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BROOKE NEWSLETTER

SUNFLOWER FEDERATION



It has been so lovely to welcome so many of our families to the school, or Village Hall in Brooke, this week to watch our performances. The children were absolutely brilliant and it was with great pride that I watched so many of them – particularly the infant children – confidently stand up on the stage, under the lights and in front of a daunting audience and deliver their lines or sing their songs with such enthusiasm and confidence. A massive well done to all the children. A really big thanks to all their families who helped them prepare and get costumes ready, and especially to their teachers and school staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver a show with the children. Thanks to you all.

We only have three days in school next week, our final day being Wednesday 20th December. There are still spaces, particularly for children eligible for means-tested free school meals and therefore free spaces, at our Christmas holiday club on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December for all children but at Brooke Primary. If you would like to secure one of these spaces, and a box of Christmas food and useful bits, please book through Everymove. It helps support both schools moving forwards in being able to continue to offer these clubs in the Summer, Christmas and Easter holidays too.

Have a great weekend,

Alex Griffiths

Executive Head



**SPORTS
NEWS THIS
WEEK**

1.

This week in PE, KS1 have been continuing their focus on developing their throwing and catching skills. The children focused on improving passing techniques whilst playing modified possession games based around sports such as netball and basketball. A special mention goes to Charlie in Buttercup Class for showing brilliant passing techniques and great teamwork.

KS2 have been finishing their unit of Netball & Korfball for this half-term. Pupils have been working hard this week to develop their knowledge and understanding of the key team tactics to score points and stop opponents from scoring. A special mention goes to Stanley in Lavender Class for demonstrating an excellent understanding of the key rules and tactics in their games.

In other news, a huge congratulations must go to Lucy, Aubrey and Barney in Year 6 who have all been selected to represent Norfolk at a U11's Korfball tournament! This is a very exciting opportunity for them all which can eventually lead to representing the country at the junior level!!!

Happy Christmas, Mr Green



In a little school with joy and cheer,
The infants gathered, spreading festive cheer.

A nativity tale, so bright and sweet,
A magical moment where dreams did meet.

Tiny angels with halos aglow,
Little shepherds in a row,
A manger scene, a babe so small,
The infants' nativity, the grandest of all.

Oh, the wonder in each child's eye,
As they played their parts beneath the sky.
With costumes and smiles, pure delight,
A Christmas memory shining bright.

To the teachers, the stars behind the scenes,
Crafting dreams with hands so keen.
Thank you for your laughter, patience, and care,
For making the nativity a moment so rare.

In rehearsals late and efforts true,
You brought the magic, and laughter, too.
Little voices singing carols so sweet,
In the nativity tale, where love and joy meet.

So here's a thank you, big and true,
For all the work that you all do.
You've made this season merry and bright,
With the infants' nativity, a sheer delight.



3.

PTFA NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. It was very successful and we sold £553.54 worth of books which has created a credit of £228.01 for the school to buy books. Please continue to buy books through our link:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-schools-live>

Our scholastic account log in is:
brookeprimaryptfa@gmail.com PW: Brooke23?

4.

BAKE SALE

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Daisy Class raised £35.53 for Dawn's New Horizon

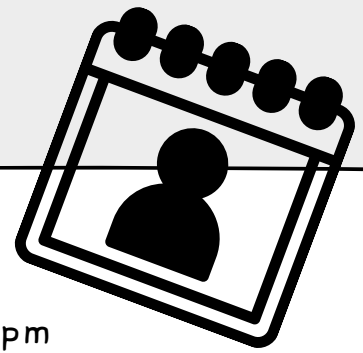
<https://dawnsnewhorizon.org.uk/>

Thank you for your kind and generous support over the last few weeks.



UP COMING EVENTS

5.



19/12/23 End of Term Service- all parents welcomed 1-2pm

20/12/23 Last Day of the autumn term

04/01/24 First day back- Spring Term 1

16/02/24 Last day of half term

W/C 19/02/24 HALF TERM

26/02/24 First day back Spring term 2

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENCO, MISS RINGWOOD THIS WEEK.....

