

I am so delighted to have been appointed as the permanent head of Twydall School. Everyone at Team Twydall is working so hard to ensure that our journey of improvement continues so that our children get the very best education and school experience possible. Twydall School is a wonderful environment and the staff are among the best I have ever worked with, together I am sure that we can continue to make a positive difference. We will be running school tours in term 4 so that you can come and see us at work - details to follow.

In term 4 we will be focusing on getting the children to think about their future careers. We are planning assemblies where friends of the school, and hopefully parents, grandparents and /or carers would volunteer to come and share their experiences in the working world with some of our children. Please do contact the office if you'd like to volunteer.



We are excited to have been selected to be part of the **Magic Breakfast** initiative and really hope pupils and parents try out the bagels which will be on the lower school playground and at the upper school gates from March 4th.

Wrap around care is up and running and children who attend this will have the opportunity to have a bowl of cereal as part of this initiative and also a fun start to the day. We will be starting this slightly earlier, from 7.30 after parent requests, so

please do enrol your children. Research shows that children who do have a good breakfast perform better at school.

February 28th is the start on-line safety week, the school has invested in an online safety teaching and learning package Gooseberry planet which children can access at home and will be using in their ICT lessons to help understand the dangers of being online.



National Book week starts on March 4th and we are planning some exciting events – please do start thinking about dressing up outfits for Thursday March 7th, and remember home-made outfits are the best! I'm wondering what character Mr Brackley is going to be, he was wonderful as The BFG last year. Mr Allen is apparently dressing up as Gangster Granny! Do encourage your children to read over half term and think about what character they are going to be. We have invested in the **Read Write Inc** bookbags and we will be these launching next term we hope that the children enjoy the new books and that you see the huge progress that they are making through this scheme, do check the website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/> for ways to support your children's reading.

The BBC launched its **500 words writing competition** last week. In classes pupils have been following some interactive lessons and planning their story writing. Please do encourage your children to write a short story. It is up to parents to submit the entry online. **The deadline is at 7 pm on March 8th.**

Submit a story

Entries for Radio 2's annual short story-writing competition for kids are now open!



www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/59TwKqgLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/submit-a-story



Red Nose day the school Council will be running this for us on Friday 15th March. They are going to be asking for a donation of £1.00 if children want to wear pyjamas.

Scouts Founders Day is on 22nd February, so to celebrate it would be lovely if Scouts, Cubs, Beavers Guides and Brownies wear their uniforms on Monday 25th February in line with other schools in Medway.

Staffing news, Mrs Butler will be joining the office staff form after half term. She will be responsible for communications and school trips amongst other things! We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team. Many of you may have already met our new site team member Miss Knight who is a super addition to Team Twydall.

I hope that you all have a super half term and that staff and pupils returned refreshed and ready to learn on **Monday 25th February**. If you have any concerns or want to get more involved in the school please do have a chat with me, or Mr Allen on the playgrounds or please make an appointment to see us via the school office.

Kind regards,

Catherine Logan