



Breachwood Green Newsletter

Friday 19th January

Believe and Achieve

Mission and Vision

In order to drive Breachwood Green School from good to outstanding, the governors and staff felt it was important to establish the direction we wanted to take the school in. As a result of this, we collaboratively developed the following mission statement:

Our school, in the heart of the community, offers a happy, secure, engaging learning environment which inspires inquisitive minds. We work together to enable everyone to grow in confidence, develop their potential and be the best they can be.

We then decided that we wanted a strap-line, something that summarised our values. There was a lot of discussion around this, as we knew we wanted to get it right from the start, and after lots of consideration we all agreed on 'Believe and Achieve'. We feel that if we all have a belief that the children can succeed, and if they believe in themselves, then they have the potential to achieve great things.

Punctuality

Please can I remind you that children need to be at school for 8:55am as I have some children are regularly arriving at school after this time. Whilst a few minutes may not seem like much, it actually makes a big difference in how quickly the children settle and therefore how soon lessons can start.

School Council by Ben (Communications Officer)

The School Council met last week to discuss how the house system works in school. We have decided to change the prize so that the children get a more exciting experience to motivate them to achieve house points.

In order to make it fair, the class representatives asked their class what they would like as a reward. These ideas were then voted for democratically at our council meeting. We now have 3 ideas: rounders match, an afternoon at the rec or movie afternoon with popcorn.

We're excited to see which house will win the reward at the end of this term and what reward they'll choose!

Dates for your diary

- 12-16th Feb Half term
- 15th Mar C4 Science workshop
- 16th Mar Reception children screening
- 20th Mar Parents' eve 3.30-6.00pm
- 21st Mar Parents' eve 6.00-8.00pm
- 29th Mar End of Spring term

New Look School Website

Please find time to take a look at our school website, www.breachwoodgreen.herts.sch.uk which has had a revamp.

Class 3 Swimming

Class 3 have been attending swimming sessions at Inspire pool since the start of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to say how fantastic their behaviour has been and how proud we all are of them. This week, the swimming coaches said that the water temperature had really dropped and commented on how impressed they were that our children didn't fuss; Class 3 just took it in their stride and carried on with their lessons. Well done Class 3, keep this up!

Maths Look and Learn Morning

At the end of last term, we held our first Look and Learn morning with a maths focus. We were really pleased to see so many people able to attend the session on Friday 15th December. The children enjoyed tackling the problems with their parents and showing them the great work they have in their books. One parent commented, 'Lovely to see in person what the children are doing in school and to feel involved in their learning.'

Our intention is to hold a Look and Learn morning each term so watch out for future dates.



e-Safety Workshop

As you will be aware e-Safety is high on the agenda for every school especially as children of much younger ages are accessing the internet. It is vital that you, as parents, have a full understanding of the potential dangers that children face when accessing online apps and have strategies in place to keep children safe. In light of this, we will be holding a parent and child e-Safety workshop at the start of February (date tbc). As we would like children to come along, our first workshop is going to be for KS2 children and their parents; if this is successful, we will look at adapting the content so we can hold a KS1 workshop.

Parents' Voice—In response to you...

Certificates for Awards

At the Meet and Greet in September, it was brought up that you wanted less certificates issued to the children and less time spent laminating them. As a result of this, we only issued certificates to children receiving awards last term and they were printed on card so they did not need to be laminated.

Knowing more about your child's learning

You expressed that you would like to know more about the topics being covered each term by your child's class. As a result of this, we sent home the Curriculum Map for each class last term and will continue to do this within the first few weeks of each term. These Curriculum Maps can also be found on the school website.

Ocarina

Mrs Barton has continued to run a lunchtime ocarina club which runs most weeks on a Wednesday lunchtime. There are currently three children attending however, the club is open to all the children. If children would like to go along then they meet in the music area on a Wednesday at 12.30pm.

Book Review: Peppa Pig Gym Class by Ellie

I like it because it is an adventure book.

I like when they pretend to be explorers.

I like that Peppa Pig is in it.

Other children might like it because they might just like it.

Breachwood's Got Values

Date awarded: 12th January 2018

Value: Respect

Class 1: Damien

Class 2: Ellie

Class 3: Evie B

Class 4: Bethan

Date awarded: 19th January 2018

Value: Tolerance

Class 1: Leo

Class 2: Enea

Class 3: Zara

Class 4: Freya