



Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



Brookside Bugle

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YEAR ONE CLASS ASSEMBLY



What a fantastic class assembly we had when Year One presented their class assembly, all about The Great Fire of London. Fantastic facts and wonderful songs were shared about the class topic. It was lovely to see the classes' enthusiasm; the excitement of the show stood out on their smiling faces. It was clear for all to see that these children have gained so much from their learning and topic work. Their confidence and talents impressed us all. Well done Year One, and well done to Mrs Dale and the Year One staff team for inspiring the class!

KEY STAGE TWO HAVE TENNIS LESSONS AT WOODSIDE



On Friday 20th April we were delighted to have the full use of Woodside Tennis club for our Friday Key Stage Two Sports Lessons. Years Three to Six will be using the fantastic facilities at the tennis club and will be coached by club resident Tennis Professional, James Greenwood, alongside coaches from SCFC and our own school staff, for the whole of this half term. Following this, Woodside and their coach James, will be offering an after school club. This new relationship we have with the Tennis Club will hopefully continue for the years ahead and will give all the children at Brookside the chance to develop Tennis skills using a top class facility. Woodside welcome any new members. If you would like to enquire about membership you can find details on their website www.woodsidentennisclub.org. If you know someone who would be interested in trying 'Tennis for Free', Woodside are holding an event on Sunday 13th May from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Further details can be found on their website.

THE BIG PEDAL

We are half way through the Big Pedal Competition and I am pleased to say we are doing tremendously well. It is great to see so many of you encouraging your children to come to school on their bikes and scooters; and there are few parents doing that bit extra and coming on their bikes too! Really well done to all our cyclists, it's great to see the bike shelters so full of bikes. Let's keep it up for one more week and see if we can beat last year's results of finishing 118th nationally, 8th in the North West and 2nd in Stockport.



EASTER EGG COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations and thank you to all of the children who brought in their EGGCELLENT and wonderful entries for our Easter Assembly. Children, staff and families were amazed and delighted at the talents and clever ideas from all ages! A considerable amount of time and effort had been put in - well worth every minute!

The job of trying to choose 'winners' is never easy - so our thanks to Mrs Lansdale and Mrs Cavanagh for once again bravely taking on this challenge! Everyone received a certificate, and Easter Egg prizes were awarded to the winners from each class. A trophy was awarded for the winner in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.

To us, all children were winners! Overall results were:

Reception Class – Lana

Year One - Alfie

Year Two - Alfie

Year Three - Natasha

Year Four – Lola

Year Five - Callum

Year Six - Emily

Key Stage One trophy winner – Matthew

Key Stage Two trophy winner - Nathaniel

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

At Brookside Primary School excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every student. Full attendance maximises learning opportunities and parents/carers have a vital role in promoting good attitudes towards attendance. We ask for support from parents/carers to ensure that their children are present at every opportunity, to arrive on time and to avoid allowing children to stay at home unnecessarily, or taking them out of school without authorisation. Evidence shows that students who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially.

We monitor students' attendance closely and will follow up unexplained absence with parents/carers by telephone and/or by letter. Where a students' attendance record reaches a concerning level, we will contact parents/carers to discuss ways in which the school can support you and your child.

It is important to your child's learning that their attendance is excellent. If students are not here, they can't learn. The better their attendance, the more they achieve.

Very Good		Worrying		Causing Serious Concern	
95-100%		90-94.9%		89.9% or less	
The effect of Absence on School Progress					
A whole year has 365 days A school year has only 190 days This leaves 175 days for you to organise holidays and medical appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education					
	180 days of education				
		178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	
100% Outstanding	95% Good	94% Concern	90% Worrying	85% Serious concern	80% Serious Concern
Best chance of success		Less chance of success Makes it harder for your child to make progress		Your child will find it difficult to make progress	
Please remember! 90% means the equivalent of one day off a fortnight. Attend every day. Attendance matters.					

ATTENDANCE TARGET 2017/18

In order to improve the attendance of all children at school we have set a target of 96% for attendance throughout the whole school.

Reception	96.29%	Year Four	97.08%
Year One	96.68%	Year Five	95.37%
Year Two	96.68%	Year Six	92.48%
Year Three	95.43%	Whole School	95.64%

Well done to all our classes over the 96% target (Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4). The current best attendance continues to be in Year 4.

You should have received a copy of our new attendance policy. Please make sure you understand your responsibilities for your child's attendance. Please note under the terms of the schools new attendance policy fines will be issued for future unauthorised holidays

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd April Friday 4th May – The Big Pedal
Friday 27th April – Year 1 Class Assembly
Monday 14th –Thursday 17th May- Key Stage Two SATS Week
Friday 18th May – School Disco
Monday 21st – Friday 25th May – Enterprise Week
Friday 25th May – Open Morning 9.15-10.25
Friday 25th May – Break up for Half Term
Monday 11th June – School Open
Monday 11th – 15th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 12th June – Class Photos
Tuesday 12th June – Residential meeting for Year 6 Parents 6pm
Friday 15th June- Theatre Group Visit – The Wizard of Oz
Friday 22nd June – Sports Day AM
Monday 25th June – Summer Music Festival -Evening
Tuesday 26th June – Summer Music Festival - Afternoon
Friday 29th June – Reception Class Assembly
Friday 6th July – Summer Fair
Monday 9th July – Wednesday 11th July – Year 6 Residential
Monday 16th July - Open Evening
Tuesday 24th July – Year 6 Show
Thursday 26th July – Brookside's Got Talent
Monday 30th July – Awards Assembly
Tuesday 31st July– Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Brookside Leavers Tunnel
Tuesday 31st July – School Finishes for Summer Holidays

SOUTH STOCKPORT SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION



On Thursday 19th April we sent a team of Key Stage Two runners to the South Stockport Schools Cross Country Competition. The event hosted at Moorfield Primary in Hazel Grove saw Brookside runners go up against 12 other local schools. Although we didn't win, all the children finished the tough course in good spirits. Each race had over 70 children and Kira, in Year 3 managed to be in the medals, finishing an amazing 2nd in the Girls year 3 and 4 race. All the children who competed attend our lunchtime running club which is open to all children from Years 1 to 6. It would be great to get more of our children running and give more of them the opportunity to compete.

SAFEGUARDING AT BROOKSIDE

Brookside primary school is a Safeguarding School. If you would like to see or read our Safeguarding policy it is available to parents via the school website. Alternatively, a copy of the policy is available for you to read in the main entrance of school. We also have a leaflet prepared describing the schools prevent duty for parents available on the website or paper copies can be seen in the main entrance.

If you have any concerns about a child you can talk to the schools Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Tavernor or in his absence Mrs Barker or Mrs Warner.

Links to our Safeguarding policy, prevent leaflet and external links for parents with advice for keeping children safe can be found on the website by clicking 'About Brookside' in the main menu and then 'Safeguarding' in the subsequent menu.

Please ensure that your contact details remain up to date. Let us know if you change your mobile or home telephone number. If you have an email address it would be very useful for the school office to have this as well. You must also make us aware of any medical needs or changes to the information we have.