



Newsletter

An Academy as part of The Westbrook Trust

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Headline:

I am delighted to be able to contribute this article to the school newsletter as in my new role as Chief Executive Officer for the Trust, opportunities to communicate with parents and families are far less frequent. Mrs Mason (Brompton-Westbrook) and Mr Carthy (Byron) were officially appointed as head teachers to those schools earlier this year leaving me to work with Trustees to develop key Trust strategies, carry out support for other schools in my role as a National Leader of Education (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/system-leaders-who-they-are-and-what-they-do>) and ensure that we deliver a high quality education for all pupils. I am delighted to say that we have delivered on this last promise as in 2016 Byron's Key Stage 2 SATS results were above those for schools nationally having previously been well below this standard. At Brompton-Westbrook, which is a National Support School, the Key Stage 2 results were 24% above those achieved nationally. This is exceptional performance and has been made possible because of the high quality of teaching by Mr Allen and his team. Mr Allen has also supported Byron with its improvement plans and will be able to continue working with both schools in his new role as Director of Learning. In this role he will oversee all aspects of teaching and learning in both schools to ensure consistency and high quality. He will support, train and mentor teachers as well as influence the development of the curriculum and its assessments

Many of you will know that Brompton-Westbrook has a Sure Start Children's Centre which is led and managed by the school and which was judged by Ofsted as being outstanding. From January, all Sure Start Centres in Medway will be managed by Medway Council and schools will no longer have any involvement with their management. Regardless of which Sure Start Centre you attend, they will still retain their school based sites and Medway Council is committed to providing the same high quality service to families. We wish our Sure Start staff all the best for the future and will continue to liaise closely with them to enable our youngest children to have the best start possible to their formal education.

In the coming year, The Westbrook Trust will begin to explore ways to expand and also develop its own website. We will

continue to keep a sharp focus on standards by setting out our systems for school improvement and quality assurance. The board of Trustees and governors of each school will keep a sharp eye on their own development and engage in any training that may be required to keep them up-to-date and further develop their skills and we will continue to work in the wider community to support schools that need our help. May I remind you that, although I am the Trust CEO, I am still available to speak to parents if necessary, especially to explain any aspects of the work of the Trust as a whole but you must remember that I am not in school every day.

It only remains for me to say how proud I am of the staff and pupils at both schools for the massive effort they have put in to achieving such high standards. You don't get results like that without believing in and showing real concern and passion for children and their education. You don't get results like that by just being a teacher - you need to have a moral purpose and understand how important your contribution as a teacher is to our society. You don't get results like that by working from 9 o'clock until half past 3. You don't get results like that without developing really strong and trusting relationships with children. You don't get results like that without being part of a supportive team. You don't get results like that without strong but sensitive leadership throughout the organisation. You don't get results like that without hardworking children. You don't get results like that without the help of parents and carers who know when to encourage, when to push and when to take a step back.

Very well done indeed to everyone in both schools. 2016 was an extremely successful year and with your help, 2017 will be even better.

Jane Heyes
Chief Executive Officer |Executive Head Teacher | National Leader of Education
The Westbrook Trust



Coming Soon

First Class Photos for Reception only

Tuesday 27th September

Y5/6 PGL residential trip initial meeting for parents

Tuesday 27th September 5.30pm

Behaviour Policy Workshops for parents - Booking required

Wednesday 28th September at 09.00, 1500 and 1800

Harvest Festival 09.00 6th October in the school hall

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September -
Friday 21st October

Christmas Term 2016

Tuesday 1st November - Friday
16th December

Winter Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January -
Friday 10th February

Easter Term 2017

Tuesday 21st February - Friday
31st March

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April - Friday
26th May

Bank holiday Monday 1st May

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 6th June -
Tuesday 25th July

Last week's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes

Nursery (AM) - 100%
3/4K - 98.4%
2C - 97.8%

Well done Nursery AM

News

Fundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could collect a free donation for Brompton-Westbrook Primary School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Booking.com and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

Head to the following website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bromptonwestbrookprimary/> and sign up for free.

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Brompton-Westbrook Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

School Meals

Although Wednesday is "roast dinner" day, over half the children having school meals this week chose a ham sandwich over the roast dinner! We were quite surprised and wanted to inform parents who may think their child is having a roast dinner - but actually choosing to have a sandwich instead.

PGL Residential Trip initial meeting 27th September 5.30pm

There will be an initial meeting for parents of children in years 5 and 6 who may be interested in going to Osmington Bay (just outside Weymouth) from Friday 24th March to Monday 27th 2017.

