



Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



Brookside Bugle

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YEAR THREE TRIP TO RECYCLING CENTRE



Year 3 enjoyed their school trip to the Manchester Recycling Centre as part of their Topic looking at our 'Environment'. The children enjoyed putting the specialist equipment on to take a tour around the recycling centre seeing how the glass, plastic and other materials are sorted. The children were amazed to see the size of the machines in action as well as learning the importance of sorting rubbish into the correct coloured bin. A fun filled trip to consolidate their learning about the importance of keeping our environment clean.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th March – The Brookside Spelling Bee
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
Friday 8th March – Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March – Parent Consultations
Thursday 14th March – Year 3 Trip Treak Cliff Cavern
Friday 15th March – Wear something Pink for Comic Relief and Cake Sale
Friday 22nd March – Y1 Class Assembly
Monday 25th March to Friday 5th March – The Big Pedal
Thursday 28th March – Year 4 Visiting 'The Easter Story Trail'
Friday 5th April – Easter Egg Assembly
Friday 5th April Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23rd April – start of the summer term
Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATS Week
Monday 20th May – One Voice Concert at The Bridgewater Hall
Monday 20th – 24th May Enterprise Week
Friday 24th May - Open Morning 9.15 -10.25
Break up for Whitsun Holiday

YEAR THREE CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Friday the 15th February Year 3 took us back to the Stone Age in their fantastic Class assembly. The assembly was a brilliant time travelling story including an unforgettable Sid Slide Dance, fantastic acting, costumes and singing. The children were truly brilliant and even when technology let them down they were not phased in the slightest. Well done to all of Year 3 and Mrs Williamson and her team for putting it all together you brought your learning to life for all of us!

YEAR FOUR CLASS ASSEMBLY



What a fantastic class assembly we had when Mrs Bollington's class presented their class assembly on Anti Bullying. Positive messages for addressing bullying were shared, a very original anti bullying version of the Great British Bake Off was acted out including an appearance from Burt from David Walliams 'Ratburger'. The class sang 'HELP' and sang their own version of John Lennon's 'Imagine' with an anti-bullying message. 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.

Congratulations to them and thanks for sharing their hard working efforts. Mrs Bollington has certainly challenged and inspired them all!

CIRCLETIME CLASS MIXES

On Wednesday 13th February we had our very first Circletime Mix. Each of the classes was mixed up through the school. With each class teacher there was a circle of children from Reception through to Year Six. The first circle theme was 'What is great about our school?' It proved to be a great success with children discussing their answers across the age ranges. We will be having our Circletime mixes once every half term exploring a range of themes.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Raise Your Child's Attendance And Raise Their Chances!

What Does Good Attendance Mean?

- Do you know what your child's attendance is?
- Do you know what it means?

Attendance Example

This is Simon. He is in Year 6 and has 90% attendance.

Is that good?

What does it mean?

Simon thinks that his attendance is good and so do his parents.

Are they right?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week.

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed!

90% attendance over 5 years of school = ½ a school year missed!

Half a year absent from school. What impact might this have on Simon's life?

Research suggest that 17 missed school days = one GCSE grade drop in achievement.

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

So 90% is not as good as it first seemed.

What can parents do?

- Find out regularly what your child's attendance is.
- Make sure that your child arrives on time so that they do not lose any time at all. (Half an hour per day = 2.5 hours per week = a half day per week).
- Talk regularly with your child about school and how you feel about it. They will want to attend if they feel supported and anxieties listened to.
- **Ways for parents to encourage attendance:**
- Phone us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.
- Avoid taking holidays in school time.
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness.
- Know the routines of the school day to avoid issues – have they got their PE kit?
- If you have any concerns ring us – we will check attendance for you and be discreet.
- Praise and reward good attendance: even small successes i.e. going in promptly even when the first lesson is not their favourite!

Please talk to us to resolve issues. We may be able to support you and your child. You are not alone.

If a school can improve attendance by 1% they will see a 5-6% improvement in the child's attainment.

Please help us to help your child by ensuring that there attendance remains above 95% allowing them to achieve their potential.

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 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.

SPRING TERM CONSULTATIONS

Reminder – Parents Consultation Meetings will be held later on this term. **Monday 11th March and Tuesday 12th March 3.30pm till 6.30pm.** You should have received your Parentmail appointment sign up message.

SNOW POLICY

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern must always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all of our pupils and staff- some of whom travel a great distance to school each day. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

If Brookside is open in snow or bad weather, the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child care.

In the event of bad weather, parents should check whether the school is open before travelling to the site. There are a number of ways to confirm whether the school is open or closed.

- Parent Mail will be sent out
- Check the school website: www.brooksideprimary.com
- Check the list of school closures on the Stockport Council website.

If Brookside is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to re-open as soon as we can.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Start planning now!

Don't forget that we will be celebrating the end of term with our traditional EASTER EGG COMPETITION. Every child who enters will get a certificate, and we have prizes for the best in each class - trophies for the overall Infant and Junior winners.

IMPORTANT:

Easter Egg entries should come into school on Thursday 4th April in the morning to be included in the display. Judging will take place after school on Thursday, with the winners announced in our Friday morning Easter Egg assembly.



WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March we will be giving the children (and staff!) the opportunity to dress up as a character from a book.



THE BIG PEDAL

Once again we will be entering Sustrans BIG PEDAL Competition which runs from the 25th March- 5th April 2019. It's the time where we compete against other schools to see who has the highest number of children riding their bikes, scooting or walking to school. The race is on for two weeks and we will be sending our numbers in officially to be counted for the race.

We want as many of the children (and parents) to join in the travel as everyone counts!



HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupil absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Government guidance states '...From 1st September 2013 the law has changed in that the option to authorise ANY holidays during term time has now been abolished...' There are very strict guidelines and strict criteria for what would be regarded as exceptional circumstances. Please can I urge parents to take this into account and NOT book holidays during term time. I do sympathise with cost implications and work commitments – but the DfE have passed this law to impact on attendance at school. Thank you for your support and understanding that I cannot authorise any holidays in term time, and that legally parents are liable to be fined.

ATTENDANCE TARGET 2018/19

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	95.35%	Year Four	95.35%
Year One	97.44%	Year Five	97.13%
Year Two	97.44%	Year Six	97.22%
Year Three	95.76%	Whole School	96.58%

Well done to all our classes over the 96% target. The current best attendance is in Year 2 and 1.

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.