BRONINGTON VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21ST JANUARY 2022

Good News! Mrs Birkinshaw is out of hospital and recovering well at home. She is feeling better and looking forward to coming back to school when she can. Thank you for all your kind messages and thinking of her. Get Well Soon Mrs Birkinshaw. We Miss You!!

Bumblebees: The children did amazingly well in their first forest school session this week. We tasted hot chocolate and explored the area by climbing trees and collecting sticks to make a fire.

We are currently collecting resources to improve our outdoor area. If you or anyone you know would be happy to donate any of the following items, we would be extremely grateful, as this would make a huge impact to the children's outdoor space and learning opportunities.

We are looking for: Log, Planks of wood / chunks of wood, Tractor tyres, Milk crates, Traffic cones, Guttering, Sand and Top soil.

Thank you so much for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Miss Charlotte.

Repeat Message - Parent Questionnaire: Thank you to those who have already completed our Parent Questionnaire. Please could I urge you to follow the link so your views can be heard.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k3fBBAJRkLtFpxZIjlKx6ZlUQVQ2Q0Q5VzJaSk1GWDlYNVM5MjRSOTBYNS4u

As a parent / carer, your views are important to us. Please tell us what you think about our school, so that we can feed it into our self-evaluation process. We are keen to work with you, seeking your views and feedback to further improve our school. Please follow the link (one is also on Class Dojo) to complete the questionnaire, considering the school year since September and the limits Covid has brought.

Welsh Government Survey: The Welsh Government is exploring options around the structure of the school day and the school year. Parentkind and the Child Poverty Action Group have worked together to create a short survey for parents to give them the chance to share their views on reforming the school day and school year in Wales. The closing date is January 23rd.

CPAG & Parentkind Reforming the school day and school year in Wales poll (smartsurvey.co.uk)

Ethical, informed citizens *Healthy, confident individuals*

Ambitious, capable learners *Enterprising, creative contributors*

All committees and councils have met this week:

School Council: The council is going to ask the pupils for their views on how best they learn. This will then be forwarded to each teacher so they can make sure they are providing the children with these opportunities. The members have also started to write a persuasive letter to local shops asking for donations of Easter Eggs and other prizes for our Easter Bingo.

Criw Cymraeg: The committee has agreed on and introduced "Patrwm Yr Wythnos" which this week is : Wyt ti eisiau….? meaning Would you like ….? The members have made a short video to show how this can be used in everyday conversations. Teachers and pupils will be using this language pattern for the week. Please could you also encourage this at home. The Criw Cymraeg are working towards gaining the Bronze Award. (more details in the coming weeks)

Eco-Council / Forest School: The committee is looking at the criteria for achieving the 'Green Flag' award and working towards this. The members have already started to prepare a display in school to inform children and staff of what they are doing.

Digital Leaders: The committee has designed posters to be displayed in the school, to promote the importance of plugging in devices after you have finished with them. The members are excited to be preparing a presentation for Internet Safely Week, which begins on Monday 7th February.

God Squad: The committee has discussed and decided on a timetable for each of our 6 School Core Values. The focus this half term is: Friendship. Jesus showed he was a good friend to many, he told many stories and parables about the true meaning of friendship. This will be promoted and celebrated during Collective Worship, class circle time and daily throughout the school.

Reading Awards: Congratulations to Ava, Lottie, Oscar, Unashe, Phillipa and Sophie who have read 20 books and gained their Bronze Award- da iawn! I look forward to presenting more pupils with their awards to recognize their hard work, in the coming weeks. Keep Reading!

Mrs Beth Davies - Associate Headteacher

SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS 2021 – 2022 are Monday 25th April and Wednesday 20th July + one day to be re-scheduled in from 6th January

Date to be confirmed - Valentine's Disco 5.30pm – 6.45pm in school hall
Friday 18th February – Half term starts
Monday 28th February – School re-opens to pupils
Friday 4th March – FoBs committee meeting - time and venue to be confirmed
Friday 25th March – Easter Bingo – school hall, time tbc
Friday 8th April – Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April – Training day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 26th April – School re-opens to pupils