19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half-term, I would like to express how proud I am of the wonderful half-term we have had. The children have been committed and hardworking in their learning of new concepts and have shown an ability to take on challenges with determination.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at events that have taken place this half-term, such as the Macmillan coffee evening and harvest assembly. I can’t thank all of our lovely parents for also attending our celebration assemblies every Friday! This has been a huge pleasure in sharing all of our superstars with the school community.

A massive thank you to our BFG for their first successful Halloween disco this half term and we can’t wait for more events to follow. The mini BFG really enjoyed helping out and organising this event with you.

Congratulations to our two new parent governors, I am really looking forward to you joining the team and helping us to move the school forward. I know with great people around us, we can achieve anything!

Staffing updates: we are sad to say Mrs Lockett and Mr Farrell will be leaving us and we wish them the very best. Joining our team from 30th October is Miss Hale, who will be supporting our SEND children in school.

Thank you for your support at home with daily reading and weekly homework tasks – the children benefit greatly from this support from home.

I have included some useful information below.

Attendance

Attendance remains a priority focus and we monitor each pupil’s attendance daily. We would like to thank you for supporting your child to attend consistently. The whole school attendance for this half-term is 94.7%, we would very much like to see improvement in this next half term and I know I can count on your support to do that.

Keep referring to the week ahead email for all the key dates, class information on PE days and upcoming trips and remember for any needs or concerns at all, please contact myself (Miss Fry) via the school office.

Pupils in Year 5/6,  please contact Mrs Lees via the school office.

Pupils in Year 3/.4 please contact Ms Balmer via the school office.

For SEND needs please contact - [senco@brackenwood-junior.wirral.gov.uk](mailto:senco@brackenwood-junior.wirral.gov.uk)

Website and Twitter

Please remember to login into our Brackenwood Junior website each week. <https://www.brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk/web>

The Calendar section is regularly added to so that you can keep up to date with key events taking place. More detailed letters are also sent nearer to the event taking place.

The News section replaces the weekly Newsletter and is updated weekly. We have so many wonderful things happening every week that the end of half-term newsletter was jam-packed and not soon enough for us to share things that make us proud of the children.

The Curriculum section is very useful for knowing what the children are learning about in their classrooms and can enable parents to support children at home through discussion about the learning taking place as well as with homework tasks that have been set.

The Parent Information and pupil development sections on the website will provide you with key information about extra-curricular clubs that are on offer each term.

Twitter provides our community with daily updates on the activities and learning that occur both within and outside of the classrooms. Follow us on @BrackenwoodJ

Have a lovely half-term everyone! Stay safe and see you all very soon.

Kind regards

Rachel Fry

Headteacher

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