



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were extremely proud of our Foundation Stage children's performance of the nativity to parents yesterday and to the rest of the school earlier in the week. Rehearsals and performances had proved extra challenging due to numerous absences through illness during the month. The children and staff worked very hard – well done everyone.



A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas 'Fair Fayre' on Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed 'spending' their good behaviour tokens on games and activities during the afternoon. The Fayre was then transformed after school to a 'money' fayre. As many of you who came could see, the children had been working extremely hard to make festive craft items and treats. We also welcomed a few additional vendors and one very special visitor! A special thank you to Miss Swain for organising the whole event alongside her other responsibilities and for



ensuring it ran smoothly on the day. She would however be the first to agree that a true team effort contributed to the overall success of the event for children and families. Thank you to all staff and to parents (and grandparents) who helped out. Overall we raised £388 after expenses which will be used to purchase equipment suggested by pupils through The School Council. We are hoping to drum up more support for the Brooksward Fundraising Group (the BFG!). If anyone is interested, please join us at one of our forthcoming meetings. These are scheduled to take place on the first Thursday of every month during term time and will be coordinated by Miss Swain. Please contact the school office to find out more or let us have your name if you are keen to lend your support for the two or three events we plan to organise each year.

PCSO Visit to Year 6

Year 6 had a very exciting visit from our local PCSOs as part of their Crime and Punishment topic; they came to teach them all about different types of crime and the method and technology associated modern policing. The children were a credit to Brooksward; they listened intently and asked many interesting questions - well done Year 6!



Fire Brigade Visit to KS1

The children in Years 1 and 2 were recently visited by members of the Newport Pagnell Fire Brigade for some very interactive learning. They have written thankyou letters to Firefighters Rob and Darren and it would appear they particularly enjoyed the part of the visit where the teachers were dressed as firefighters!



Year 6 STEM Day

Miss Cook and Miss De'Ath have told me they were blown away with Year 6's approach and attitude to their STEM challenge this week!



STEM incorporates learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - the children have been researching moving vehicles over the last few weeks and today they were able to put their learning into practice by designing and building their own 'modern carriage'. Their problem solving skills and resilience were superb - well done Year 6! What do you think of their final vehicles?

Emergency School Closure – MKC Alert System

Please remember to sign up to the Milton Keynes Council free text message and email school closure alert system www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosures which will ensure you receive an alert in the event of emergency school closure. Our school website www.brooksward.org.uk is also regularly updated.

Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas – enjoy the festivities. I look forward to seeing everyone again on **Wednesday 3rd January**

Ms Jo Alikhan
Executive Headteacher