

## **Make Our Village Safe!**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Years 5 and 6 from Brookmans Park School walked to the village to look at how safe it is for pedestrians. We observed that there were no zebra crossings or traffic lights around the green and also noticed that parked cars made it very difficult to cross the road without walking between them. Our local PCSO, Sam Griffin, met us with her colleagues and kindly allowed us to use her speed guns to measure the speed that vehicles were travelling at as they entered the village. We found that most of the cars were going at 21-30mph, and even recorded one motorist travelling at 39mph! Back at school, we made graphs to show our results and also created some Google Slides to demonstrate evidence from our fieldwork. We discussed how we could make our village safer for us to walk to and from school and all felt that it would be a good idea to put a zebra crossing near to the Co-Op supermarket. Finally, we wrote a letter to Grant Shapps (our local Member of Parliament) to share our suggestions. I feel that our village needs to be made safer; we do not want anyone to be injured on our roads.

Atoor Afshar Bagheri, aged 11, Year 6

## **Magistrates In The Community Workshop**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Years 5 and 6 at Brookmans Park School had a magistrates' workshop come to school! This was an amazing way to start our Crime and Punishment topic. Firstly, we had two magistrates (Karen and Bob) share a PowerPoint presentation with us, which included scenarios that we had to decide whether they were legal ('legit') or illegal ('you're nicked!'). After this, we set the classroom up to look like a court. We were each given a role and a script. I was the defendant – who was called Sonia – and was accused of sending unkind messages. My year group then had to decide if I was guilty or not! Our magistrates' bench, a cast of witnesses and lawyers had to then decide my (Sonia's) fate. I was sentenced to a community service order and to pay compensation to my victim!

This was a wonderful workshop and we all really enjoyed it.

By Chloe Sparrow, aged 11, Year 6

## **Pop up Pool**

This term the children at Brookmans Park Primary School were lucky enough to have fun swimming lessons in a pop up pool - it is a pool but it's not a real one that is dug into the ground (although that would have been cool). We got to swim at school every day for two weeks. We got changed in the changing room. We don't have real ones but our teacher made them out of P.E equipment from our school. It was so much fun; the swimming coaches were called Ben and Vinny.

The first week was so much fun: we did my favourite stroke - dolphin. The second week was even more fun. We did starfish and swam on our backs.

On the last day of swimming the swimming, the coaches let us have a humongous gigantic massive splash fight. We were splashing the swimming coaches and they sprayed us with a little cooled hose. It was great fun

Lottie, aged 8

### **Quidditch**

As part of our World Book Day celebrations this year, the children at Brookmans Park School learned how to play Quidditch - a Harry Potter sport in the wizarding world. It is where the seeker has to catch the snitch. The chaser has to get the quaffle into one into one of the three hoops. The bludgers are for the beaters. We were sorted by house colors so Earth was Slytherin, Fire was Gryffindor, Water was Ravenclaw and Air was Hufflepuff.

There was Slytherin vs Gryffindor and Ravenclaw vs Hufflepuff. It was beautiful playing (even though I was the keeper and I kept letting all of the goals in!!) I was sadly in Slytherin (even though I am actually a Ravenclaw!!)

The overall winner was...GRYFFINDOR!!!!!! Hufflepuff came 2nd, Ravenclaw came 3rd and last but not least Slytherin came 4th. I absolutely loved playing Quidditch. It was so fun.

Epsen, age 7 (almost 8)

Editor: Illustrative photos shown in Gallery.