

Brinkley Grove Newsletter

Reaching for excellence, creating understanding and opportunities for all



This month at Brinkley Grove ...

It's been another good year for Brinkley Grove and its pupils with the children having some wonderful experiences and achieving some very pleasing results

The children in the two reception classes have had a particularly impressive year, settling in to school and routines very well whilst achieving some of the best outcomes we have seen at Brinkley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the school for all their hard work this year - this extends to staff, volunteers and the parents - by working well together we are well on the road to ensuring that every child has a fantastic start to their education. Have a wonderful summer!

20TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The pupils had a wonderful time on the 30th June celebrating the school's 20th birthday. We were fortunate to be joined by the original head teacher, Mr Tom Hudson, who even wore the tie he had on when he was interviewed for the job! Events to celebrate the 20th anniversary included creating a piece of whole school artwork, a street party lunch consisting of fish and chips and birthday cake and the grand opening of the new library. It was a memorable day and we look forward to the next 20 years!



I wrote last month about the impending arrival of the guinea pigs and now we can officially welcome Lily, Toffee, Mojo and Biscuit.

You may have seen them nibbling on the grass by the farm and they have certainly settled in very well. Our thanks to the Everett and Thomas Families for volunteering to look after them for the summer



Friends of Brinkley Grove

It has been another year of fun events and fundraising for FoBG and without them it would have not been possible to have stocked the library with such a great selection of books or to have opened the PlayPod. Both these projects have made a real difference to the experience of the children at the school and all the work that is put in is voluntary. Next year, there are many more events planned and so watch this space and don't forget, if you have an hour to spare and wish to make a difference get involved.

Street Nanny Project

Young Carers in Colchester need you!... If you could volunteer some time to support Young Carers and their families please contact us for more information.

Street Nannies are always looking for volunteers to help run our Young Carers respite club, befriend local parents, or help with practical tasks such as helping with the school run if a parent is unable to get their child to and from school.

Alternatively if you think your child may be a Young Carer and you would like more information on how to support them please contact:

Young Carers Team 01621 851640

Email: yc@affc.org.uk

Race for Life

The first Brinkley Race for Life was a huge success this year and we managed to raise a whopping £2996. Thank you to everyone who got involved and especially to Mrs Fenton and Miss Grace for organising the event.



“He has come on leaps and bounds and really enjoys coming into school to learn. He is, as described, an inquisitive little boy who listens to everything he has been taught.” Parent 2017

Holiday Football Camp

SCS, who run an after-school football club, are holding summer holiday football course on the 4G astro pitches at Stanway Rovers FC. It promises to be lots of fun and only £15 for 5 hours a day. For more information please call Angelo on 07989173744

SCHOOLS IN BLOOM AWARD

The fantastic work that Miss Dawson, Mr Bellinger and Mr Watts have put in to the Brinkley farm have been recognised by the Colchester Schools in Bloom competition. We were awarded “Best Raised Beds” and “Second Best Overall”. A wonderful achievement and a good reflection of the hard work that has gone into the farm over the year.

Diary Dates

Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 21st July	Last day of term
Monday 4th September	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5th September	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 6th September	First day for pupils
Tuesday 12th September	Welcome to Year 1 / 2 / 3 meetings being held at 5.00 / 5.20. / 5.40
Wednesday 13th September	Welcome to Year 4 / 5 / 6 meetings being held at 5.00 / 5.20. / 5.40
Tuesday 17th October	Reception Phonics Meeting @ 2.30 pm
23rd - 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 8th November	Parents' Meetings
Thursday 9th November	Parents' Meetings
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 2nd January	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 3rd January	First day for pupils