


Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents of Early Years and Lower School,

It is beginning to look a lot like  at Brookes Moscow with decorations appearing around school and students beginning to look forward to our Christmas festivities. With this in mind we will remain balanced

throughout the festive season with a strong focus being maintained on academics at the same times as having some festive fun too!



With just a few sprinkles of snow this week, our students continue to enjoy our outdoor spaces in both the Early Years and Lower School. The temperature is dropping and it is great to see our students wrapped up warm. We have plenty of space in school for hanging coats and snowsuits as well as storing shoes for the colder weather with students in Year 3,4,5 and 6 being able to use both their lockers and the cloak room to store essential items. Mr Ted

from our Reception Bears class even got some new winter clothes this week to help him keep warm.



This week our Year 5 students have shared with us a wonderful assembly on Ancient Civilisations. As this was an online assembly, Homeroom teachers and classes interacted using the chat function to have a democratic vote as well as having a further task of fact finding too.

As our Units of Inquiry in the Lower School reach their end, we are seeing much collaboration. This week Year 3 shared their Science Fair with the rest of Lower School on a rotational basis while our Year 2 students made their own art gallery to celebrate their work. It was also wonderful to see some of our Year 6 students celebrating a class mate's birthday while playing traditional games. There were huge smiles all around and a great time enjoyed by all.

As part of our commitment to the wider community, we will be collecting new or nearly new items of clothing for adults and new or nearly new toys for children in order to support St Andrews Church here in Moscow. The church will be giving these items to members of the Moscow community who are in need. If you are able to support our collection then please send in items to school with your child. We would appreciate it if you could check that all toys are complete and that all clothing is clean.



Many of our families have asked about a Christmas party for the Lower School and Early Years. We have given this much thought as we do need to protect our students and follow the COVID guidelines issued to us. It is with great pleasure that we are able to organise a Festive Activity Day on Friday 18th December. Students will stay in their usual groups with Homeroom and Specialist teachers organising a range of festive themed activities throughout the day. We will

celebrate a variety of cultures as well as making crafts for Christmas. We also hope to have a special Christmas dinner and to have music and dancing in our outside area to allow for social distancing too.

There is no doubt that it will be a busy few weeks ahead of us with much learning and enjoyment taking place. With summative assessment for the Units of Inquiry, writing assessment and our Festive Activity Day, students and staff will be very busy right up until our final day of term.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you as usual, bright and early on Monday.

Kind regards,



Ms. Laura Rennard
Principal of Lower School & Early Years