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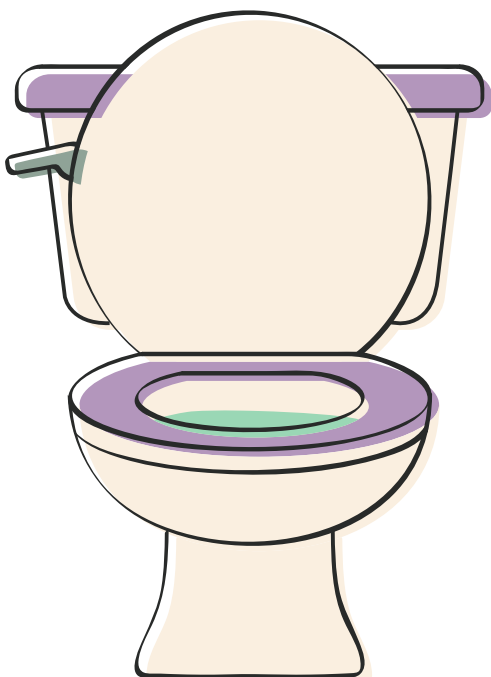
This week's SEN focus is around toileting for Children with additional needs.

The Just One Norfolk resource has advice around readiness, common difficulties, fear and sensory issues, toilet challenges and practical support.

More information available through:

Toileting

www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk



Toileting

7.

A guide to the festive season

for parents and carers of children with autism



Please click on the link for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0qyldkdegD1aXWrEpk8q8MjK0fqMivp/view?usp=sharing>



Christmas Presents

It is almost Christmas, and I will be giving and getting presents.
I remember that it is important to wait to open my presents.
My parents will tell me when it is okay to open a present. I may have to take turns opening presents.

I check the label or card to see who the present is from.
It is good to say "thank you" to the person who gave me the present.
If I already have the present or do not like the present, I do not say anything. I smile and say "thank you."
Saying that I do not like a present may hurt the person who gave me the present.

I ask my mom and dad if I can play with or use my new present. I may need to wait until later, or I may be able to play with my new present right away.
It is fun to get and give presents.
Other people feel happy when they get presents too.

Christmas



open



thank you



wait



play



YOU SAID.....WE DID

8.

NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE- Please take a look.

<https://www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk/>

Our family view forum last week informed us that the school website didn't deliver as required for our school community. We have changed and updated the website significantly this week, and would really value your views on this - please send any feedback to the school office.

We were also asked to add our school newsletter each week to the newsletter page on the school website. We have amended how this works, so that by clicking on the latest newsletter date link, it will take you straight to the newsletter.

Thanks for this feedback, and your continued support!

Mr Griffiths



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Why not find your cooking apron and chef hat (if you have one or make one), get creative in the kitchen this weekend and try the following recipe. Don't forget to send the office a pictures of your creation.

9.

CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS TREE

Ingredients

- 1 (17.5 ounce) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 4 tablespoons chocolate-hazelnut spread (such as Nutella), or more to taste, at room temperature
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Method:

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Roll out one puff pastry sheet into a large rectangle on a lightly floured surface and place on the prepared baking sheet.
- Lightly score puff pastry into the shape of a Christmas tree (triangle) with a wide base. Spread chocolate-hazelnut spread over the triangle in a thin layer with the back of a spoon.
- Roll out the second sheet of puff pastry to a large rectangle and place on top of the first one. Carefully trace the shape of the chocolate-covered triangle underneath and cut out the Christmas tree shape and the trunk. Pull away excess pastry.
- Lightly score 2 lines down the middle of the triangle to form a tree trunk that is narrower at the top and gets wider towards the base. Using the trunk as a guide, cut branches into the sides of the triangle.
- Twist the branches away from you, trying to get in 2 turns on the lower branches. Continue moving up the tree, twisting away from you as you go.
- Cut a small star out of the excess pastry; place it on top of the tree. Brush the star and the whole tree with beaten egg.
- Bake in the preheated oven until puffy and golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Slide onto a serving plate, using a piece of parchment paper if needed.

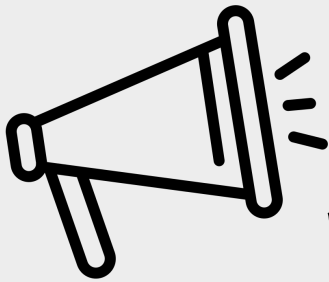


UPDATED BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have been working as a federation on developing our relationships and behaviour for learning policy alongside training for all staff using the Norfolk STEPs programme.

