

Bricknell Primary School and Children's Centre



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Anti-bullying week



Thank you to all the parents who filled in our questionnaire on open night. We will send out the results of this during the week. In the questionnaire we asked directly about bullying to find out your views on how well our school deals with this. **Bullying is defined as intentional behaviour towards another that causes physical or emotional harm on more than one occasion.** We take any allegations of bullying very seriously and fortunately, serious cases of bullying are extremely rare at Bricknell. However, some parents and pupils have reported issues with low level name calling and unkind comments, which can also be upsetting for children and are not acceptable in our school. In order to raise awareness and to support our children, we are holding our annual anti-bullying week. The focus this year is, "STOP AND THINK - WORDS CAN HURT." The work we will be doing with the children will focus on the way we speak to each other, the kind of comments which can be hurtful and upsetting, and how to deal with this if it is happening. We always say to our children that they must tell us if they have a problem and then we can deal with it. It would be appreciated if you could discuss this with your children this week and ensure they know what to do if they ever find themselves a victim of bullying.

Christmas dates



The Friends of Bricknell are planning to hold a Christmas Fair straight after school on Friday 2nd December. Other dates for your diaries include Reception's Christmas productions on the afternoons of 8th and 9th of December and the Year 1 and 2 productions on the afternoons of 13th and 14th December. Christmas dinner will be on 15th December and school closes for Christmas on Tuesday 20th.

Industrial action

As you may have seen in the media, there is a proposed day of strike action against changes to public sector pensions on Wednesday 30th November. We do not yet know the implications for our school if the action takes place, but last time we were forced to close as the majority of staff were affected. We will keep you informed but we wanted to give you advanced warning of this date.

Animation success



'I Wish I Went To Ecuador,' the animated film made by our children last year, has now won two prestigious awards. The film has won the Grand Prize for Best Overall Film by Professional and Youth Jury (6-12 Category) at Kids for Kids UK Film Festival 2011. On Saturday, the film also won the 'Films By Young Animators Award' at the Bradford Animation Festival. This is fantastic news for our school! The film is also due to be screened by the British Film Institute in London this weekend as part of the 'We The Peoples' festival. A DVD of the film is available from the school office for £2.00 if you would like your own copy.



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