



Brownhills West Newsletter

Friday 16th March 2018

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Dangerous parking causes near miss with toddler!

Please keep our children safe by parking carefully and driving slowly. Why not park at the shops to avoid congestion in front of the school gates?

The council and police are looking into the ongoing parking issues and will hopefully suggest ways to improve this situation. In the meantime, I urge everyone to be responsible drivers!



Water with lunch after Easter

I just want to inform you that from after Easter, we will be serving water with lunch but children will still be able to buy fruit juice at morning break.



Family Lunch after Easter

We look forward to welcoming parents or other family members to share a meal with their children on April 23rd & 24th. We will send more information nearer the time and we hope you can attend.



Attendance

Our Attendance winners this week are Year 1 with 98.7%

Last week our winners were Year 3 with 99.6%.

Well done to both classes.

Early Years

Please ensure you let staff know on arrival if your child is hurt or has an injury so they can keep an eye on them. Thank you.



Beware of Houseparty App and ROBLOX Game!!



We have been asked to let you know that Houseparty is a video-focused social media app. Friends (and friends of friends) can communicate with each other via live video and texts. Because there is no screening and the video is live, there is always the possibility of inappropriate content for children.

Following a local incident of grooming on ROBLOX, we have been asked to remind you all of the game. It allows children to be contacted by other users whose identity may not always be genuine. Please remain vigilant when children are playing and using APPs, check security and privacy settings and where possible always supervise children.



Important Dates

- 23.03.18 - Sport Relief Day
- 28.03.18 - 11.15am Nursery Parents Coffee Morning
2.45pm Reception Parents Coffee Afternoon
- 29.03.18 - School Breaks Up for Easter
- 16.04.18 - Children return to school



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Brownhills West is 50...



The children and staff had such fun last week celebrating the school's 50th birthday! Staff wore 1960s outfits and the children wore a T-shirt, which they designed with memories of the school. The week was filled with exciting activities such as recreating artwork in the style of Andy Warhol and designing their own vision of the future to be buried into a time capsule. They even attended a party where children learnt a few 60s dance moves! The school wants to thank all family and friends for providing old photographs of themselves, which the children had fun recognising. The Kitchen Staff got on board and made a lovely Birthday Cake for the celebrations too!



Early Years

Key Stage 1



Y3/4 - We enjoyed looking back at what the school looked like 50 years ago and then thought about what the school might look like in another 50 years.



Y5/6 - We loved decorating our t-shirts and dancing to the 60s music while designing Andy Warhol style school logos.



World Book Day

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we were lucky to have a visit from actress Gilly Tompkins. Gilly has acted in various TV shows but we were especially excited by her latest role... Granny in the stage adaptation of David Walliams' *Gangsta Granny*. Gilly held a whole school assembly and spoke about the importance of reading and she launched our '100 Million Minute Challenge' which all children are now taking part in. After that, Gilly worked with Years 5 and 6 directing scenes from *Gangsta Granny* with some of our children playing the roles of the different characters. Children then had chance to ask Gilly lots of questions about her career and working alongside David Walliams (whose books we all love very much!). We certainly have some budding actors and actresses amongst us!



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