

Brooke House School Bulletin

12th May 2023

Coronation Garden Party

The flags were flying and the sun was shining and it was time to party.....

Everyone in school got together to enjoy a picnic style lunch ending with an ice-cream in a cornet with raspberry or chocolate sauce. A party fit for a King – though we weren't actually joined by the King - but we wish him well at his Coronation!

See more pictures on page 5.



Dates for your diary

Friday 19th May

Crackerjacks – Pyjama Day

Tuesday 16th May – Tuesday 20th June

GCSE Exams

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Half-Term Holiday

Monday 19th-Friday 23rd June
Bruges trip

Friday 30th June
END OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 5pm

Thursday 31st August

Autumn Term Starts

Thursday 7th September
Sports Day

Thursday 14th September
Visit by the Air Ambulance

Star Factor

The student with the star factor this week is
Tabitha Hawkes
for eating all of her dinner and for being kind.
Well done, Tabitha!



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Cosby Yarn Bomb

Cosby's Summer Yarn Bomb Festival is back from 11th - 30th August 2023. This year's theme is SHOWTIME and Brooke House and Brooke Lodge will be entering a collaborative piece



made by the students and inspired by the circus. Your help would be greatly appreciated if you can knit or crochet small sample pieces or make pom poms in circus colours i.e. red, blue, white and yellow.

For more information about the yarn bomb search for:

www.visitblaby.org.uk

Food Technology

Last week Yr 7-9 made burgers to complement the buns they had made previously. The burgers were beef, chicken and haloumi. The students were able to demonstrate their chopping, blending and cooking skills. The Star Baker award went to Edward Dixon.



PE Stars of the week

Tuesday – Lily Swift

Thursday group 1 – Edward Dixon

Thursday group 2 – Percy Gibbs

Food Science

This week Eagles and Sparrow Hawks made a delicious healthy fruit salad. We talked about knife safety, how to chop using a claw grip as well as how to carry a knife safely. Students were interested to learn about how oxidation starts to take place as soon as the air touches the slices and how by using an acid such as lemon or orange juice it slows it down. The Star Baker award went to Mason Michaelides.



Buzzards this week made some tasty bread rolls. We talked about how yeast works as a raising agent. The students had a good work-out, kneading their bread for 10 minutes and finding out how kneading allows the protein molecules in the flour to form by creating healthy gluten strands. Gluten is what helps the mixture to rise and build texture. The students weighed their mixture then divided the dough into 6 rolls. We also used an all-in-one proving and baking method where the rolls were put into a cold oven which was then turned up to its hottest setting. The students were impressed how easy it is to make bread. The Star Baker Award went to Taryn Swift.



Latin word of the week

This week's Latin root word is: 'Va'

'empty'

Some examples of modern English words that contain this root are

Vaccum, Vacate

What other modern words can you find which contain this root word?

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Mathematics

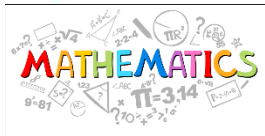


Times Tables Champion

The award this week goes to Joshua Geary for using partitioning correctly in his times tables test.



The Mathematics Star for this week goes to Lily Swift for improving the presentation and accuracy of her work, especially when drawing pie charts.



Mathematics Work of the Week by Diya Arha for finding fractions of quantities and showing good presentation and working out in her answers.

Also, congratulations to Diya for achieving a silver certificate in the recent junior mathematics challenge.

This week's questions

These questions were answered by one of our year 7 students.

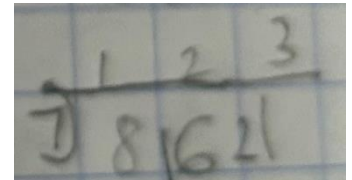
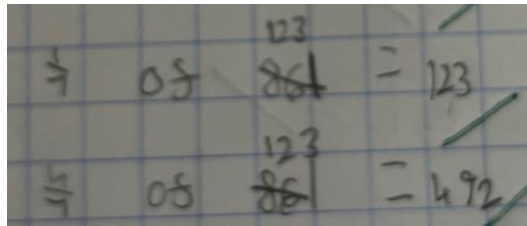
- $1/12$ of 2 hours
- $5/6$ of 2 days

Their solutions to follow next week.

Last week's questions and solutions

These questions were answered by one of our year 4 students.

- $1/7$ of 861
- $4/7$ of 861



Crackerjacks is a children's charity that supports disabled children and their families through the provision of respite care and equipment. We have agreed to hold a 'Pyjama Day' event on Friday 17th May to support them where all children taking part donate a small sum, £2 is suggested. See attached information.

Note from Joy – no shorts or cropped tops and remember you will be going out into the playground at breaktimes...

Kickboard Star



The students with the joint Kickboard points this week are;
Emmie Parker and George Mugridge

Well Done both!

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Fire Talk

On Friday 5th May the older students at Brooke House were given a talk on fire safety by a representative from Leicestershire Fire & Rescue.

Students watched a film and were asked questions on their knowledge of fire safety prior to the talk, to assess existing knowledge. They were asked if they knew how many fire stations there are in Leicestershire and Rutland, how many water pumps there are in the area and how long it takes for a fire to spread around a room.

The film started with a real-time view of a fire starting in a bedroom with a timer showing how quickly a fire can spread around a room, showing footage of the destructive power of an uncontrolled fire. Through this part of the video, the students learnt how a fire spreads and how smoke ignites. Advice was given on creating a fire escape plan; the importance of having a plan. They were also given advice on keeping downstairs doors closed at night as they help to slow the spread of fires.

Students were shown a range of smoke detectors and the importance of ensuring that batteries are changed. They were given advice on the best locations for smoke detectors, as well as advice on getting rid of damaged smoke detectors.

The students were shown cartoon pictures of rooms at home and had to identify a range of fire risks in the room. They were then given advice on how to remedy the fire risks shown in the pictures. Finally, students were spoken to about prank calls to the Fire Service, and the deliberate starting of fires (arson). The talk ended with a quiz to assess the students' knowledge.

Reception also enjoyed a talk about what Firefighters do and how to ring 999. They watched a fun cartoon video about safety in the house which involved one very naughty talking dog who did everything wrong! The instructor then moved on to safety in the car – the children came out of the talk buzzing, telling everyone about wearing seat belts and not using mobile phones when driving!

Eds. Note – this was followed by a termly Fire Drill in school this week – so there has been a lot of talk about fire safety.



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More Coronation Garden Party Pictures



Menu for next week



Monday

Chicken Casserole
Vegetable Casserole (V)
Served with Diced Potatoes and
Green Beans
Flapjack



Thursday

Beef and Onion Pie
Plant based Mince and Onion Pie (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Cabbage and Cauliflower
Jam Sponge Served with Custard



Tuesday

Pork Sausages
Vegetarian Sausages (V)
Served with Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots and Peas
Jam Bow



Friday

Spagetti Bolognese
Meat Free Bolognese (V)
Served with Garlic Bread
Rice Pudding



Wednesday

Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta
Tomato Pasta (V)
Served with Broccoli and Garlic Bread

Jacket Potatoes

If you need to order a jacket potato for your child on any of the days please can you email the bulletin with the day(s) and the choice of filling. Please can all orders be in by **2200 on Sunday evening**.

The filling choices are cheese, baked beans and spaghetti hoops.