Please use the following link to access the new policy:

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11.

PUPIL VOICE- HOUSE NEWS

This week as it was the last pupil voice, we did some Christmassy games instead of an assembly.

The children participated in 'pin the nose on the snowman', the winner got to help the house captains with the Christmas hangman. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves this week.

By Daisy McGill - Mercury House Captain

READ MORE AT

www.hempnall.norfolk.sch.uk
www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk

BEHAVIOUR CAFE

12.



Tilly, Martha, Joshua, Bea and Tilly all enjoyed a festive drink and biscuit at our last behaviour cafe of 2023!!

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.

Big birthday shout outs for the end of 2023.....

Happy 5th birthday to Audrey (14th December)

Happy 9th birthday to Alana Yr 4 (15th December)

Happy 5th birthday to Zikaree YR (26th December)

Happy 9th birthday to Beatrice Y4 (31st December)





MEET THE TEAM

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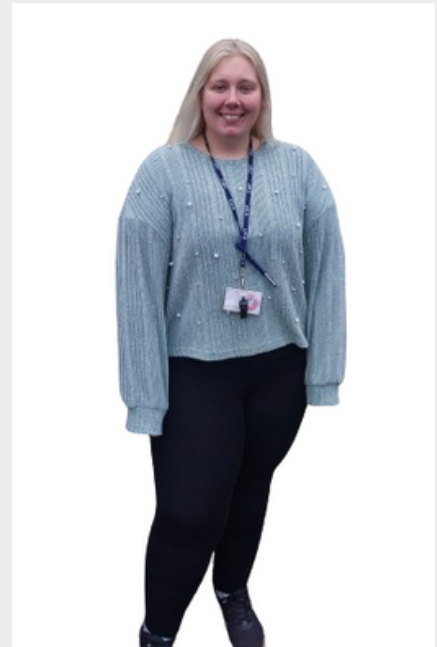
Rebecca Berry

What is your role in the Sunflower Federation?

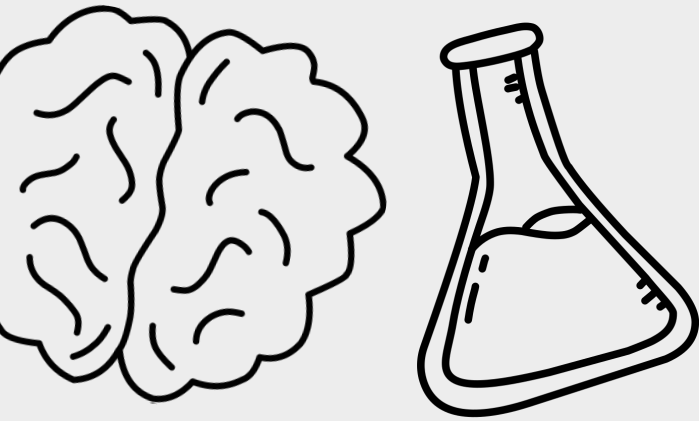
Teaching Assistant

How long have you worked in one of our schools?

9 months



Miss Berry



What is the thing you most enjoy about your job?

Working with some amazing staff, whilst interacting and watching pupils learn and grow.

What do you enjoy doing when not at work?

Taking my dog to agility classes and reading

What is your favourite flower?

Sunflower

Can you tell us a joke?

Why do ducks have feathers? To cover their butt-quacks!



CHRISTMAS CHILDCARE CLUB

THURSDAY 21ST & FRIDAY 22ND
DECEMBER

9.00AM-3.00PM

BROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

£25.00 PER SESSION – £15.00 PER SIBLING CAN BE BOOKED ON SCHOOL
MONEY

IF YOUR CHILD IS ENTITLED TO FSM (NOT UNIVERSAL) PLEASE BOOK VIA
[HTTPS://WWW.EVERYMOVE.UK/INSPIRATION/BIG-NORFOLK-HOLIDAY-
FUN-ACTIVITIES.](https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities)

