



Message from the headteacher,

It is hard to believe that December is here. It really feels like no time since term began! The children have made so much progress since they started in their new classes. It is joy to walk around their classrooms each day and find out what they have been learning. They are always full of enthusiasm for their subjects and lots of new knowledge they have learnt. Obviously, this doesn't happen without a lot of hard work from all of our staff and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for an excellent term. I know they will be ready for a very well-deserved break over the Festive season.

We also recognize that parents play a huge role in their children's success and we have enjoyed welcoming parents back into school again. We hope you have enjoyed coming into school for open classroom sessions after school to look at your child's books with them.

We have also been looking at ways of keeping you informed with what your child is learning and how they are getting on. Earlier this term and in Autumn term 1 we sent out Knowledge Organisers via email. Knowledge Organisers identify the core knowledge your child will be covering in school and we hope they will help parents stay informed with what children are learning and that they give you a tool to help them revisit and retrieve prior knowledge.

We know parents also like to be kept up to date with how their child is getting on at school. At the end of this term, parents of children in Y1-6, will receive a short progress report for your child via email. These assessments will be based on class teachers' recent observations of your child and their work. We aim to send these out each term. You will have opportunity to discuss any concerns with the class teachers in the new year.

Once again thank you for all your support.

Beehive

Did you know you can access a whole range of features on Beehive? Parents signing into Beehive will have access to:

- Beehive Store to make payments for school trips or to top-up cashless catering cards
- Student Data to see attendance, rewards and behaviour stats
- Links to other resources

Do have a look and see how many reward points your child has! An app is available. A video giving a whistle stop tour and start up guide is available here: <https://www.lionhearttrust.org.uk/beehive>

Staffing news

Good bye Miss Gale,

At the end of the term we say a sad good bye to Miss Gale. Miss Gale has been a valuable part of Brocks Hill staff for 3 years and is leaving us to commence a wonderful opportunity to travel the world! We shall miss her and wish her safe travels for her journey! We look forward to her postcards!

Goodbye Mrs Harvey

We also say goodbye to Mrs Harvey who has worked at Brocks Hill as a midday supervisor for the last 16 years! We are very grateful for all she has done and hope that she has wonderful retirement.

Welcome back Miss Kelly

Miss Kelly will be returning to school just before Christmas and will be teaching Class 5 alongside Mrs Hall after Miss Gale's departure.

Welcome back Mrs Collin

Mrs Collin will also be returning to Brocks Hill just before Christmas. Mrs Collin and Dr Quirk will both be teaching Blue Class. Thank you, Mrs Hayat and Mr Hurst, for all your hard work in Blue Class this

Key Dates

5th December - 5 Days of Christmas

Food Bank collection begins

8th December - School Christmas Dinner

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

16th December - Last day of term

SPORTS NEWS

We have had yet another successful sporting half-term. Our children have shown great resilience, determination and fantastic sportsmanship throughout. Success in cross country, football and sports hall athletics have seen Brocks Hill at the top of the Oadby and Wigston League. Year 4 have also started TAG rugby with Leicester Tigers. We can't wait to see what the new term brings.



FOOTBALL NEWS

Brocks Hill 1
Langmoor Primary 2
03/11/2022

Unfortunately, the boy's football season began with a very narrow defeat to Langmoor Primary School. The team started very brightly, with some excellent passing, strong defending and plenty of close efforts on goal. Brocks Hill took the lead mid-way through the first half when Nayaneesh and Aryan combined cleverly before Aryan slotted the ball into the bottom corner. Just before half time, Langmoor got themselves an equaliser through a penalty which goalkeeper Gurneel almost saved. 1-1 at half time.

The second half continued in the same way with lots of chances falling to Brocks Hill but unfortunately finding the hands of the very busy Langmoor goalkeeper. Some fantastic defending by Harrison kept the scores level for most of the second half until a looping cross ended up in the Brocks Hill net. The team did not give up, showed resilience and continued to work hard for each other. Although the team deserved a second goal and a point from the game, it wasn't to be and in the final minute a shot from Nayaneesh struck the post and was cleared off the line.

