



# Brinkley Grove Newsletter

## February 2017



This month sees Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February and I would encourage all parents to visit [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) to find information about how your children stay safe online. It can be very challenging to keep up with what children are using their devices for when on the internet, and some apparently innocent activities, such as online gaming, can be harnessed for ill. To help parents keep up with the speed of change and to know what to look out for, you may recall we have invited two renowned experts to come and speak to families. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date has been changed to **6<sup>th</sup> March** and the session will begin **at 9.00 am** and last for around an hour and half. This will be a very informative session and will help you keep your child safe on line so please come along. As an additional incentive, we will be giving out raffle tickets to all those who come and the ticket that is drawn will win a prize of £50.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns over your children's use of technology, please contact their class teacher.

Darren Smith

### Headlice

I recently sent out a note through Class Dojo explaining that as a school we do not send out 'alert' letters if there are head lice in school. This follows advice from Public Health England and is based on evidence which shows that 'alert' letters do not reduce the instances of head lice in school.

The best way for us to ensure that head lice do not cause issues is for all parents to be vigilant and check their children's hair as often as possible. Thank you for your help in keeping this nuisance under control.

### Eco-schools

This month, the Ecoteam ran the annual recycling Christmas card competition. This year, the response was fantastic – thank you! 6M were the winners of the class prize with the biggest pile of cards. However, overall the team collected approximately 8000 cards which have now been sent off for recycling to the Woodland Trust via Marks and Spencers. This means that 8 new trees will be planted thanks to our brilliant effort.



## Healthy Lunches and Snacks

You may be aware of the government's Food Smart campaign to encourage children to eat less sugar and to move more. We will be sending home some information in the coming weeks, but I would like to remind parents to provide a healthy snack for children in KS2. There has been an increase in break snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars and we would encourage parents to swap those for a piece of fruit, crackers and other healthier alternatives.

## Smoke Free School

As a school community, we do not permit the smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes in or around the school. I would like to ask all parents and carers to refrain from smoking on the school site. Thank you.

## Library

Our library is a rather unloved space and we are looking to give it a significant facelift. If you have any time to help with decorating, cataloguing new stock or artistic skills to paint a few murals, please let me know via the school office. Many thanks.

## Sainsbury's active kids vouchers

Sainsbury's are running their voucher scheme again, where schools collect the vouchers issued and can exchange them for a wide range of sports equipment. The scheme is running until 3<sup>rd</sup> May and any vouchers you collect would be welcomed. Please hand them in at the school office.



## Mrs Bellamy

Our SENcO, Mrs Bellamy is using her expertise to support another local school for one day week until the Easter break. If you need to get in touch and make an appointment, please contact Mrs Emms in the school office.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	KS1 Magic Show 3.15 – 4.15
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Hooray for History Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	KS2 Disco 5.30 – 7.00
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Community Nurse Drop In
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	Half Term
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum
27 <sup>th</sup> February – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	Book Fair in School 3.10pm to 3.45pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Opera Brava working with Year 5
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	e-safety Presentation 9 a.m.
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Waste Week
14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Year 5 trip to West Stow
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Playpod Demo for parents after school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Scooter and Skateboarding demonstrations
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Mothers' Day gifts - FoBG
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt at 3.15
	Parents' Evenings 3.30pm – 5.30 pm
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	Break up for EASTER holidays