



Brownhills West Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2017

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Goodbye Miss Porter

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Porter in Bright Beginnings. She has worked very hard to provide fun experiences for our two year olds who will miss her very much. We wish her the best of luck in her new job!



Christmas donations please

The Christmas fayre will be upon us very soon after half-term so we wanted to give you plenty of time to gather your kind donations. We would really appreciate the following donations: raffle prizes from Early Years; chocolates from Y1&2; tombola prizes from Y3&4 and bottles from Y5&6. Thank you so much.



Dirty pumps/trainers

As the weather deteriorates, it is quite common for children to play games activities on the wet and muddy field. Because of this, could you please provide your child with an extra plastic carrier bag for them to put their dirty pumps/trainers in. This will stop the rest of their PE clothes getting wet and dirty. Thank you.

Free music lessons

Join a beginners' ensemble at the Forest Art Centre on Tuesday evenings for **FREE!** If your child can play 5 notes - they can come...



- o Strings 4.45 - 5.45pm
- o Brass 5.00 - 6.00pm
- o Woodwind 6.00 - 7.00pm

Please contact Monica Hollins on mihollins@forestartscentre.org.uk for more info or look on their website:

<http://www.forestartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/Weekly-Activities/?refine=Tuesday>

Parents' meetings

It was a pleasure meeting so many of you at Parents' meetings this week. All the parents I spoke to were very pleased with the comments from the teachers and the learning in their children's books. Let's all continue to work together to provide the best for the children.



Important Dates

October

31.10.17 Halloween Disco 5-6pm £1
Pumpkin Competition entries

November

1.11.17 - Parenting Group 1pm-3pm
9.11.17 - PTFA meeting 3.30pm
10.11.17 - PTFA Donation day (whole school)
15.11.17 - School Photograph Day
20.11.17 - Flu Vaccinations Rec, Y1,2,3 & 4
24.11.17 - Y5/6 - Experience Christmas at St.James' Church

Attendance

This week our attendance winners are Year 2 with 95.8%

Attendance winners for the term are Year 4 with 95.5%

Well done to both classes.





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Brownhills Best:



Year 1



Year 1 have had such a busy 7 weeks. They have been settling into a new classroom and have become used to the new year 1 routine. The children have also been learning lots of new things during their lessons.

In Maths they have been concentrating on their numbers to 20. They have spent time sorting objects, ordering our numbers both forwards and backwards, partitioning those numbers and adding them together.

Their focus for English has been character descriptions and writing instructions. To check that their instructions were correct, they followed them and created handprint dinosaurs and ladybirds.

In science they have learnt all about humans and animals. They did an investigation all about their senses. They had to be sense detectives and solve a problem by spelling, touching, looking and listening carefully.

They also did their bit for charity and decorated cakes ready for our cake sale.

Well done year one! Keep up the hard work.

Year 2



This is what the children said about their learning:

"In Science, we have been learning about how humans and animals change as they get older. We did an experiment to find out if people get faster as they get older. We timed our class and some children in years 3 and 6 to run across the playground. We kept it a fair test by running the same distance and using the same stopwatch. The year 3 children were about 1 second faster than the year 2s." Alyssia and Archie

"In RE, we have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita, we ordered the story and made Diva lamps and learnt about the festival of light Hannukah" Keira and Tom

"In Maths, we have been using lots of practical resources to help us understand numbers." Fabian and Ayla



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