

# Spring Term 3 Newsletter

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**BROOKTHORPE  
HALL SCHOOL**

## Message from the Executive Headteacher

This very short-term has passed by so quickly and I am immensely proud to celebrate the achievements and experiences that each class have enjoyed this term. Having now been in post for a while, I am consistently impressed with pupils' engagement with learning, their enjoyment in lessons and positive relationships with peers and staff alike. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that we will celebrate everything that happens at Brookthorpe in a fortnightly newsletter from the start of next term!

As a staff team we are currently focusing on developing a range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities for all pupils and I am confident that pupils will begin to experience a wider, enriching curriculum in the weeks ahead. Furthermore, having reviewed our outdoor spaces, I must inform you that the trampoline is being removed (and filled) with immediate effect over the Easter holidays. While I understand that this is an important piece of sensory equipment for some pupils, I am sure you will understand that everyone's safety is paramount. I am also pleased to confirm that we will be making a significant financial investment in improving the outdoor spaces for pupils and I look forward to providing more information in forthcoming newsletter.

The end of term is always a time when we do have to say farewell to colleagues moving on to pastures new. I would firstly like to thank Toni Miles for all the commitment and dedication that she has provided for pupils in her role as Cover Supervisor. Additionally, I would also like to wish Sereena Manir the very best for the future and would like to also thank her everything that she has done to deliver exciting lessons for pupils in Tuffley class. Finally, I would also like to congratulate Tyrone Perry-Harry who has been appointed Head of School in a different SEND School. I would like to thank Tyrone for his leadership, dedication and support of all our pupils, staff and parents during the time that he has at been at Brookthorpe Hall School.

I am also delighted to confirm that Fiona Wiseman has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and we are also looking forward to welcoming Jamila Turner-Dell'Aqua to our team in the summer as a SEN Teacher.

Finally, I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for making me feel so welcome at Brookthorpe this term and I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Jon Bell  
**Executive Headteacher**



## Class News: Tuffley Class

In a delightful celebration of World Book Day, Tuffley Class embarked on a whimsical journey into the world of Jeff Kinney's beloved character, Greg Heffley, from the renowned series "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

Inspired by Greg's escapades and comedic anecdotes, the students of Tuffley Class delved into the pages of his diary, revealing in his misadventures, quirky humour, and distinctive cartoon illustrations. From his nerdy best friend Rowley to his pesky brothers Roderick and Manny, Greg's world came alive within the confines of their classroom.

Amidst the festivities, one student took the initiative to immortalize Greg in a unique manner. With creativity abounding, the class joined forces to create "door Geff," a whimsical representation of Greg Heffley. Crafted with meticulous detail, the head of "door Geff" emerged from a humble bowl, while balls of string were ingeniously repurposed to fashion his distinctive ears.

This collaborative effort showcased the ingenuity and camaraderie of the boys in Tuffley Class, transforming their classroom into a vibrant homage to literature. Through their shared love for reading and creativity, they breathed life into Greg Heffley's character, inspiring laughter and joy amongst their peers.

As World Book Day continues to foster a love for literature and storytelling, Tuffley Class's imaginative tribute stands as a testament to the enduring impact of literature on young minds, encouraging a sense of wonder and exploration in the world of books.

### Tuffley Class Teacher

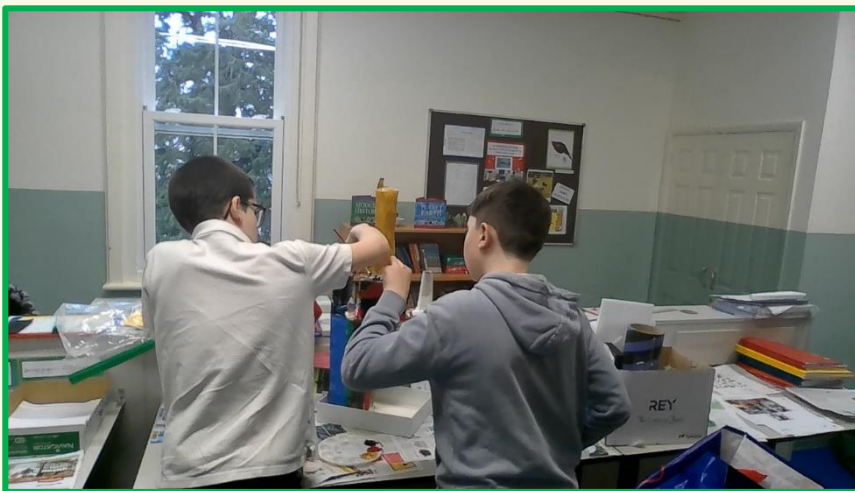
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## Class News: Hardwicke Class



Jonas designed, constructed and decorated an amazing vessel in Hardwicke's art lessons last week.



