# Summer Term 3 Newsletter

June 20th 2024





# WE HAVE A VISITING GUEST SPEAKER AT BROOKTHORPE HALL SCHOOL

ON MONDAY 8, JULY 2024

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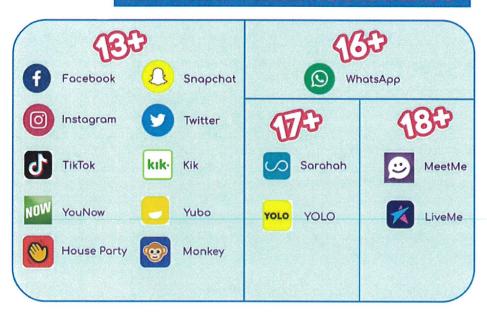


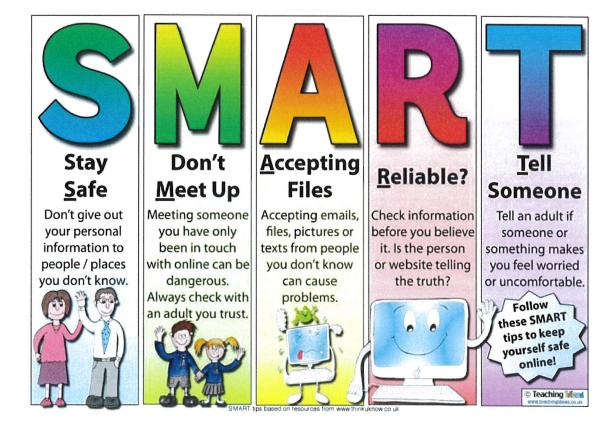
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#### **Online Safety**

Some of our pupils have shown great maturity recently and have expressed an interest in online safety and making the right choices when online. To help them and you as parents and carers, we have included a couple of infographics below to with age ratings for apps and general rules for staying safe online. We hope this helps.

#### **APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS**





#### Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

All classes at Brookthorpe Hall School have made a fantastic start to the final term. I am enjoying visiting classes to see pupils positively engaging with the new curriculum and experiences that are now in place. For example, all pupils are studying 'The Secret Garden' in English and developing their skills at appropriate levels of support and challenge. Classes have totally embraced the novel which is also leading to thematic lessons across Science, Art and Our World lessons. It has also been wonderful to see Tuffley class visiting Stratford Park, Brockworth and Hardwicke classes engaging with horticulture at Bankside School and Stroud class regularly visiting the Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean. I am also delighted to welcome our Music Wellbeing Teacher, Emma Brookes, who began 1-1 music sessions with pupils this week. Emma will be leading sessions with pupils every Monday which will increase to two days every week in the new academic year. I am genuinely excited about sharing our full curriculum plans for the new year with you in the opming weeks.

You may also notice that the outside spaces to the rear of the school building are now in the process of being landscaped and a fence is now being fitted. I anticipate that this space will shortly be open again for pupils to use. The play equipment will be professionally installed on 19<sup>th</sup> July and will be available for use at the start of the new academic year.

I would also like to welcome new colleagues to Brookthorpe Hall School:

Chloe Boothman:

**Exams Officer** 

Carole Lyes:

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Jan Yerima:

Teaching Assistant

I know that all three colleagues will be welcomed into the Brookthorpe Hall community and will provide further support and opportunities for all pupils.

Finally, I would also like to remind you that an end of year progress report will be distributed to all parents ahead of parent consultation meetings being arranged through the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you again for your continued support and I look forward to meeting many of you at the forthcoming BBQ at Brookthorpe Hall School on **Thursday 18, July 2024.** 

Kind Regards,

Jon Bell Executive Headteacher



#### Class News: Tuffley Class

It has been a delightful and enriching period for our Tuffley Class, as we have immersed ourselves in the enchanting world of *The Secret Garden*. This timeless novel has served as the cornerstone of our recent activities.

#### Designing our display board

Our main focus has revolved around bringing the mystical essence of *The Secret Garden* to life within our classroom. The children have shown remarkable enthusiasm in transforming our display board into a vibrant representation of what we imagine the garden to look like. Albeit the display board is still a working progress, each student contributed their artistic talents. We will keep you updated once the display board has been completed.







