



Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



Brookside Bugle

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STUDENT LEADER ELECTIONS

On the week of September 17th we had our new school leader elections. Throughout that week the children had the chance to present views on why they would be the best person to take up one of the five leadership roles. On Tuesday that week, the children went to vote at Brookside's very own voting booth, voting for the leaders of each of the five areas and an overall student lead. Later that day votes were counted and the children elected were informed in our celebration assembly.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th October
Tuesday 30th October-
Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November
Tuesday 27th December
Friday 30th November
Monday 3rd December
Monday 3rd December
Tuesday 4th December
Tuesday 4th December
Wednesday 5th December
Thursday 6th December
Thursday 6th December
Friday 7th December
Friday 7th December –

Wednesday 12th December
Friday 14th December-
Monday 17th December

Wednesday 19th December
Monday 7th January

School open after half term holiday
School photos
Parent Consultations
Y5/6 Christmas Dance Display 2.40pm
Non uniform – Chocolate donations
Year One and Two Christmas Show Evening 6.00pm
Year 2 Road Safety – Step Outside
Year One and Two Christmas Show Afternoon 1.30pm
Year 5 Road Safety – Crashed Car Project
Year 6 Operation Eagle Eye and Year 4 Head smart project.
Year 6 Operation Eagle Eye
Christmas Brass assembly
Year 6 Speedwatch
Christmas Fair 5.30pm-7.30pm
Non Uniform day – Bottle donations
Key Stage Two Carol Service 1.30pm at St Thomas Church
EYFS Nativity
Non uniform Day/ Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk/
Children's Christmas parties
Break up for Christmas Holidays
School Open for Spring Term.

BROOKSIDE RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2019

For parents who wish to apply for a place in Brookside's Reception Year Group 2018/19, further information is available from Stockport Council at:

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

This is for children who were born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2015

I have been delighted to have already started showing parents and children around school. If you know anyone who is thinking about choosing Brookside - do please encourage them to give us a call and I will be pleased to meet them.

Applications are made online. If you can't access the online system from home, the facility is available from some of the many Information Centres across the borough or at Fred Perry House.

If you require any more information, please call the Admissions Support and Advice Team on 0161 217 6022 or email.

admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

MANCHESTER MAYOR ANDY BURNHAM VISITS BROOKSIDE



Last Thursday, the Peace Core of Brookside Primary School invited the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, into school to add his own hand to their 'Path to Peace'. Last year the children participated in the inspirational One Voice Celebration Concert, at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, a military initiative which united faith groups in a common goal of understanding and tolerance of all. Since the concert Brookside's Peace Core have continued this work with their 'Give us a Hand' Project, aiming to join as many hands as possible with pledges of peace written on them in a giant pathway around the whole school. Mayor Andy Burnham said, "I enjoyed visiting Brookside Primary School and hearing all about their Give us a Hand project and all the other fantastic work going on. We are living in a world full of division so it is more important than ever that we stand together and try and make it a better and more peaceful place for everyone to live. It was inspiring to see some of our youngest citizens doing their bit and really getting involved with thinking how we can create peace around the world."



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Reminder – Parents Consultation Meetings will be held later on this term. **Monday 12th November and Tuesday 13th November 3.30pm till 6.30pm.** Information regarding the consultations and booking times will be done through Parent mail on the first week back after the half term holiday. Please keep an eye out for parent mail in order for you to book an appointment.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you so much for sending in your kind donations for our Harvest Festival. Your support and generosity has been greatly appreciated by the Wellspring Charity.

This year's Harvest Festival began with the usual songs and readings from Year 6, and ended with a talk from one of the many volunteers from The Wellspring in Stockport. Thank you to all of you for making a difference.



MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

We held a Macmillan Cake Sale at school on Friday 28th September. All the proceeds made going to Macmillan Cancer Care. Thank you for all the Cake donations sent in, the cake sale was a big success raising £156 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



PARENTS FORUM

At Brookside we are very keen for parents to be fully involved in their children's education, and at Brookside we always value a home school partnership that continues to develop the full potential of every child. As part of our continued partnership there is a parent's forum meeting ; a chance for you to meet with myself as a group to discuss any school related issues in a friendly and positive way. **The next meeting will be on Friday 16th November 9.45am till 10.15am**

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in on the morning of Tuesday 30th October to take individual photos for all children. We will endeavour as always, to take family photographs that morning. If you have a younger family member, do bring them in from 9am, and we will plan to take all family groups first. Your patience would be appreciated with this! Just to clarify, all children will have individual photos taken (even if they have been in a family group).

CAR PARKING

The school car park and approach road is restricted space and not available for parents to use when dropping of or collecting children, please keep clear at ALL times for access of emergency services, delivery vehicles and coaches. Parents are asked to park legally on local roads, drive slowly near school, and to keep local residents' driveways clear. **The Car park is not to be used by children at any time.**

FIREFIIGHTERS VISIT YEAR 6

On Wednesday 26th September Year 6 had a visit from the local fire service. They talked to the children about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe. A child in Year 6 was dressed up in full firefighters clothing and the children were told about the Stop, Drop and Roll technique. The class would like to say a big a big thank you to the firefighting team who visited.



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.



Attendance

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 student's 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	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 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	97%	Year Four	95.65%
Year One	97.91%	Year Five	97.56%
Year Two	96.36%	Year Six	98.05%
Year Three	95.62%	Whole School	96.91%

Well done to all our classes over the 96% target. The current best attendance is in Year 6.