading. They heard some children apply their reading skills to read words, captions and sentences and were blown away with our super reading! Everyone took some resources home so they can get practising too!



Also on Tuesday, Year 1 children held a phonics workshop in class. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers and the children were very keen to show off the phonics activities that they do in class. The children enjoyed sharing their phonics knowledge with their adults and we hope you enjoyed the experience too.



FS1 children enjoyed their phonics workshop on Thursday. Parents and carers were invited into class to observe phonics lessons and the children enjoyed showing off how much progress they have made. We hope their parents and carers enjoyed it too!



On Friday morning, Year 3 parents and carers were welcomed into class to explore magnets. As part of their Learning Journey, they investigated how magnets work, what materials are magnetic and how magnets are used in everyday life. A lot of fun was had whilst experimenting. Children also shared their PowerPoints which showed what they had learned from their trip to the Catalyst Museum. They really enjoyed sharing their learning and experiences with their loved ones.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to any of our workshops this week. Your support is truly amazing and children and staff really appreciate you taking time out of your busy days to join us in class. Thank you!

WORD OF THE WEEK!

This week's word was: "Mysterious"

difficult or impossible to understand, explain, or identify

"The Famous Five discovered a ship wreck that was very mysterious." (Millie Churm, Y2)

"There was a mysterious beanstalk in Warrington." (Daisy Webster, Y1)

"A bike mysteriously landed in my living room on my birthday." (Alfie Hardman, Y2)

Next week's word - "extraordinary"

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 next week so we can celebrate this out of school learning with the children, with the best examples shared in Friday's assembly.

STARS OF THE WEEK				SEAL THEME			
★	FS1 AM	Connor	★	FS1 PM	Archie	★	
	FS2	Thomas		Year 1	Sky	★	
	Year 2	Charlie	★	Year 3	Kiera		
	Year 4	Jamie B		Year 5C	Connor		
	Year 5K	Louise	★	Year 6	Maicie		
			★				

BEST ATTENDANCE			
	Year 1 - 99.6 %		
	Well Done!		

SEAL THEME			
"Achieving our Goals"			
Children spotted this week:			
FS1 AM	Ebony	FS1 PM	Dennis
FS2	Corey	Y1	Alan
Y2	Daisy	Y3	Layton
Y4	Libby	Y5C	Mason
Y5K	Amy	Y6	Richard



Congratulations to our Stars, SEAL and Headteacher Award winners, who will all be invited to enjoy their lunch on the Captain's Table.



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 – Elise (FS2) for superb confidence when reading aloud to a group of parents and carers during the workshop on Tuesday. The excellent reading progress she has already made this year is fantastic. A true reading star!

Key Stage 1 – Alexis (Year 1) for an amazing attitude towards learning. Alexis loves to contribute to class discussions and will eagerly share her ideas with everyone. Her smile lights up the classroom too!

Key Stage 2 – Rhys (Y4) for great focus in lessons. Rhys is taking responsibility for his learning and a real ownership of his next steps. What a brilliant learner!



Cold, Icy Weather

Please ensure that your child attends school wearing appropriately warm clothing each day – a warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves if they have them. All the children still play out on these cold days, so they do need to wrap up warm.



I CAN TALK ABOUT IT.

Time to Talk Day is on 1 February 2018.
Wherever you are, you can talk about mental health.

Time to Talk

This week in school, each class has promoted positive mental health. Activities have included children identifying what causes them to worry, sharing what's important to them and ways to keep their minds healthy. Yesterday, Mrs Curtis and Mrs Dobson shared some of these activities with parents and carers. It was a really successful event and there were even cakes and goody bags! Thank you to everyone who attended and for your positive feedback about our approach as a school.

Welcome!

Brook Acre staff and children, would like to say a huge welcome to Miss Mainwaring, who started teaching in Nursery this week, and Miss Nightingale who is teaching in Year 2. They will be working alongside Mrs Chidzey and Miss Smith and will then take over as class teachers, once Mrs Chidzey and Miss Smith start their maternity leave, in order to ensure a smooth transition between teachers.