

Weekly Letter Roundup

Week Commencing: Monday 04 December 2023.



BRUNE PARK
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Headteacher Weekly Summary

Headteacher
Kerry Payne

Dear parents and carers,

This week we had the pleasure of sharing our school's self evaluation with Sarah Howells, Director of Academy Improvement for Kings Group Academy (KGA). Every term we are expected to review our action, impact and evidence to support us in capturing the positives and identifying the next steps. It was pleasing to consider the progress we are making across all aspects of the school and especially to capture the improvements in the quality of education being made.

Keen to continue our rapid improvement journey we are now busy planning for the term ahead. After Christmas we will be really focusing on ensuring high expectations are achieved across the school - this includes in lessons, assemblies, as students move from one lesson to another and in how all stakeholders communicate with each other. We will be continuing to work with a Teaching and Lead from KGA and Sarah Howells to ensure we secure the necessary improvements.

We are looking forward to a Christmas themed week in school next week. With the Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day we are looking forward to celebrating with our students. A reminder that we finish at 12 noon next Friday.

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Attendance celebration

On Tuesday the attendance team selected 15 students for a reward session due to either having 100% attendance or significantly improving their attendance. While there were lots of students to choose from we had to stop at 15 as the celebration was to decorate the Christmas tree and a gingerbread house.

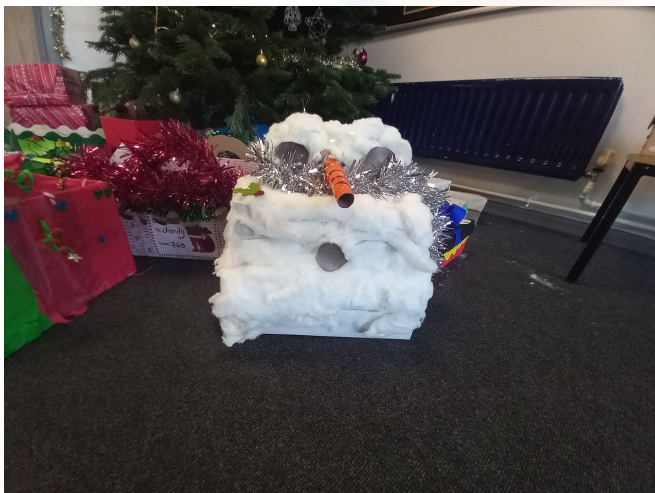
The students did a fantastic job and thank you to Phoebe and Edith for their creative eye on the tree! Well done to the students chosen for the reward and for all students who have improved their attendance over the last term.



Shoe box appeal



We would like to thank all our families and students who help create and fill these amazing shoe boxes which are going to be sent to Ukraine. Your kind donations have blown us away and we know will make a huge difference to people's lives. Thank you!



Celebration Friday:

Our last Celebration Friday of the year!

What an amazing morning we've had celebrating all of our students achievements over this last term.



Literacy Hub:

A group of Brune Park students came on board and joined us at our Portsea Sailors' Hub, based at Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard, at the beginning of October. Since joining us they have completed a quiz, as they explored the National Museum of the Royal Navy, successfully found the 'treasure' on HMS Warrior and were treated to an extra special experience of a reenactment of loading and firing the guns. They have just completed their first project writing pirate action stories and we can't wait to share them.

We encourage our 'Sailors' to always do their best and follow The Sailors' Code by being committed to their learning, being respectful and supporting each other. This group has always impressed us! We have been blown away with their enthusiasm, effort and creativity. The whole team at The Literacy Hubs are looking forward to reading the polished stories published in the Portsea Sailors' book at the end of the year. Look out for a copy in your school library in the New Year. We are so proud of what the group has achieved and how they have risen to the learning challenges they have been given during their first term with us. We are sure that they will continue to shine as they continue their learning voyage with us.

A captain's salute to you all!

Captain Sarah and First Mate Elliot

Some quotes from our Year 7 pupils:

Lily: I have enjoyed it a lot. It has really helped in my English lessons because I have more words to use. It has helped me being around people I don't know - the social bit.

Wade: It is really good. If you get the chance, you need to come too!

Olivia: It has really helped with my literacy skills. It has given me the confidence to have a go - I can do it!

Milli-Lou: I really like Captain Sarah and the Crewmates and how they help and encourage.

Amelia: It has really helped me with my thinking skills and my spellings.



Year 7, 8 & 9

We currently run KS3 rugby for girls on a Tuesday after school and boys on a Thursday after school. We are looking to have more pupils to join us on both occasions, as numbers are low currently. We are building on different skills and playing lots of different agility games and would welcome any new players to come along and try a new sport after school. All abilities are welcome to come and join in.

Year 7 Panto Visit -We are very excited for the visit to the New Theatre Royal on the afternoon of Thursday 14th December. A final information letter was sent home to parents of those attending the visit on Friday 8th December, but just in case you missed it, you can view it here - [Panto letter](#). If you are collecting your child when we return to the school site, please can we ask that you park inside the school site or away from outside of the school as we have four coaches that will need to use the layby outside the school to ensure we are able to release the pupils safely.

For those pupil who are not attending the visit, they will have a drop down afternoon in the main hall where there will be a number of activities for them to take part in.

Year 11

We would like to remind students that on Wednesday they will not be permitted to leave school site due to the Christmas dinner celebration. Students will need to order on Scopay a dinner or bring their own lunch for this day .

Careers:

This week we have several colleges coming in during lunchtime to answer questions or to help students with their application forms.

They will be based in the Careers Office next to T014.

Monday 11 December - Fareham College

Tuesday 12 December - City of Portsmouth College

Wednesday 13 December - St Vincent College

If you have any questions please email us at Careers@brunepark.gfmat.org.

Many thanks