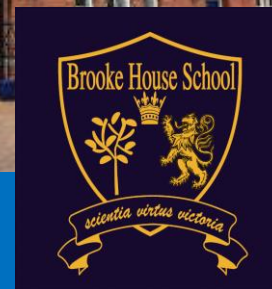


# Brooke House School Bulletin



9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Kung Hei Fat Choi – Happy Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is traditionally a time for Chinese people to visit family and friends and to exchange traditional gifts of oranges and tangerines, especially with the leaves attached. Each year in the 12-year cycle is named after a different animal and each animal is ascribed a set of characteristics that are believed to be found in people born in that year. This year it is the Year of the dragon. Students in Kestrels, Ospreys and Kaitlynn Morris Carter from Kites all joined together in a dragon dance. The magnificent dragon mask at the front was made by Delilah Pellington from Yr7/8.

Students also participated in tasting different Chinese foods – using chopsticks of course! They compared noodles with a vegetable stir fry and prawn crackers with rice crackers. Most students preferred the noodles to the vegetable stir fry. However, the prawn crackers were the overall favourite.

The class who enjoyed nearly all the food were the Goshawks closely followed by the Kestrels and Ospreys.



Kestrels also created Chinese dragons in art with Miss Brett. They applied paints with their fingers and folded the paper to create symmetrical prints.



## Dates for your diary

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
School Closed for Half-Term

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
School Closes at 5pm for the Easter Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
School re-opens for the Summer Term

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
School Closes for the Summer Holidays

## Star Factor

The student with the star factor this week is  
**Sukhmani Suwali**  
for very neat and informative work in Climate Literacy.  
Well done, Sukhmani!



# News & Information

## Apprenticeships Talk

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Years 9-11 listened to a talk called Introduction to Apprenticeships given by The Ask Programme. Our students learnt that:

The hourly rate for an apprentice is £5.28.

They get 4 weeks holiday per year.

The hours are 35-40 hours per week (like a full-time job 9-5).

If you get a level 3 in Maths or English, you have to get a Level 4 while you are doing your apprenticeship.

You cannot do a Level 1 Apprenticeship.

These are all good facts to help inform their future choices.



## I Spy – a bird flying by...

It was a bit wet this week for bird watching outside so Mrs Wakley's class created a Bird Hide in the classroom. The children made binoculars, coloured in birds and made Robin pictures. They used information books to look at birds and learnt to identify a Robin, Blackbird a Bluetit and a Kingfisher. Then enjoyed using their binoculars to look for them in case they flew past our classroom windows. All good fun!



## Chinese art in the Robins room

Mrs Robinson didn't want to be left out in her room so the babies did some Chinese art painting – I understand the trick was to keep it out of their mouths!



## PE Stars of the Week

Tuesday – Luca Le Fondre

Thursday Group 1 – Edward Dixon

Thursday Group 2 - Percy Gibbs



## Latin word of the week

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

'to do, to make'

Some examples of modern English words that contain this root are

**Factory, facilitate**

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

# News & Information

## Mathematics

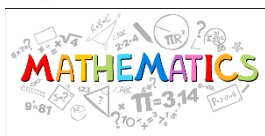


Times Tables Champions

The award this week goes to Florence Porter for full marks in a quick time.



The Mathematics Star for this week goes to Taryn Swift for an excellent mark in her fractions test.



Mathematics Work of the Week by George Mugridge for understanding complements of 100

This week's questions: Find the complements to 100 with the numbers below:

- 78
- 91
- 32

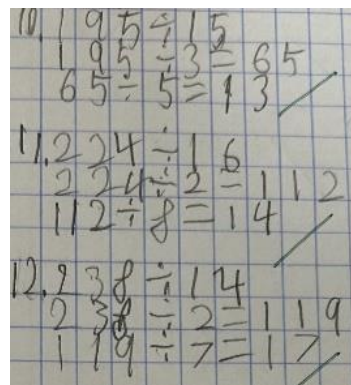
These questions were answered by one of our year 2 students. Answers to follow next week.

Last weeks questions and answers from a year 4 student

$$195 \div 15$$

$$224 \div 16$$

$$238 \div 14$$



## Vincent Parker gets his piano certificate

Vincent recently passed his pre-grade one piano exam with a Merit and brought his certificate in to show everybody in assembly this week. Well done Vincent!

Kickboard  
Star



The student with the most Kickboard points this week is;

**Shalini Jagdev**

Well Done!

# Menu for next week



## Monday

Chicken Curry

Vegetable Curry (V)

Served with Rice, Green Beans,

Cauliflower and Naan Bread

Chocolate Chip Shortbread



## Thursday

Turkey Mince Lasagne

Meat Free Mince Lasagne

Served with Potato Wedges and

Sweetcorn

Fruit Platter



## Tuesday

Sausage Casserole

Meat Free Sausage Casserole (V)

Served with Diced Potatoes, Cabbage  
and Peas

Apple and Raspberry Crumble with  
Custard



## Friday

Reward Menu – Sukhmani Suwali

Southern Fried Chicken Wrap

Vegetable Burger Wrap (V)

Served with Cucumber

Chocolate Cake with Ice-Cream



## Wednesday

Fish Pie

Vegetable Pie (V)

Served with Broccoli and Carrots

Iced Lemon Sponge

**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.