

Brackenwood News

Friday 29th April

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We have welcomed Miss Fry, our new Deputy Head. She has settled very quickly and has been in classrooms with me this week to get to know the children and engage with pupils whilst they have been learning. The children have enjoyed a very busy week and are very excited about getting new focus areas of learning off to a positive start.

You will soon be receiving Learning Links information via Google Classroom which will outline key focus areas for each subject. Please spend time each week asking your child to tell you about their learning and encourage completion of homework or additional research.

I have met with members of the BFG this week and we have some exciting ideas for fundraising during the Summer Term. Look out for a BFG newsletter which will outline what will be happening. Enjoy the long weekend!

Mrs Arnold

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all the children, families and staff whom have so warmly welcomed me on my first week at Brackenwood Junior School. It has been a fantastic week getting to know the children and observing and taking part in the wonderful and engaging curriculum that Brackenwood Junior School has to offer. As the new Deputy Head Teacher and Senco, I shall look forward to working alongside the community to best support our children and equipping them with the skills and attitudes they need to secure a happy and successful life. I encourage all parents and carers to come and say hello to me at the school gates in the morning and evening and should you wish to discuss your child's learning or well-being in further detail, then my door is always open to meet. Once again thank you so much for the warm welcome.

Miss Fry

Emailing school

Due to the Oak Trees MAT valuing staff work-life balance and wellbeing, staff email addresses will no longer be monitored. Please email the school office with any messages and they will be passed on to staff and the office staff will respond if needed. The school office operates between 8.30 - 4pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

schooloffice@brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk

Weekly Superstars

All the children below have recently been nominated by class teachers for Superstar Awards. These are awarded for exceptional levels of academic effort or achievement and celebrated in our weekly awards assembly.

3DK: Ayla and Sam 3W: Flynn and Harry 4C: Callum and Caiden 4M: Isla and Holly 5S: Sophia and Molly 5W: William and Jessica 6LW: Orin and Alfie

6MT: Penny and Elizabeth

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SUPERSTARS!

PE days for the first half of the Summer Term

Y3 – Monday Y4 – Friday Y5 – Tuesday Y6 - Thursday

Pupil in the Spotlight - Harry



Harry is a keen long distance runner. He often runs the 5k park run at Birkenhead Park when he doesn't have a football match. As well as running for Wirral AC, he runs the junior park runs across Wirral and Liverpool every Sunday. Last week, he achieved the Ultra Marathon award for running 50 junior park runs (100k). Incredible Harry!

Unilever Project

Congratulations to Rayley, Liam, Dan and Will for coming 2nd in the MAT Unilever Project. Last term, all Year 4 classes from across the Oak Trees Mat took part in a Unilever Design project. All children designed a snack box with the winning group from each school going through to the final. Here, they presented their ideas to Unilever with Poulton Lancelyn Primary School crowned the winners. We are so proud of all of Year 4 for their superb efforts.

Wake and shake – new timings

Wake and shake has always been an extremely popular before school club. It has moved from 8.45am and it now starts at 8.30am. We would love to see many of you there!

Kindness Awards

3DK: Autumn 3W: Logan 4M: Edie 4C: Finley 5S: Josh 5W: Jessica 6MT: Zoey 6LW: Esmé

You should be extremely proud of

yourselves!

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to everyone who has been on Times Table Rock Stars this week. Please can all children be going on it several times per week. We have selected a winner for each year group.

Y3: Luca DL Y4: Finlay S Y5: Austin P-J

Behaviour protocol

This week, we have introduced a new positive behaviour plan with the children and have already seen high levels of focus around school and children positively interacting with staff and their peers. Please have a look at the information sent via Parentmail so you can discuss it with your children at home.

Timestables Rock Stars

Please do not forget about using Timestables Rock Star. Times tables are a vital aspect of the curriculum throughout school and we are encouraging children to use this website as much as possible to support their learning. Watch out for any tournaments coming up where children have the opportunity to win a prize.