Sam and Jack voluntarily collaborated on a design and technology project to create a fantastic model building in the style of the architect Michael Wilford.

**Hardwicke Class Teacher**  
Amanda

## Class News: Stroud Class

Since Christmas Stroud class have been enjoying trips to the Warhammer shop in Gloucester every other Tuesday. During these sessions we've learned a lot about how to build, paint and play with the Warhammer models.

Some members of the class have taken their passion to the next level and have spent their own money and Praise Points on additional models!

This Tuesday we brought along our entire collection of models and had our first "Parade Day" celebrating all of the models we've built and painted – they look fantastic arranged with the scenery!

**Stroud Class Teacher**

Ed



## Class News: Painswick Class

Painswick had a lovely visit from Archie's parent Sarah. Sarah brought in two lovely, week-old chicks that she had hatched at school with her own pupils and offered to bring them in to show Painswick class and let them have a cuddle. The pupils loved the chicks, and all had a cuddle, the students also heard about the life cycle of a chick, and how they are being kept under a heat lamp at home to help them to stay warm. Painswick class would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Bennett for being so kind in lending Painswick her wormery and for bringing the chicks into school.



Painswick went on an amazing end of term school trip to 'All Things Wild' in Evesham. The students had a great day looking at all the different exhibits and took part in lots of different activities such as a land train ride, walking through the safari walk and meeting some beautiful animals including camels, zebras, goats, a pony, and some beautiful rabbits that were able to run free in their territory.

Painswick class had a very informative Minibeast talk too and were so brave when asked if they wanted to hold some of the insects including a hissing cockroach, African snail, and a Stick insect. Two interesting facts that we found out is that there are around 32 species of stick insects in the world, and contrary to the myth about cockroaches, they are actually very clean insects, and will only be visible to people if the area they live in is dirty, as the cockroaches have come to clean up the area!



**Painswick Class Teacher**

Ellie

## Class News: Upton Class

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the school's PCSO Nikki Wood attended Upton class for an interview.

Students posed some challenging questions which Nikki answered in detail. They found out about her previous jobs, training, and the reason why she wanted to become a PCSO.

Nikki also spoke about the use of Tasers and firearms which require additional training and yearly refreshers.

Nikki also said that she enjoys: Weight training, gardening, and baking, but most of all she enjoys helping people. Nikki will be joining Upton again on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for a catch up before the Easter holidays.