Tuffley Class Teacher Serena

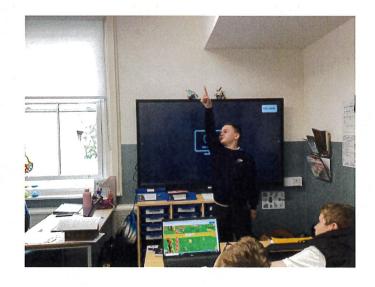
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#### Reading and acting

A particular highlight has been the exceptional reading skills demonstrated by Lucas B and Lewis J. Both students have captivated their peers with their outstanding reading skills, bringing the words of our current text, *The Secret Garden*, to life with enthusiasm. Moreover, the class have taken their engagement with the book to a new level by dramatising its content. By acting out various scenes, they have not only deepened their own understanding of the story but also enriched the entire class's appreciation of the literature.







**Tuffley Class Teacher Serena** 

#### Class News: Tuffley Class

#### A visit to Stratford Park

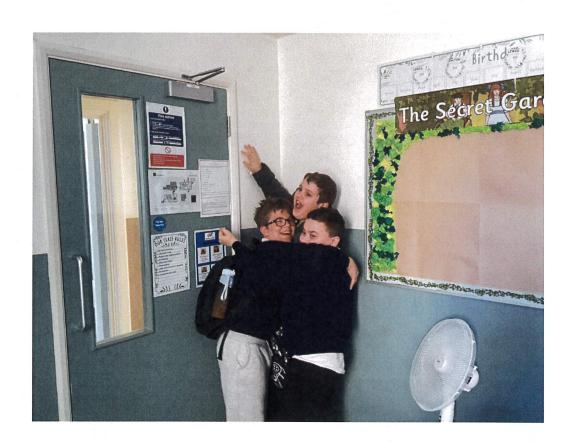
On the 12th of June, we visited Stratford Park. The day was filled with joyous laughter and exhilarating play as the class revelled in the park's amenities, from the thrilling slides, as demonstrated by Lewis C, to the whimsical spinning roundabout. This excursion was not only a source of great fun but also an educational journey, as the student's gathered leaves, sticks, and other natural elements to incorporate into our Secret Garden display. This hands-on activity allowed the children to connect more deeply with the natural world and see firsthand the beauty and diversity of plant life.



**Tuffley Class Teacher** Serena

#### **Friendship**

Our class has particularly cherished the moments of group hugs, which have become a symbol of our collective bond and mutual support. These gestures of affection and solidarity have further strengthened the spirit of togetherness that defines Tuffley Class.



#### Class News: Hardwicke Class



Sam (Hardwicke Class) WINS the inter-class chess tournament 12/06/2024

Hardwicke and Quedgeley classes enjoyed the excitement of the third chess tournament this week. Jonah organised the first two and Sam organised this one – thank you! It was a very tense final and a well-deserved win for Sam. Congratulations!

Chess is going from strength to strength at Brookthorpe Hall School, with more classes wishing to join in future competitions. Who will organise the fourth?!

Hardwicke Class has made an enthusiastic beginning with our new focus for this term, studying the original version of *The Secret Garden* book by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We are on chapter 8 already! This work has extended from English into Biology; photosynthesis and flower anatomy/reproduction, Geography; discovering the land of India, History; the Victorians, Art; ceramic flowers and birds, and Cookery; preparing fruit and vegetables. Watch this space for updates on our Secret Garden class mural...

## Hardwicke Class Teacher Amanda

Class News: Stroud Class

## Stroud Class visited the Wilderness centre.



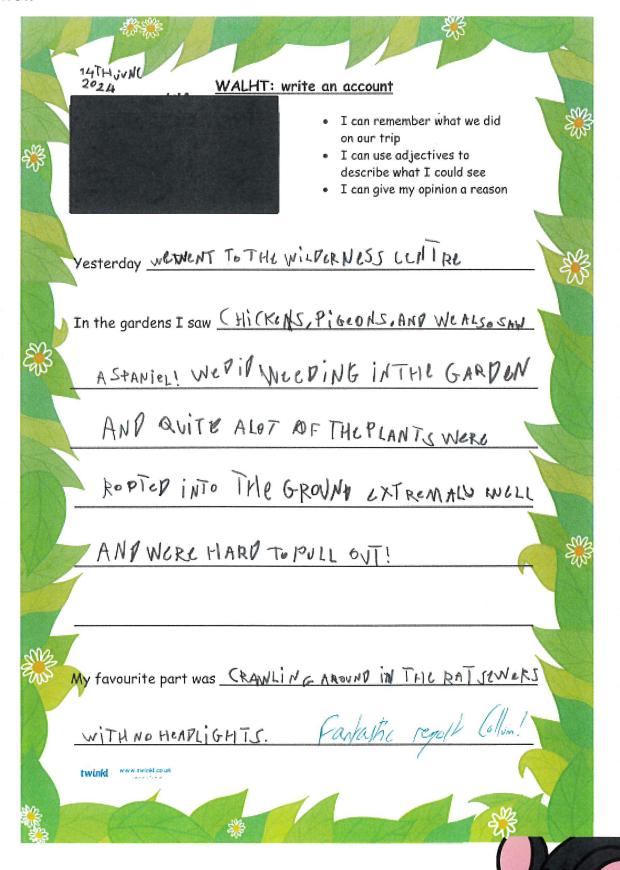
Lots of fun was had by all and as can be seen on the next page, they even got to interact with animals and crawl through rat tunnels! # rodenttastic.

