

THE BROOK BROADCAST

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!

As I write this, I have just finished looking through our online Tapestry provision for the last few days, watching many of the films created for the children and also seeing all of the uploads that our families have been making in response, and I am overwhelmed with pride.

I feel proud because of ...

- our team who have reimagined what learning can look like for our children at home and how we can support the children and their families at a time when things are very difficult.
- how hard all of our staff are working to ensure that learning is happening at home and in school, from filming lessons to ensuring that our online systems are working. Although the team are making it look easy, filming yourself for sharing with an audience is not easy. We really appreciate the kind comments of support from many parents because this prevents us from becoming self-conscious.
- our children in school for bravely coming in to a different situation meaning that some of their friends are not with them.
- our children at home for coping with not being with their friends and their teachers.
- our children at home for engaging with the learning on Tapestry and doing it with a smile on their faces.
- our families for working so hard to support the children, even when trying to work full time; care for younger children; maintain daily life in a pandemic; or anything else to ensure you thrive as a family.
- our behind the scenes team who ensure that everything runs as smoothly as it can for everyone and also makes sure that communication is clear and timely.

We have been overwhelmed this week with the words of thanks we have been receiving, either on the gates in the morning or via emails and Tapestry uploads. It really does boost morale to know we are making a difference. However we also know that we are in this together. We are doing our jobs (admittedly in a pandemic when there is a risk to our health attached) but you are trying to do many jobs and we thank you for that.

We have always been a really strong team, but this has made us even stronger. We believe that we do this together or not at all and that includes our families as well. We are here for you if you need it. Please do not suffer in silence, simply send an email to **support@brookinfant.school** and either Mrs Sarah Cox, Mrs Jack Sexton or the member of staff deemed most helpful to you will get in touch as soon as possible. We are here to help and we are here to listen. We do not have magic wands and cannot take Covid19 away, but we will try to help as best we can.

OUR NEW TABLE TOP LIBRARY

We are aware that some families might have plenty of lovely reading books at home, whilst others might have very few. However, even those with many might fancy a change and so we are going to offer a 'Table Top' library outside the front of our school every Thursday between 09:30 and 11:00 (weather allowing). This will enable families to bring back books that have been read and choose two new books for the week. The books that are returned will be placed in a box and left to fallow.



We will send a text if the library has to be postponed due to wet weather.

OUR NEW CARDIGAN OPTION



Having been asked by a few parents, we have managed to get our uniform suppliers to stock cardigans that can be embroidered with the school logo. If you are interested in one, why not take a look by following the link ...

http://sasportsworld.co.uk/index.php?route=product/product&path=53_102&product_id=311

OUR WONDERFUL WOODLAND TEAM

Again, our 'Wonderful Woodland' team have been working very hard behind the scenes creating films for all of our children to engage them with the great outdoors. Keep an eye on Tapestry for more appearing soon!

We have been so pleased to see the 'Spider's Webs' that have been added to our special tree. There is still space for more ... so keep adding!



BEEP BEEP ... DING DING!

Today (Friday) we had a visit from Alex and Lindsey who brought a vintage 1919 Calcott in for our Nursery and Reception children to see (but all year groups got a chance to take a look). The children were interested to see such an old car and enjoyed learning about the starting handle, but they all particularly liked the bell horn. Alex also showed all of our children his cycling skills when he rode his Penny Farthing around the playground.

As we did not want our Reception children at home missing out on this experience, Alex kindly then drove his vintage car around the block just after 10:30 so that at least some of our children at home could see the car when on their daily walk. It was lovely to see so many families maintaining social distance, but lining the streets!

FINAL CALL FOR OUR NURSERY CHILDREN!

This is the absolute final call for all Nursery families to make their school applications if required for September 2021. **The deadline for school applications is TODAY Friday 15th January 2021 at 23:59.**

We really hope that our nursery children and families would like to extend their time with us at Brook Infant School and want to join in with our adventures in learning.

If you want outdoor and hands on learning for your child, why not put us as your first choice and join us in learning with love and laughter.



DEEPLY SAD NEWS!



Since the beginning of term, our lovely Mrs Cath Reed has been away from school on compassionate leave because her father Mr Nick Sexton had become increasingly poorly. It is with great sadness that we have to report that Nick has sadly passed away after his battle with cancer. Nick was Cath Reed's Dad, but also Jack Sexton's father-in-law.

As a school community many of the staff knew Nick and his wife Angela because a few years ago they were very much involved in the life of the school. Nick, who was an retired Headteacher and a guiding force at Crawley Museum, used to come in every week to support the children with their music learning, whilst Angela taught Maypole Dancing. We would all very much like to extend our condolences to the family at this time.

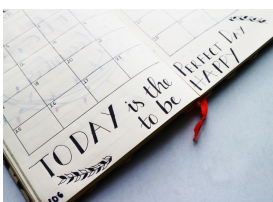
Mrs Cath Reed will remain on compassionate leave for a while, but even though we will continue to miss her, the children in Dragonflies continue to be taught by teaching staff that they know well, Mrs Amy Hughes, Miss Georgie Vinten and Mrs Lynne Badman.

REMEMBER WE ARE HERE!

As we have said before, if things get tricky, try **NOT** to worry and do **NOT** suffer in silence. We are here to help and even if we cannot help directly we can signpost you to people and agencies who might be able to. Simply email **support@brookinfant.school**.

You are all amazing and our children are very lucky.

Keep smiling and keep learning with love and laughter.



IMPORTANT DATES

We do not profess to know what might be happening in one week, let alone one term, but here is what could happen!

Monday 22nd February 2021 - Inset Day

Monday 7th June 2021 - Inset Day