**Upton Class Teacher**

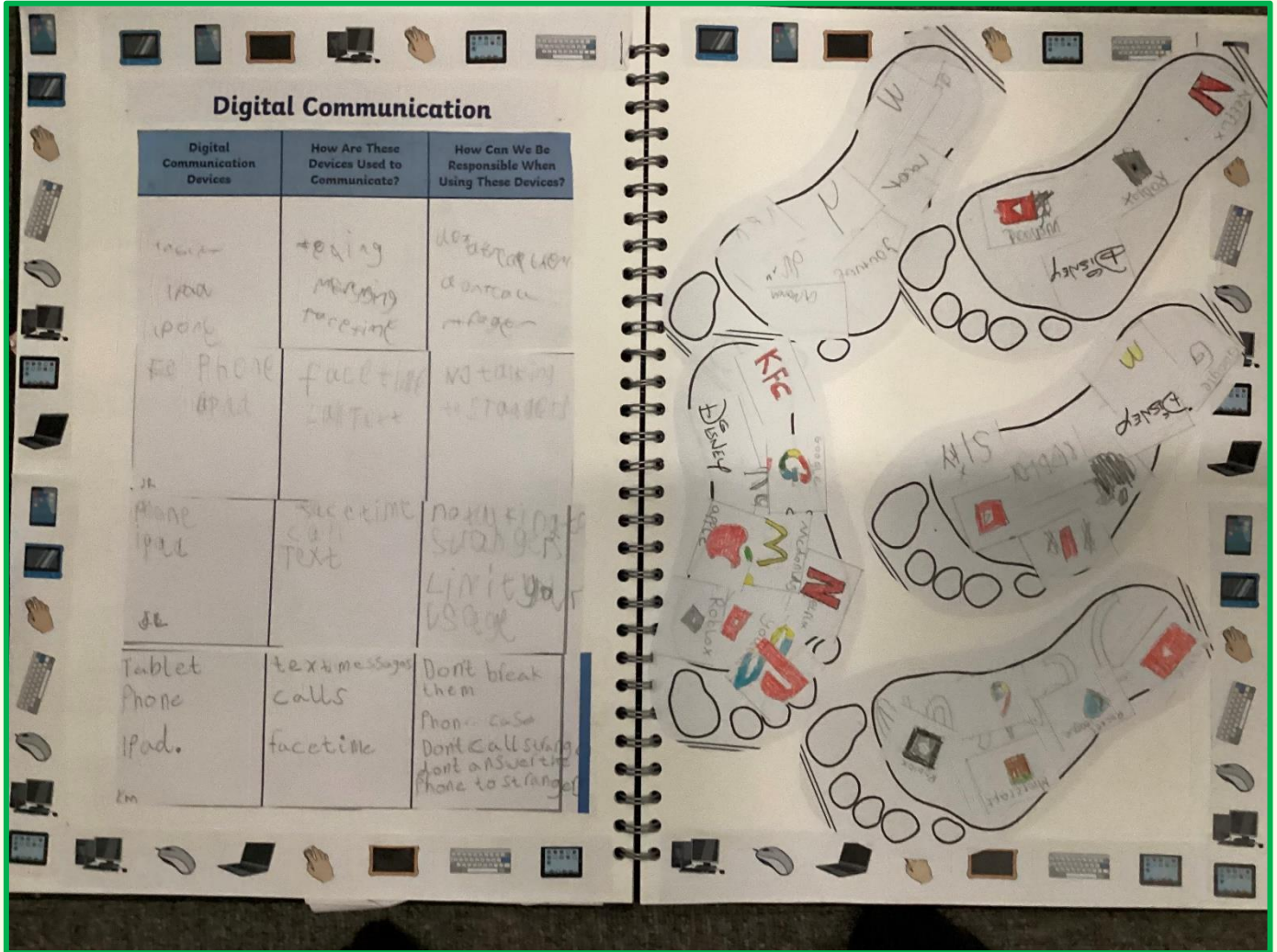
Hazel

# Class News: Brockworth Class

This week, Brockworth have been learning about E-safety. Take a look at our digital footprints.

**Brockworth Class Teacher**

Jenna





## Class News: Quedgeley Class

In Quedgeley class this term, a real focus was placed on forming positive relationships amongst the new class team. Together, we tried a variety of exotic fruits, we made lots of slime and created a whole school football team. Amelie's and Jonah's birthdays were celebrated and we welcomed our new teaching assistant Emma W who has been a real asset to our class.

In English, we have studied a variety of non-fiction text about animals and poems about rivers which linked in with our topic work about rivers and coastlines. In Maths, we learnt how to use decimals and fractions in real life situations before moving onto perimeter and area. Science has taught us about nutrition and the importance of holding a healthy lifestyle, alongside eating a healthy and balanced diet. We have also loved learning about our solar system and are fascinated by the formation of the moon. In PSHE, we have been working on improving our communication and interaction with each other by talking about appropriate ways to form friendships and ways to avoid bullying. We have cooked a variety of foods including pizza, cakes and cinnamon swirls but particularly love making icy, cold smoothies.

We have worked hard figuring out what activities regulate us throughout the school day and enjoy being given the independence to choose.

### **Quedgeley Class Teacher**

Emma

## Class News: Haresfield Class

Haresfield have had an amazing day completing a variety of Easter themed activities, creating some beautiful artwork which is getting the whole class excited and ready for the Easter Celebrations!

### **Haresfield Class Teacher**

Toby

### **Term Dates**

- Term 5 begins on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April (INSET Dat on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April)
- Spring Bank Half-Term: Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 6 begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Term 6 ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### **Message from our Clinical Team**

As some of you might be aware Hollie Blunt (Occupational Therapist) is expecting a baby. I just wanted to let you know that Hollie has worked incredibly hard to ensure that the Occupational Therapy needs of the students are met during her absence. Therapeutic programmes have been written for those students who have an identified Occupational Therapy need outlined within their EHCP. These programmes will be delivered by Ruby Duckworth (Therapies Assistant).

Zoe Edmondson (Occupational Therapist) will continue to offer Sensory Integration sessions to those students who have this specialist provision outlined within their EHCP.

I would like to wish Hollie all the very best as she begins her journey into parenthood and look forward to welcoming her back in July.

Hayley (Locality Clinical Lead)



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