Hardwicke Class Teacher Ed Farrow

#### Class News: Stroud Class

#### **Stroud Class Teacher**

**Ed Farrow** 



#### Class News: Painswick Class

In Painswick class this term, we have been learning about the solar system. Students got creative with the planets of our solar system: colouring, ordering, and making planetary hats! As you can see the students were very proud of their creations.





We also had a fun session making slime with our guest from Upton class, Jess. Jess supported Painswick as a mentor and helped to lead the activity. She was amazing at making slime and we are looking forward to what Jess has planned for Painswick next time. #00000mysterious





As part of our English curriculum, we have been studying the book 'The Secret Garden' and completing lots of different activities based around the story. One of these activities was to create our own little gardens by drawing houses to place into the garden. The students then added soil to the tub, sprinkled some grass seed over, added some more soil, and watered them to start the growing process. To complete their gardens, students added some small animals. The students had so much fun completing the activity.

Let's see what fun activities the summer term will bring.....

Painswick Class Teacher

Kathryne

#### Class News: Upton Class

#### Upton

Upton class have started their journey learning about "The Secret Garden". So far, they have analysed the front covers of different versions. They have used their skills to design new front covers for the story and created a beautiful classroom display – see below.

In maths Upton have been extending their knowledge about averages. They have learnt how to calculate: The mode, the mean, the median and the range. The fun side of maths, pupils were challenged to make a range of 3D shapes out of clay.

Upton pupils continue to enjoy cooking sessions. This week for fantastic Friday they made Rocky Road.



#### Class News: Brockworth Class

The Brockworth Boys turn their hand to a spot of gardening. Nurturing nature and understanding the importance of a healthy diet and an ecosystem is central creating caring and responsible young citizens of the future.

#### **Brockworth Class Teacher**

Jenna





#### Class News: Quedgeley Class





This term Quedgeley Class have been working together in their quest to solve a history mystery and catch a killer! Fortunately, their great detective work meant many lives were saved! Phew! Good work Detectives.





Quedgeley's Got Talent. One member of the class tried their hand at some music therapy with much success. We have a budding musician in the making...watch this space for a future Top 10 Hit. #simonandgarfunkle





Quedgeley Class also tried their hand at some landscape gardening. With a bit of luck, some sunshine and the inevitable British rain we should have some beautiful blooms in the not-too-distant future.

#### Quedgeley Class Teacher

Emma and Lewis

#### Class News: Haresfield Class

Continuing our creative curriculum, Ethan has been a busy boy over the last few weeks designing and making a model. Each stage of the process was recorded and as you can see the results are amazing, and he was extremely proud of the finished product.

## **Haresfield Class Teacher** Toby









#### Class News: Haresfield Class



### Messages from our Clinical Team

It has been another busy half term for the clinical team at Brookthorpe Hall School. Fiona and Ruby have continued to offer a range of Psychotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy themed sessions. The team have also delivered training which links in with the company's neurodiversity and trauma informed practice strategies.

We are pleased to inform you that Jasmine will be joining the team on the 15th July as Brookthorpe's Lead Clinician. Jasmine is an experienced Occupational Therapist and is very much looking forward to meeting all the students. We are also looking forward to welcoming Hollie back from her maternity leave on the 8th July.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and 'sunny' summer break.

#### Hayley

Clinical Locality Lead



#### **Term Dates**

• Term 6 ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July



#### Dates for the Diary!

- W/C 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Parent consultations (appointments on Teams)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Sports Day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024: PTA BBQ at Brookthorpe Hall





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