

SUNFLOWER FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

End of Autumn Term 1



From SLT: It has been wonderful to return to work this week and see the children and the school communities again. The children and school staff really deserve the forthcoming half term break, and I hope that you all make the most of it with your family. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 30th October.

Alex Griffiths, Executive Headteacher



THIS WEEK IN OUR SCHOOLS:



On Wednesday we held Brooke's annual Harvest Festival service at St Peters Church. It was fantastic to see so many families join us and we are incredibly grateful to all of our fantastic volunteers that helped us walk to the Church. The service included readings by some of our year 6 children, a fabulous singing performance of one tomato, two tomato from Poppy class, a harvest samba from our ks2 classes and singing from Buttercup Class. A particular well done to Laurel in Buttercup class who read the closing prayer beautifully! Families were incredibly generous with their food donations and these have been given to the food bank to support other families.

Ms Weal

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Date: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October Event: School closed

Date: Monday 30th October Event: Children return for 2nd half of Autumn Term

1st Nov: Cross Country At Langley for some year 3-6 children. Brooke & Hempnall

2nd Nov: Football fixture Brooke vs Hempnall for some 5-6 year children. 3.30-4.30pm at Brooke playing field

3rd Nov: Non-school uniform at Hempnall

3rd Nov: PTFA Disco for Brooke: KS1 3.30 KS2 5.30

Don't forget wet weather and cold weather clothes - named please! - after half term, as the temperature begins to drop!

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From Mrs Lewis at Hempnall: It has been a great final week of the first half term at Hempnall, we have welcomed our new staff member Mr Tim Thurston-Smith, who is running our after school club and working as a Teaching Assistant. Please if you see Mr Thurston-Smith around school, say hi and introduce yourself to him!

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FROM MR GREEN:

On Monday, thirty Year 3-6 pupils from both Brooke and Hempnall attended a girls football tournament at Goals with a Year 3-4 team and a Year 5-6 team from both schools. The day started with sixteen teams in each age group playing in four separate groups to rank the teams for the afternoon session. After each of our teams played their three games against the other teams in their groups, the teams were sorted into new ranked groups to play teams of similar ability in the afternoon. The girls had an absolutely fantastic time, developing key skills within football and hugely improving their confidence when playing competitive matches. The Hempnall Year 5-6 team finished 5th out of 16 teams. The Brooke Year 5-6 team finished 13th out of 16 teams. The Hempnall Year 3-4 team finished 7th out of 16 teams. The Brooke Year 3-4 team finished 1st out of 16 teams with a very impressive five out of 6 wins in total!!




OUR FEDERATION GOVERNORS

We have held our first federation governing board meeting of the school year, and Neil Batchelor - previously chair at Hempnall - was elected as chair of the Sunflower Federation governing board. Laura Cowan - previously vice-chair at Brooke - was elected as vice chair of governors. If you have any enquiries for the governors, please pass these on through the school office.

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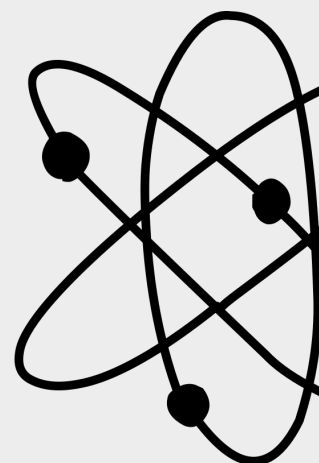
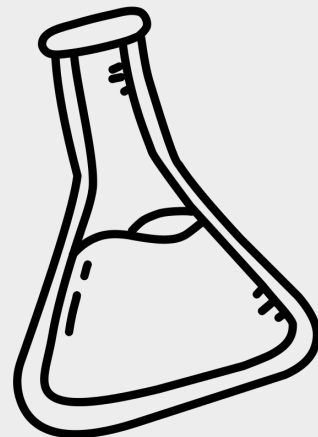


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REMINDERS

We know that parking at both schools can be chaotic, However could we please remind parents to remain mindful of other road users and pedestrians.

School gates open at 8.30- where children can access their classrooms or join in active start. Hempnall Monday and Fridays and Brooke is Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday. Children can then return to their classes at 8.50am for registration.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date: 13th November
Event: Remembrance Services

Date: 14th November
Event: Odd Socks Day

Date: 17th November
Event: Children in Need

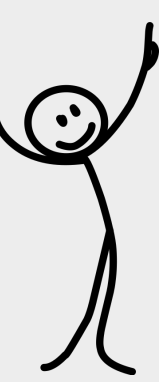
Date: 24th November
Event: Infants theatre trip

Date: 30th November
Event: Y5/6 TAG rugby Festival Hempnall & Brooke



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www.hempnall.norfolk.sch.uk
www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk



MEET THE TEAM

Who are you?

Rachael Harvey - TA and MSA at Brooke Primary (though I have spent time at Hemphall too!)

What is your role in the Sunflower Federation?

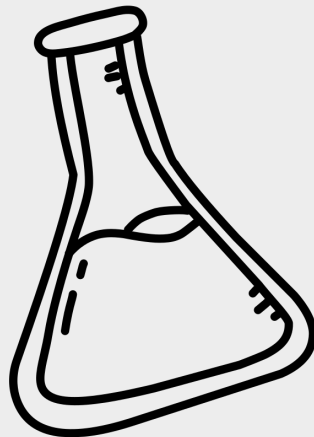
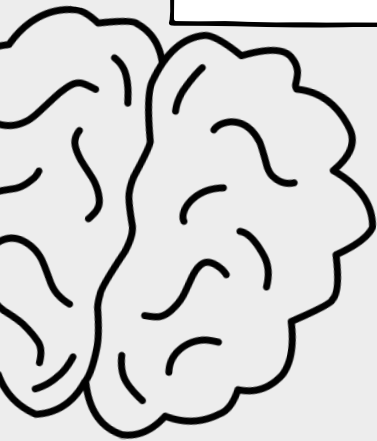
Teaching Assistant

How long have you worked in one of our schools?

I have been at Brooke for 2 and a half years.



Rachael Harvey



What is the thing you most enjoy about your job?

Seeing the pride on a child's face when they create an amazing piece of work.

What do you enjoy doing when not at work?

Exploring outdoors with my family. Nature is awesome!

What is your favourite flower?

Alstroemeria



Can you tell us a joke?

What noise does a Pterodactyl make when it goes to the toilet? ... None, the "P" is silent!

