



Dear Parents

Our last day of this half term (except for Year 6) started in a truly wonderful way with children in all years reciting poems, some of which they had written themselves, and singing lovely Harvest songs. We were delighted to welcome Year 6 parents to join us and I want to say a massive thank you to you all for sending in lovely treats for our community project. Year 6 delivered these to over 50 local elderly and housebound people. The Kew Neighbourhood Association has sent a lovely letter of thanks for our involvement. All the recipients of our gifts find their lives are limited in different ways, through poverty, ill health or isolation. They love the opportunity to engage with happy, smiling and generous hearted children and Year 6 return from the deliveries much moved by the experience.



Year 1 went back in time to the kitchens at Gunnersbury Park Museum on Wednesday. They learned just how tough the lives of staff below stairs really were, with long hours and poor wages. They had a go at wielding the heavy dolly to pound washing clean, before feeding it into a mangle. Floors were cleaned using large scrubbing brushes, carpets were beaten and spices mixed and ground ready for Cook's inspection. The children worked hard for their experience of life 200 years ago!

The Pupil Council elections were held this week and I want to thank all those children who put themselves forward and spoke about their idea in front of their House mates, as part of the democratic process. The children were elected by their peers and I am looking forward to watching them use their voices on the Council to influence what happens in school, congratulations. We will elect new representatives in the Spring Term so children who were not elected on this occasion will have further opportunities in future.

House	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Mead	Charlotte B	Nina	Aahna
Palmer	Charlotte H	Noah	Amelia
Rose	Fiona	Millie	Jacob

Our featured art this week includes some sumptuous still life in pastels from Year 4 which decorated the Hall for our Harvest Assembly. Year 1 made pumpkin decorations decorated with swinging beads to celebrate a spooky night coming up at the end of the month! Our Artist of the Week is Austin in Year 4 for his mixed fruit platter, which looks good enough to eat.

PTA Christmas Fair: 26th November 3.30-6pm

The PTA would like to invite you and your families to the Christmas Fair on Friday 26th November from 3.30pm to 6pm. The format will be different this year. There will be activities and games for the children, an opportunity to meet Father Christmas and lovely stalls to pick up Christmas presents, whilst also enjoying some hot food and festive cheer!

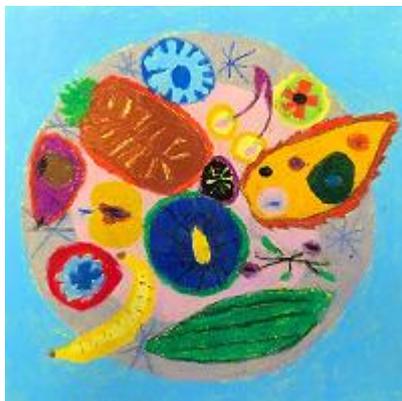
All this cannot be achieved without your help, and Mrs Hassan and her team will be calling on everyone for support in running the stalls. Additionally, donations are requested for the second-hand toy stall (in excellent condition) and gift sets



or items which would make lovely Christmas presents, perhaps something new and unused that you already have at home. Kindly bring these items to school in the week after half term, 2nd to 5th November. Further information will be sent out via the Class reps.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card order forms have gone home this week and, if you would like to order any cards or other items, please complete the form and return it to school on Tuesday 2nd November. Last year we saw some gorgeous Christmas-themed art and I look forward to seeing the designs the children create this year. Payment for any orders must be made by bank transfer to the school account, using the reference *Christmas (child's surname)*, as we can no longer accept cash.



Dance Club Years 4-6

Miss Tritton is looking forward to taking her senior Dance Club to a competition at Reddam House in Berkshire on Wednesday 3rd November. Good luck team! The children will leave at 11am and be back before pick up. They will need to bring a packed lunch (no nuts) and a water bottle. Miss Tritton has emailed the parents of children involved with costume requests, they should come to school in full school uniform and bring their dancewear with them.

Notice Period for Clubs

A reminder that if your child does not want to continue with a club in the Spring Term, you will need to give notice to Mrs Crocker on admin@broomfieldhouse.com by Tuesday 2nd November.

TT Rockstars

Over this past week Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been working hard at times tables, using their TT Rockstars accounts on a daily basis. Our star performer has been James in Year 5 who has shot to the Number 1 position in the school league table for his speed. But others are chasing him hard, like Kenan and Aurora (Y6) Amelia and Astrid (Y5), Austin (Y4) and Gusti (Y3). All pupils should continue through the half term and there will be a prize-giving after the break for those who make the best effort. Remember, five minutes a day is enough! And a last minute piece of secret information; Mr Kennedy is also working hard at becoming Number 1 at Rockstars (anyone who finishes above him in the table will get a special bonus prize!)

Behaviour

The behaviour of children in school is generally excellent and we witness superb acts of kindness daily which we celebrate. Kindness is one of our core values and something we talk about often. We have high standards of behaviour and don't expect anything less. However, we understand that, at times, children can make mistakes in how they choose to behave in certain circumstances. If an issue arises, we speak to the children with a view to developing their understanding and to explain the consequences of their actions. Mr Anstey has developed our use of reflection time as a platform for this. Taking place as soon as possible after a behaviour issue, reflection time is designed to allow children to consider how they might react differently in a similar situation in the future. All behaviour issues are recorded on CPOMS, our school management system, along with any actions and outcomes. We keep parents informed and aim to resolve issues quickly and in a firm, yet supportive, manner. The children learn that, once an issue has been dealt with, we move on and a new day brings a fresh perspective.

