

Brooke House School Bulletin

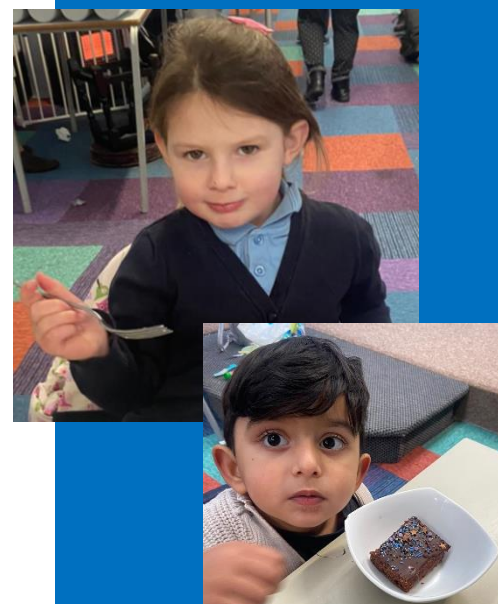


15th December 2023

Ho! Ho! Ho!

What a busy final week of term....

An amazing show – with lots of super stars – including fantastic opera singing...who knew? A super Christmas dinner, followed by Christmas party and sleepover. A fantastic end to a great term. A montage of pictures for you to enjoy....



Everyone at Brooke House and Brooke Lodge wish all our parents a Happy, Peaceful Christmas holiday and we will see you all in the New Year.

Spring Term begins on Monday 8th January, 2024

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January, 2024
Spring term starts

New Date – 12th January, 2024
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
Palace Theatre Trip

Monday 5th February, 2024
Welcome to the World of
Apprenticeships

Tuesday 6th February 2024
Meet the Employer – Leics. Police
Train'd Up
Meet the Employer – ITP Aero

Kickboard
Star



The students with the most Kickboard points this week goes to
EVERYONE who participated in the school play!

They all did an excellent job, making it so enjoyable. Well done!

News and Information

Palace Theatre Trip - Harry Potter

We still have some tickets available for our New Year trip to see Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in London. This is a fantastic opportunity to see such a fabulous production which has rave reviews. *'Harry's story isn't quite over yet. This record-smashing global hit continues its successful West End run. Nineteen years after the end of the iconic novels, Harry Potter's son faces new kinds of dark magic. The two-part play is an epic tale of love, family, and redemption, with theatrical magic like you've never seen before. Fall under the spell of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child'*

If your child wishes to attend, please can you email info@brookehouseschool.org as soon as possible as any spare tickets will be sold back to the theatre. Any students not attending the trip will be expected in school to attend lessons on that date.

Menus will be sent out in the New Year for the start of the new term.

Sleeping in class without being told off...



Some Magic Square maths puzzles to keep your brain busy...

Complete these magic squares. Don't use the same number twice in a square and the numbers must add up to the same number in each row, column and diagonal line.

8		9
	6	
3		4

13	9	8
12		

3		
10	5	
2		

2	7	6
9		1
	3	

	2	
	7	
4		5

6		11
7		12

Answers to come in the next issue!

Latin word of the week

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

'water'

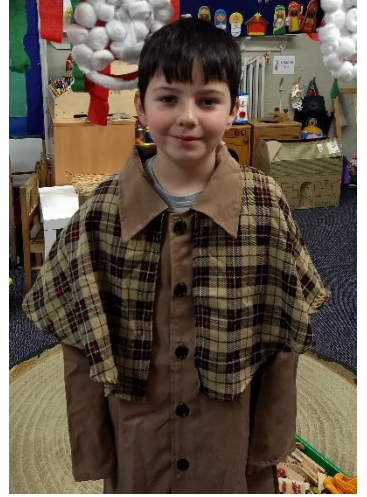
Some examples of modern English words that contain this root are

Aquarium, aquatic

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

Olivia!

Didn't they do well!



News and Information



In English this week we have been developing our non-fiction writing skills by drafting persuasive Christmas letters. The structure of a letter is often problem/solution (as with a letter of complaint); this was adapted to send thanks for last year's gifts, compliments and then asking for future gifts. Here are a few examples:



*Father Christmas
123 Elf Road
North Pole
88888*

Dear Santa

Thanks very much for my tractor last year. We still have a problem with it and need to get it working.

This year I would like a pony.

Yours sincerely

Dear Santa

Thank you for my presents last year. They were so good.

This year can I have a Trapstar tracksuit and a puffer jacket please?

I hope you have a lovely Christmas with Mrs. Claus.

Dear Dad

Thank you for my presents last year. I really like them.

I have been getting a bit cold; I would really appreciate a Trapstar tracksuit, Canada Goose coat and Nike Pro-Socks.

I'm very happy and pleased with everything you do for me.

I really like your shoes and would really like a pair of Air Force.

Thanks for being you.

Your dearest daughter

Writing a formal letter is part of the GCSE English Language specification and the Key Stage 3 English Curriculum. Students were surprised to learn that if the letter starts *Dear Sir or Madam* it should end *Yours faithfully*, whereas if it begins *Dear Santa or Mr Claus* it should finish with *Yours sincerely*.

Christmas Jokes

What happened to the robber who stole a calendar? He got 12 months! Ho Ho...

How do you flatten a ghost? With a spirit level! Ho Ho Ho...

Why shouldn't you play cards in the jungle? There are too many cheetahs! Ho Ho Ho...Ho...

