



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very good turnout on Parents' Evenings last week and we hope our mid-term reports are helpful reminders of what was discussed. Your regular attendance at Parents' Evenings not only ensures you are updated about your child's progress both academically and socially but also reminds your child that you are genuinely interested in their learning and progress. Anyone who has yet to meet with their child's teacher will be urged to do so before the Easter break.

Science Club Visit to Cranfield University - and meeting Royalty!

Last Thursday a group of children from Brooksward attended an event at Cranfield University celebrating the 'Year of Engineering' and the official opening of their Intelligent Mobility Engineering Centre. They took part in a 'car of the future' challenge where they presented their ideas and designs for the car of the future.

They spent the day finding out about what the university has to offer; how aeroplanes are designed, about the development of a toilet for countries that do not have running water, transport through the ages and they even got to try out a driving simulator. This is what our some of our children had to say :

"The best part of the day was explaining our car to the Duke of Kent" - Lucas (Year 2). **"I loved trying out the simulator and speaking to the Duke about my design"** - Lily (Y2). **"The best things were trying out the racing car simulator and speaking to the Duke about my design"** – Sergio (Y2).

"I enjoyed exploring the influential university which was full of old and new cars! I liked explaining my car design to the Duke of Kent. I also loved the free lunch!" – Gajieth (Y4). **"The best part of the trip was learning about the aeroplanes and how the toilets on the aeroplanes work. It was interesting and disgusting!"** – Krish (Y4)



They were lucky enough to meet HRH The Duke of Kent who was intrigued by the children's

designs and asked them lots of questions about the luxuries they had included such as reclining chairs and personal servants. Thank you to Cranfield University for hosting, and inviting us, to our Science Co-ordinator Mrs Dearn for her



hard work with the children in Science Club and of course to our wonderful children for representing our school so well. Since the visit, Mrs Dearn has infact received a beautifully handwritten letter from the Lord Lieutenant (the Queen's representative in our area) congratulating her on our children's contribution to the event.

Favour in Year 4 took the opportunity to pass on a letter to the Duke and was delighted to receive a written reply from Buckingham Palace in the post today!

Book Week

It was fantastic to see and be a part of book week in school recently. We had a whole week celebrating literacy. Thank you to our parents who came in to visit the book fair and to support our phonics session and our bedtime with a book sessions. The children love sharing these times with you. They also took part in a book swap with their classmates. The week culminated in a dress up day - children and teachers dressed up as book characters. Thank you children and parents for your support and congratulations to the children who won books – Isabel (Butterflies), Guilia (Ladybirds), Alfie (Tadpoles), Lucas (Minnows), Dylan (Sticklebacks), Gabriel (Otters), Charlie (Frogs), Renee (Waternoles), Favour (Newts), Ellie H (Swans), Alex (Hérons, Olivia (Mallards), and Caitlin (Kingfishers)



Diary Dates:-

Wednesday 21st March
Mon 19th- Fri 23rd March
Friday 23rd March
Monday 9th April

Y6 visit to Stratford-upon-Avon
Sponsored Million step challenge for Sport Relief
Children to wear own sports clothing / Break up for Easter
Children return to school

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