Love in a Box

Broomfield is supporting Love in a Box again and so we ask parents to support this endeavour by bringing in a shoe box wrapped in Christmas cheer and containing some treats. These are distributed to children in Eastern Europe who may otherwise not receive a Christmas present. Last year we sent over 120 boxes.

While gifts of sweets, drawing materials and new toys are gratefully appreciated, Love in a Box also ask that donations include more prosaic items, such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, deodorant (for older ages), hat and gloves. Please also bear in mind that we often send fewer boxes for the older children (12-15 years) so would encourage you to consider providing a gift for this age group.

I know that many of you like to shop for this project over half term but please don't bring your boxes in until the week beginning 15th November. A flyer with information and gift ideas is attached.

Revision Week

When we return to school after half term we will hold a revision week for the children in Year 2 to 6, before assessment week, which takes place between 1st and 5th November. This will consolidate the children's understanding of their learning over the first half term. For younger children we manage this revision in school but for Years 4, 5 and 6 we are developing their revision skills and may ask them to do some things at home. The Early Years' classes will continue to make observations of the children's development, and Year 1 – in this early stage of their transition – will do some very low-key assessments, they are too little to be tested in any overt way.

Table Football

We have a tradition of mixing up the use put to the area between the kitchen and the Year 4 classroom. Over recent years we have enjoyed volleyball in that space but now, thanks to a generous donation from the Ansel family, we will be playing Table Football. Given the shrieks of laughter coming from there over the last few days, we think it has been well received.

Chestertons Winter Coat Collection

In conjunction with the charity, [Calling London](#), Chestertons Estate Agents are launching their annual winter coat collection on 1st November. Last year they gathered 5000 coats and fleeces to offer to Londoners in need. The collection box will be in the Atrium after half term until Tuesday 23rd November. This is a great way to re-use any warm items you no longer need and help ensure vulnerable people in our community do not go cold over the chillier months.

Pre-Kindergarten 2022 and 2023 Registrations

Ms Cash is progressing swiftly through the offer-making process for the new Pre-Kindergarten class in 2022. If there are any current families needing a place for their children in that class please let her know as soon as possible on admissions@broomfieldhouse.com, so we can ensure that we save a place for you.

For the following year of entry (September 2023) we are bringing forward the offer-making window from September to February 2022. This is to bring Broomfield in line with our neighbouring prep schools. Again, if you have younger children who you would like to join Broomfield in 2023 please consider registering them with us now to avoid potential problems later on.



Sports Fixtures and News

Year 6: The Richmond and Wandsworth Sports Development Team have asked us to send you a flyer about the London Youth Games 2022. The first event is the Cross Country Competition on 20th November 2021 at Parliament Hill. There is an U11 category which Year 6 children could enter, however, to be considered for team selection, athletes must run a parkrun before Saturday 31st October. If you click the link in the flyer you can access the application form.

Broomfield's triumphant Football Teams before the friendlies against Radnor House in this Wednesday's Games



Year Group News

Year 6: Parent Evenings are taking place online in late afternoon/early evening on 3rd and 4th November. Please [click here](#) for the booking form so you can schedule your appointment.

All Years: The classes enjoy using Linguascope in Spanish lessons and Broomfield has a subscription which your children may enjoy at home. If using a mobile phone or tablet, it is best to download the app or, if on a laptop, go to Linguascope.com. Early Years and KS1 should look at the Elementary section and KS2 should use the Beginners section. They may also enjoy the Lingua League games. This website is a great way to reinforce some of the Spanish basics, such as numbers and colours and also has sections on many of the topics that we cover in class. The new login details are: Username: broomfieldh Password: fresa!

Polite Person

Here are the children recognised in our assembly this morning as the Polite People of the Week.

Class	Polite Person	Class	Polite Person
Pre-Kindergarten	Aazil	Year 3	Charlotte B
Kindergarten	Tamara	Year 4	Austin
Year 1	Camila	Year 5	Folohan
Year 2	Allegra	Year 6	Kenan

Headteacher's Award



I was delighted to invite a child from each class to join me for High Tea in the Dining Room on Thursday and present them with their Headteacher's Award certificates and badges. I make this award to those I call the 'always' children; always kind, always polite, always try their hardest. This half term the pupils who best reflected this attitude in school were: Avyaan,(PK), Kriton (K), Rita (Y1), Liberty (Y2), Tara (Y3), Elena (Y4), Clara (Y5) and Lachlan (Y6). Thank you all for being such terrific ambassadors for Broomfield.

The Week Ahead

Day	Activity	Notes
Monday-Friday	Half term holiday	
Monday 1 st Nov	Year 6 back in school	
Tuesday	Pre-Kindergarten to Year 5 back for the new half term Deadline for Christmas Card orders	Payment by BACS please
Wednesday	ISA Dance Competition Year 6 Parent Evening (Part 1)	Costume letter emailed to those involved, bring packed lunch/water bottle Book your appointment please
Thursday	Diwali celebrations Year 6 Parent Evening (Part 2)	Book your appointment please
Friday		

The Government asks that teachers and parents continue to take Lateral Flow Tests over the holidays so they can see how the spread of infection is developing. Please would you support us in this and take a test before the children return to school on 1st or 2nd November. If you are going abroad for the holiday please make sure you follow any quarantine and PCR testing requirements before the children re-join their class.

I hope everyone enjoys a great half term holiday and I look forward to welcoming Year 6 back on Monday, 1st November and everyone else on Tuesday 2nd November.

Yours faithfully

Susie Byers

Mrs Susie Byers
Headteacher



Colourful sarcophagi created out of clay and painted in acrylic paint, fit for an Egyptian Pharaoh's last journey to the afterlife. Year 3

