



# The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy the sun starting to make an appearance. We had many exciting events taking place last half term which we will share with you below and are looking forward to a fun-packed half term on the lead up to Easter as well.

If you haven't had a chance already, please look at the Curriculum Newsletters which were sent out in January (can be found on the website) to find out about your child's learning for this half term, as well as other exciting events that will take place at Brooksward.

Here is a rundown of our Spring 1 events:

## BOOK WEEK

In the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January, we held our annual 'Book Week' – this is an opportunity for everyone at Brooksward to show how much they enjoy reading! As part of the week, the teachers spent time creating their own 'story tables' which the children were able to visit during the week and try to guess each story. We also held our 'Bedtime Stories' evening complete with roaring fires, hot chocolate and cookies. In addition to this, the children took part in our first 'Masked Reader' competition, book character dress-up day, paired reading with another age-group and contributed towards our whole school story 'The Golden Door'. The children and adults had a fantastic week can't wait until next year's Book Week!



## BROOKSWARD'S GOT TALENT



On the last day of half term, the school was treated to 'Brooksward's Got Talent'. In the weeks leading up to the end of term, children auditioned in their classes and then their favourite act was put through to the Talent Show. We saw an amazing range of talents including comedy routines, roller-skating, singing, and dancing! Although it was tough to choose our winners, with the help of student council the Kingfishers act won! Well done to all our performers and the hosts and a huge congratulations to our first-place winners Finlay, Kevin, Stanley and Harry!

## BRIDGEBUILDER TRUST



This week, we were visited by Luke from the Bridgebuilder Trust. He came to speak to the children about 'Overcoming our Fears' and how we can use a range of strategies to reduce our own anxieties as well as to develop our perseverance and other personal qualities.

## E-SAFETY AND SUPPER

Yesterday evening, we held our first ever E-Safety and Supper evening. In the meeting we shared many of the issues involved with having an online presence, suggested ways parents can help manage these risks at home and to provide support. We were blown away by how many families attended the information evening and joined us for a delicious chilli supper afterwards. A huge thank you to Mr Macdonald for preparing all of the resources for this event, to all of the staff who helped to run the evening and of course to our wonderful families who are keen to learn more about how we can all stay safe online. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the resources shared, please get in contact with the school office.



Finally, a reminder about school uniform and school shoes. We expect all children to be in an appropriate plain black pair of school shoes and wearing the full school uniform, including their school jumper. If you are struggling with this at the current time, please contact the school and we can discuss any support that can be offered.

Have a lovely half term and please contact us if you have any questions.

*Jen Swain*

Interim Headteacher

## **DIARY DATES**

Please take note of any dates which are relevant to your child.

(Please refer to our website for full term dates and other documents)

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back after half term
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evenings
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day (school closed to children)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back after the Easter holidays