



Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



Brookside Bugle

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YEAR 5 AND YEAR 2 BRING CURRICULUM TO LIFE IN CLASS ASSEMBLIES



In the last month we have had fantastic assemblies from our Year Two and Year Six Classes. In both assemblies, wonderful speaking, acting and great costumes were on show. It was clear from the enjoyment and excitement displayed on the classes faces the children had gained an awful lot from their work on their topics and were able to demonstrate this in a fun, creative way. Well done to all of the children, the support staff and of course the teachers Miss Thompson and Miss Ramsbottom. You really brought your learning to life!

MATHS WEEK AND OPEN MORNING



This terms Enrichment week was all about Maths. During the week 12th -16th February we focused on applying mathematical skills in a real life context. Each class had a theme which was central to their week. Themes were based around things like The Rainforest, The Airport and Africa. The week proved to be a great success and very enjoyable for all the children and ended on the Friday with an open morning for parents to view the work taking place.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO THE HATWORKS

This week Year 1 had an exciting trip to Hatworks in Stockport. They toured the factory floor, inspected all the amazing types of hats, learned about the history of Stockport and even learned how to make a piece of felt. Their behaviour was impeccable and the work they have produced since shows just how well they listened and how much information they were able to remember. Well done Year 1 for making such a memorable trip for all of us. In Dylan's words, 'It was hat-tastic!'



VIKINGS AT TATTON



On Tuesday we visited Tatton Park dressed as Vikings. It was typical Viking weather . . . rain! First the Anglo Saxon called Elsa jumped out at us and took us to their village at the top of a very muddy hill. To get us ready to be sold as slaves, she had to teach us some skills such as pot making, bread making and defence/warrior skills. As you can see from the picture, we got into role and enjoyed the day!

POYNTON BRASS BAND VISITS BROOKSIDE!



On Friday night Brookside hosted a joint concert with Poynton Junior Brass Band. Brookside's Year 3 superstars started the evening off with an extremely polished performance of 'Eye of the Tiger,' including singing and actions, led by Mr Jolly. In a recent lesson The Deputy Head of Stockport Music Service said they were 'probably the best Year 3 I've ever observed.' Wow! Next Mr Haslam led Brookside's Brass Band playing some of their favourite pieces, and instigated some very entertaining audience participation. Poynton led the second half of the evening with some impressive playing and we were proud to see Emily and Jennifer playing their part in both bands – well done girls, keep up the good work! The evening finished with both bands joining together to play 'The Flintstones,' which seemed a fitting end to an evening celebrating the longstanding friendship Brookside has with Poynton Youth Band in which many of our children have continued playing long after they have left Brookside. Staff at Poynton commented on how much they had enjoyed the evening and how well they thought the Brookside children were playing. A huge thank you to parents for supporting both the concert and your children in keeping music such a vital part of Brookside life.

NEW LOCKDOWN DRILL

Every term we practise our evacuation procedure and the children are brilliant at this; evacuating the whole building quickly and efficiently to a safe assembly point. From next term we will introduce a termly "lockdown" procedure too so that everyone can be safe should the danger be outside. This will become a standard procedure in all schools. Our new lockdown alarm is a different sound to the evacuation alarm and will alert and inform everyone they need to stay inside. We will be doing termly practices of this procedure so that the children feel confident about what to do during a lockdown.

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	152 days of education
100% Outstanding					
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	96.27%	Year Four	97.02%
Year One	96.4%	Year Five	95.34%
Year Two	96.56%	Year Six	91.79%
Year Three	95.38%	Whole School	95.38%

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

Thursday 29th March Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 16th April – start of the summer term

Thursday 19th April – KS2 Cross Country Team at Moorfield Primary

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

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

THE BIG PEDAL

Once again we will be entering Sustrans BIG PEDAL Competition which runs from the **23rd April- 4th May 2018**. It's the time where we compete against other schools to see who has the highest number of children riding their bikes or scooting 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!



STAFFING NEWS

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Gadd will be getting married over the Easter Holidays. I'm sure you would all like to join me in wishing Miss Gadd all the best for her forthcoming wedding in the Easter Break. Miss Gadd will be returning to school after the Easter holidays as Mrs Arnfield.

Our wonderful Resource School Integration Assistant, Mrs Berndt, will be leaving us on the 20th April to work in a new role for Virgin Trains. Mrs Berndt started working at Brookside in 2005, when both her children came to the school. Her talents and skills working across the school will be missed by all. We all wish her well in her new job, but will certainly miss her very much. The school would like to welcome our newly appointed Resource Assistant, Miss Gadd (not to be confused with Miss Gadd who is becoming Mrs Arnfield but a new Miss Gadd) to replace Mrs Berndt in April.

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.