Brompton Academy Family & Adult Learning

Brompton Academy offer a wide range of Adult and Family learning courses to parents/ carers, students, staff and the wider community. For more information, see the attached flier or contact Mary Murison on 01634 583548

Admission to Secondary School September 2017

Online admissions are now open for children going to secondary school next September. If your child is in Year 6, you must apply for a school place even if you think you may not need it. It is better to have a place and then reject it than try and find one at the last minute when all schools are full.

www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival Service will take place in the school hall at 09.00 October 6th, 2016. All welcome. We hope to make donations of foodstuffs to Caring Hands in the Community, a local charity, which will allow them to support local people over the winter months. We would therefore be grateful for any donations of tinned and dry food items. Especially the following Beans, pasta, soup, tuna, vegetables, sugar, tinned fruit, lasagna, rice, mashed potato, tea, tinned tomatoes, coffee, ravioli, noodles, potatoes, savoury rice, hotdogs, powdered milk.

Behaviour Policy workshop for parents

If you would like a better understanding of our behaviour policy, please come to one of our workshops. These will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 09.00, 1500 and 1800. Places must be booked via the school office please.

Go Wild Club

We were inundated with applications for the new Go Wild club which demonstrated to us just how much our children want to be outside: exploring, discovering and relaxing in nature. Unfortunately spaces were limited so a 'lucky dip' system was required to allocated places. Places have now been given for term 1 but we would like to thank you all for returning interest slips so promptly. Different children will be allocated a space for term 2 so do please apply again when letters are distributed if your child wasn't lucky this time.

Outdoor Learning

We are pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded grants from the National Lottery Awards for All scheme and from the Ernest Cook Trust to further extend and develop our Forest School provision, improve our school grounds for wildlife and set up the Go Wild after-school club. This means more children can now benefit from high quality learning experiences in our wonderful school grounds. There are some exciting projects planned to use the money effectively and involve our school and wider community so watch this space!

Walk to school week

This is week commencing 10th October. Please encourage your child to walk to school.

Year 1 Active Learn - Online homework

Children will be set online homework in term 2. The class teacher will give your log-in details at the beginning of next term.

Rights Respecting Schools



Article 5

Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.

Clarks Unicef Shoe Appeal/Donate to Educate

There will be a box in the reception area for donations of any shoes, any condition. This will be given to Clarks who are working with Unicef to help change children's lives by buying educational equipment such as 'School in a Box'. These special boxes can transform any space into a learning space allowing children the chance to learn, no matter where they are. Every pair of shoes can make a difference.

Reminders

Primary School Admission

Was your child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013? If so, you need to apply for a primary school place. Online entries are now open at www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Medication

If your child has any medical needs such as asthma, eczema or an allergy please ensure you speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office about completing an Individual Health Care Plan.

Pat on the Back

3/4K - Sakinah for consistently following the school charter, being willing to support others in their work and always working to the best of her ability. Harmony for her independence in maths and positive 'can do' attitude in all her work

3/4M - Tyler and Enzo for their skills in Tag Rugby this week

3/4F - Kimberlee for her enthusiasm and positive attitude towards her learning this week. Max for his stamina and hard work in numeracy

5/6B - Joeb for improving his handwriting and Ryan for being really supportive to a partner

5S - Joseph and Antea for their handwriting and excellent presentation of work in all of their books this week

6S - Frankie for his growth mindset and Callum for his excellent presentation in all books

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Events coming soon:

Financial & Benefits Advice – Wednesday 12th October 2016, between 9.30am & 1.30pm: Would you like financial and benefits advice from a trained Home-Start Financial Fitness Champion? The Children's Centre in partnership with Home-Start Medway are offering adults advice on a number of financial issues, including: highlighting priority debts, checking whether you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to, letters to debt companies and budgeting. 1-1 hourly appointments are available at the Children's Centre. **Booking required. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Understanding Your Child - starts Friday 14th October 2016, 9.30am-11.30am: Calling all parents with children up to the age of seven. Do you sometimes feel you are at breaking point with your child's unwanted behaviour? The Centre will be running a group to help and support parents to understand their child's behaviour. Offering practical advice on understanding of how your child is feeling and why they behave the way they do. The group meets once a week for 2 hours on Fridays. **Booking required. Please contact the Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Basic Paediatric First Aid Course – Wednesday 19th October 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm: This is an adult learning session, so children will be unable to attend. We ask for a £5 donation with all proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation. **Booking Essential. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1), to book your place.**

Inclusions:

- Capstone Festival Flier
- Brompton Academy Family & Adult Learning programme 2016/2017
- Year 6 secondary school flier
- Primary Times



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Assistant Heads : Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer (for families with children aged 5-11) Mrs Karen Liddle 07535 696125

Community Liaison Officers (for families with children aged 0-5) Mrs Julie Flain 07535 696126 & Mrs Shona Budge 07947 997295