



# Brownhills West Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018

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## Medicine in school

Can we remind everyone that the school is only allowed to administer medicine which has been prescribed by a doctor, a nurse or a specialist. Thank you for providing us with the prescription and for your understanding.

## Anti-Bullying



Bullying is not tolerated at the school. The definition is as follows: *Bullying involves an imbalance of power between the bully and the victim, is intentionally harmful and occurs repetitively.*

This is very different from children falling out or experiencing problems with friendships, which is common for their age. Please reassure your children and reinforce this message. Thank you.



## School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Could you please send your memories/photos of the school in the 1960s by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Children will earn 3 tokens when they bring them. Watch out for further information next week...

## Donations for Mylee



The cluster schools agreed that if families wish to help with Mylee's funeral cost, they can donate money at the school office, at some Brownhills High Street shops or by attending the fun day at St James' church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1-5pm.



## Attendance

Last week our winners were Year 4 with a fabulous 100%.

This weeks winners are Year 5 with 99.1%

Well done to both classes!



## Important Dates

14.02.18 - Valentine Disco 5pm-6.00pm £1 entrance fee

15.02.18 - Gold Praise assembly - 9.15am

16.02.18 - Training Day, school closed to children.

19.02.18 - 23.02.18 - Half Term

26.02.18 - School reopens



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## Brownhills' Best:

### Year 5

In science we have been learning about forces and we found gravity really interesting. In maths we've been solving problems linked to fractions. We've found it quite challenging but we're getting there! In English we've been writing a biography of Bill Gates - the inventor and owner of Microsoft! In Topic we've been finding out about the Anglo Saxons: what they invented, their language, the different names of the places.

### Year 6

We have been super busy in Year 6! We have been learning about the Vikings and have created some Viking shields and learned how to write our names in the Viking alphabet. In maths we have been brain baffled while learning about decimals and percentages. Mrs Winfield was very impressed with our most recent arithmetic test scores 😊 This week in English we have started a new unit based on biographies and have been researching the children's poet and author Michael Rosen. We found out some really interesting things about him and have been putting all of our research together to write a biography of his life. We will be doing the same for our focus author David Walliams next week.

## The Importance of Reading



Reading is essential for a child's success. Learning to read is a sequential process. Children begin to learn to read by breaking down words into their sounds (a process called decoding). Later, they begin to understand the meaning of words, sentences and, ultimately, entire passages of text (comprehension).

Reading lends itself to all areas of the school curriculum - and, of course, life!

### Our expectations at Brownhills West:

We expect children in all year groups to read to (or with) an adult for a minimum of five minutes at least three times per week. Comments should be recorded in reading diaries.

*Unsure what to write in the diary?* Record how your child read, any particular words that they struggled with, did they enjoy the book, any particular questions or discussions that arose from the pages read etc. Children should bring their reading books and diaries to school every day.

### Coming soon...

Next half term we will be delivering parent workshops with the expectation that every child will have an adult attend to work alongside them.



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