Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

11 September 2026

"The standard you walk past - is the standard you accept"

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit!"

Dear Families

We are delighted by the way the children have returned to school this week. The children and staff have all had opportunities to re-connect and share our expectations for the school year ahead. This will ensure that we have a **Right Start-Bright Future.** Since the start of term, we have focused on building and enhancing the strong relationships that make our school a very special place to be. Children are now more familiar with routines and that they know that they BELONG in their new Year Family. When a child **BELONGS** then they will **THRIVE**. We will continue to embed this alongside our '**HoWLs – Habits of Work and Learning.**

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Each class family has a school value that they will promote throughout this year and part of the PSHE curriculum. Our Year 6 Family has two. Please can we ask that you take time to discuss these values in action when outside of school, so that the children develop a real depth of knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a respectful young person.

Little Oaks Family – **Kindness,** F2 Family – **Positivity**, Year 1 Family – **Safety**, Year 2 Family – **Respect**,

Year 3 Family – **Motivation**, Year 4 Family – **Courage**, Year 5 Family – **Equality**,

Year 6 Family – **Tolerance & Integrity.**

At the end of each school term, we will nominate and award children who have consistently demonstrated our school values. All children nominated will be recognised and a 'Values Certificate' awarded for each of our nine values.

Meet the Staff/Share the Learning: In our parent survey at the end of the summer term, a higher % of families expressed that they did not feel that the school shared enough about their child's learning and how as parents you can offer support. It was disappointing that attendance by parents at the 'Sharing the Learning' this week was not higher. Thank you to the families who were able to attend these brief meetings and to share our expectations for the year ahead and the curriculum. Copies of each presentation will be posted on Tapestry. Please can I ask that time is planned and children are supported with home learning. Focused time on reading, writing, phonics/spellings and becoming fluent with number bonds and multiplication times tables are essential skills, that will really support learning in school.

Family Support Worker: Please look out for Mrs Karen Williams who is now our Family Support Worker. Mrs Williams is our lead ELSA professional and is soon to undertake her Level 2/3 safeguarding training and

will be an additional Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Williams will be present at the end of the day, by the school pupil entrance and can be contacted by email: kwilliams@brookhurst.wirral.sch.uk.



School Office Staff: Mrs Marshall has now joined our Learning Coach Family in Little Oaks and the B-HIVE. While we recruit her successor, she remains working in the school office on a Friday. We had 57 applicants apply for the Admin Officer role. We have shortlisted for interview a very strong field of existing and experienced school office staff.

A REMINDER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100%, our target is 98%. **Little Oaks Family = 84.7%, F2 Family = 98.9%,Year 1 Family =96.3%,Year 2 Family = 99.7%, Year 3 Family = 98.9%, Year 4 Family = 96.6%, Year 5 Family = 97% , Year 6 Family = 99.4%. Overall school attendance = 97.2%.** Well done to F2 and Years 2, 3 and 6. A great first whole week %.

REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS

School Safe Parking Zones: Parking outside school during the busy periods of drop off and pick up times is still causing unnecessary concerns for child safety and our neighbours… Please park safely, children need to exit a vehicle onto a pavement and not directly on to the road. Please do not obstruct driveways. Thank you to the families who consistently follow and model the expectations of being safe and respectful drivers to the children.

On Wednesday morning, there was an incident involving a dog and one of our parents. The dog grabbed onto the lower leg of the parent. This shocked the parent. The dog was on a lead. Please can we ensure that the entrance to school in the morning and after school is free from dogs. It's a busy time and could be overwhelming for a dog, resulting in unpredictable behaviours. Thank you for your understanding.

Celebration Assembly: If your wish to celebrate your child's sporting achievements outside of school in our Friday Celebration Assembly, please make sure that the trophies, certificates, medals are clearly labelled and brought to school on the Thursday and handed to Mr Russell. Mr Eborall will take over after the October half term. There is no celebration assembly on 18 September and 23 October.

'Magic Moments'

Little Oaks Family- It has been wonderful to see our Little Oaks family grow with all our new starters completing their first week with us. It was very special to explore our big playground for the very first time and find our beautiful oak tree that gives us our name. We are so excited for the adventures to come this year!

F2 Family- What a wonderful first week! Our first days at big school have been amazing with lots of exploration and play. We have read lots of stories and started to learn about the school. We have loved spending time with our buddies and have started making friendships.

Year 1 Family- The children have been absolute super stars and taken our first full week of Year 1 with positivity, resilience and determination. We couldn't be prouder of how well they have coped with the big step up from F2 into Year 1.

Year 2 Family – Our first week in Year 2 has been full of magic moments! The children have worked so hard adapting to their new routines. In Ready Steady Write, we have been exploring what makes a complete sentence—learning and using brilliant grammar terms like fragments, nouns, and verbs to build some lovely sentences based around our book, *'The Search for Carmella'*. We have enjoyed starting our exciting new project, "From Sparks to Safety," stepping back into the 17th century to discover what life in London and Tudor houses were like! What a fantastic start to the year!

Year 3 Family - Year 3 have settled back in well. They were very excited to have their first ever French lesson this week. We also started our new project, the Stone Age, learning new vocabulary and looking at a time line.

Year 4 Family – What a wonderful first week the Year 4 family have had! Everybody has made a wonderful start in their new classroom and Miss Wilkinson has been super impressed by the amazing attitudes to learning. This week, we started our Place Value topic in Maths, used spaghetti and marshmallows to create a structure in DT, enjoyed writing a setting description about our book 'The Whale' in English and completed our first project lesson where we gathered 'I wonder...' statements. We are really looking forward to diving deeper into our Ancient Greece project named 'Unheard Voices in the Temple'. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Year 5 Family – This week has been a very busy but exciting week! We have continued our science lessons looking at plants and living things whilst the weather has been dry. We went outside to plant cuttings, planted them in some soil and are trying to develop a root ball on our cuttings. We have also delved deeper into our project by looking at the patterns of migration and how our culture is diverse, all the benefits this brings to our economy, and our knowledge. We have also enjoyed our badminton lessons this week - practising our serving and control of the shuttlecock with the racket.

Year 6 Family – This week, Year 6 have really enjoyed our work on electrical circuits. The children used a selection of components to build basic circuits. They produced labelled sketches of their circuits before learning about circuit symbols. Once Year 6 had developed their awareness of how to use circuit symbols and circuit diagrams, they build more circuits and represented them using complete circuit diagrams. Later in the week, Year 6 began their expeditionary learning project for Autumn Term. In this project, we will be learning about the Shang Dynasty. To prepare us for our 'deep dive' of the Shang Dynasty, we have started to look at other ancient civilisations. This week's session was based around Ancient Sumer and how it can be compared to Britain's Prehistory.

Kind regards

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AND FINALLY……. Please can you share the following information with your neighbours and friends with Pre-School aged children.

Are you thinking about Brookhurst as an option for your child?

Come and visit The Brookhurst Big Family and to see why it is a special place to be.

Please email schooloffice@brookhurst.wirral.sch.uk with any enquiries.

Dates for our walk arounds for **September 2027** starters:

Friday 9th October 2026 - 9:10am

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - 9:10am

Friday 6th November 2026 - 9:10am

To book a place on any of our walkaround sessions please email us with your name and best contact number, you can reserve up to 2 spaces.

Please note that these sessions are for parents/carers only.

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