

Brent Knoll Primary School



Newsletter Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday, we were pleased to welcome back the children to the start of the final term of the school year. The week began by celebrating a very special birthday with Mrs Vickie Dickinson. Those of you who know Vickie will not be surprised to hear that she didn't want anything for herself on her big day, but did want the children to have some fun. With that in mind, all the children enjoyed a session on one of two bouncy castles, and all had an ice-cream (photos below). Vickie has asked me to thank everyone who made her day so special.

Kind regards Chris Burman



Class photos will be taking place on Monday, 24th June, so please do ensure children are wearing their smart uniform.



Yesterday, a letter was sent out describing a plan to extend the school day. This need to add 15 minutes to each school day has come about as we do not currently provide the minimum weekly requirement of 32.5 hours. Please do take time to read the letter and I would be happy to hear your views on the proposal to start each day at 8.45 am. Please note, this plan would not affect the pre-school which only has to provide 30 funded hours per child per week.



Whilst the new term brings new topics in every class, the end of last term ended with a very entertaining week of learning for the children on Phoenix and Griffin classes. The children made a visit to the beach in Burnham and then spent an afternoon in the company of 'Professor James Gordon' who brought along his friends, Punch and Judy. Meanwhile in key stage 2, the end of term saw a fascinating afternoon of science in the company of scientist Roz Coggan (photo left). Roz shared not only a range of insightful experiments but shared her own story of scientific endeavours in the Antarctic.



On Thursday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome a large team of dancers from Mark First School to our annual mini-country dance festival. This event is the fourth we have hosted and came about as the previous dance festival in Wells, which used to attract seventy-plus schools, was brought to an end by the county council. The dancing was terrific and we appreciate the older children who lend their time to keeping this tradition going. Thanks also to Mrs Stockham and Miss Greenwood for running the event. The dancers are back performing at the Brent Knoll village fete, which takes place on the village green tomorrow afternoon at 3pm.

We have a new IT coding club on Thursdays which still has places available. The club is for children in years 5 and 6 and involves the use of lots of new tech - Micro Bits - that we have accessed from the BBC. The You can use Parent Pay to access a place.