With more games to come this year, the team are looking forward to their next game against The Pastures in the Rice Bowl Cup competition and are determined to get their first win of the season.

Well done team, you did the school proud!

Team:

1. Gurneel ©
2. Arjun
3. Harrison
4. Karan
5. Remi
6. James
7. Nayaneesh
8. Aryan



AUTHOR VISIT FROM LUKE



Luke Temple, the author of *Blubber Monster*, *Zombie Cows from Outer Space*, and many more, visited Brocks Hill during October. As well as talking about how he overcomes his dyslexia, he also inspired our children to enjoy reading and to have a go at writing. Our pupils were also able to meet Luke purchase a signed copy of his books, which kept Luke busy ALL morning! Luke was very impressed with our pupils and said he can't wait to visit again.

Layer Up and Power Down

On Friday 11th November, Brocks Hill participated in a national initiative to show our support for COP27. We switched our heating off for the day and wrapped up warm, wearing plenty of layers to show how we can all make a positive contribution to the climate crisis. Our gas consumption that day was reduced from 1,201 KWH (general use day) to 877KWH in just one day. We are very grateful for the support of children and their families for this. Thank you!



Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5s went on a three- day residential to PGL centre at Caythorne Court, Lincolnshire. All pupils and adults had a fantastic few days filled with adventure! Everyone had opportunities to abseil, climb, zip wire, canoe, take part in orienteering as well as enjoying stories in the dark around a camp fire! Year 5 pupils' behaviour was exemplary and they were an absolute pleasure to take away. A huge thank you to all staff involved and especially to Miss Read who co-ordinated the whole trip.



YEAR 3 TRIP TO BOSWORTH HALL

Our year 3s visited Bosworth for a Roman adventure during November. As well as learning about the life of a Roman Soldier, they also had a go at being archaeology detectives!



YEAR 4 TRIP TO BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD

Our year 4 pupils followed the trail of King Richard the Third at Bosworth Battlefield, as part of our local history work. As well as re-enacting the scene on the day of the battle, our pupils learned what life would have been like as a local Tudor.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO WARNING ZONE

Year 6 pupils visited Warning Zone as part of our Relationships Education/PSHE work. During the visit, pupils learn how to stay safe online and how to manage risk when out and about.



BROCKS HILL PUPIL IN CINDERELLA PANTOMIME




Following on from playing a part as a ballet girl in the Billy Elliot musical at Curve, Leicester for 5 weeks during the summer, (which won Best UK Musical 2022) Sophia will now be playing a part of the junior ensemble cast in the Cinderella Panto at De Montfort Hall this Christmas. We are very proud of Sophia for all of her hard work in rehearsals and her enthusiasm for performing. We wish you the best of luck on your panto journey.

Brocks Hill Primary School
5 Days of Christmas Oadby Foodbank Challenge 2022

This Christmas, we would like you to donate whatever you can. Choose an item or items from the list below and place them in the trolley, which will be outside reception from **Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December.**

Choose to donate:

- ✓ Packets of long grain rice
- ✓ Jars or sachets of sauce
- ✓ Jam or marmalade
- ✓ Tinned tomatoes
- ✓ Christmas selection box
- ✓ Tinned custard/rice pudding
- ✓ Toiletries such as shampoo or soap
- ✓ Packets of dried lentils



Celebrate!

We have recently had notification that Brocks Hill has yet again performed exceptionally well in last years end of year SATs and phonics check.

- The proportion of pupils meeting the phonics expected standard in Year 1 was significantly above national and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2022
- Key stage 1 attainment of the expected standard in mathematics was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in writing was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in reading was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.
- Key stage 2 progress and attainment in mathematics was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test and the high standard in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.
- Key stage 2 attainment of the expected standard in science was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022

We are so proud of all the pupils involved in these assessments and know that these results don't just happen. All teachers at Brocks Hill have consistently gone above and beyond in helping every child achieve their potential.