Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together

Brookside Bugle

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SNOW AT BROOKSIDE!

On Friday 13th January we made the most of the snowy weather by having some fun building snowman outside. The children had an extra-long break in the morning from 10am till 11am to compete in a team snowman building competition, which was later judged by Mrs Shiels. The children worked extremely well in their teams and there were some fantastic snowmen! Well done to the Year Two Team who were judged the winners later on in the day (not sure who had the most fun the children or teachers!)

Please remember that in the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern must always be the safety of the pupils and staff. And as parents you must decide if you feel it is safe to make the journey to school. However, if school is open, please send your child in with their wellies and a warm coat: we will always try to play out!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd February	Pyjama Day
Friday 3rd February	School Disco
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7th February	Year 5 - Mountain Rescue Visiting Class
Wednesday 8th February	SCFC Healthy Living Presentation 1.30pm
Thursday 9th February	Height, Weight and gearing screening
Wednesday 15th February	Band at the Music service Concert
Friday 17th February	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 17th February	**SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM**
Monday 27th February	**INSET DAY (School Closed)**
Tuesday 28th February	**SCHOOL OPENS**
Monday 6th March	Football Tournament at SCFC
Friday 10th March	Year Two Class Assembly
Monday 13th March – Friday 17th March	Enrichment Week (Science Week)
Monday 13th March	Consultation Evening
Tuesday 14th March	Consultation Evening
Friday 24th March	'Thank you' Assembly led by KS1 and EYFS
Wednesday 29th March	Spring Music Festival
Friday 31st March	Easter Egg Assembly
Friday 31st March	**SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**

YEAR FOUR ASSEMBLY

In our Friday assembly, on the 27th January, we all enjoyed a wonderful Science lesson about animals, led by Class Four. There were fantastic dances, costumes and the children spoke their lines beautifully. We all learned a lot! They even had audience participation with the whole school joining in with their 'Happy Feet' penguin dance and a very memorable frog chorus! Along with their super assembly, we loved seeing the photos from the class this year. The children's enthusiasm and knowledge was clear for all to see - and my thanks go to Mrs Bollington for inspiring her class to become Biologists and research the fascinating animal facts.

YEAR TWO STEP OUTSIDE

On Thursday 12th January our Year Two took part in one of Stockport's road Safety Teams activites 'Step Outside'. The road safety team worked with the class on local roads showing them how to be safe and aware of the risks. The Road Safety Team plays an important role in ensuring school children's safety is paramount during their journey to and from school. The team provides a number or services, which Brookside use, including Step Outside and the national standard in cyclist training 'Bikeability' to year 5 and 6 pupils. The team deliver effective learning outcomes in educating children about the impact road safety and the journey to school have on their daily lives. Through our resources they aim to motivate children to love learning about these aspects of education. Schools have a primary duty to safeguard the staff and young people in their care while at the same time creating the 'risk aware, but not risk adverse' citizens of tomorrow (RoSPA). The children had a great time and learned a very important lesson!

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.

BROOKSIDE BRITISH CHAMPION

On Sunday January 29th Brookside's talented percussionist, Ted, travelled to Preston Guild Hall with Poynton Youth Brass Band to compete in the British Open Brass Band Competition. The band played terrifically well and came second overall! The band also included many of our Brookside brass alumni; Penny, Lorna, Chloe and Rebecca, so well done to all of you and huge congratulations to Ted. You've made us all so proud.

PTA DISCO

Children, it's time to start getting out your dancing shoes and party wear as our PTA have kindly organised another Disco for you all this Friday. There will be drinks, crisps and magic wands on sale amongst other things and our very own DJ, DJ Bob, on the decks!

GATES TO THE PLAYGROUND

It has been brought to my attention that parents are going into the Key Stage One playground via the Preschool and EYFS outdoor areas to collect scooters and bikes from as early as 2.45pm. As we still have sports lessons and infant break times still taking place and in order to keep our children safe, can I please ask that parents don't go onto the playground before 3.10pm. If for any reason you do need to collect a bike or scooter earlier than this, can you come to the school office. Many Thanks for your support with this matter.

PYJAMA DAY

Don't forget to come to school on Friday 3rd February in your Pyjamas. Our School Leaders have organised this fun event to raise money for 'The Wellspring', one of our chosen charities. A donation of £1.00 to go to the charity has been suggested, however, any donation (however small) will be kindly received!

Thank you in advance for your donation and we look forward to seeing you all in your pyjamas.

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.

AWARDS

CITIZENSHIP (OWLS)

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	27th Jan.
RECEPTION	Phoebe	Thomas	Harrison
CLASS ONE	Erin	Imogen	Alfie
CLASS TWO	Harry	Joey	Grace
CLASS THREE	Oliver G	James	Aster
CLASS FOUR	Callum	Daisy	Evie
CLASS FIVE	Jake W	Lola	Abbie
CLASS SIX	Faith	Libby	Emily

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	27th Jan.
RECEPTION	Emma	George	Amelia
CLASS ONE	Safiya	Hudson	Alex
CLASS TWO	Alexander	Natasha	Max
CLASS THREE	Noah	Neve	Abigail
CLASS FOUR	Clark	Zander	Myles
CLASS FIVE	Jacy	Ria	Neve
CLASS SIX	Rainey	Natalie	Nyle

WRITER AWARD

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	27th Jan.
RECEPTION	Harrison	Riley	
CLASS ONE	Isla	Freya	Phoebe
CLASS TWO	Kitty	Jasmine	Kitty
CLASS THREE	Toby	Amelie	Jack
CLASS FOUR	George	Millie	Callum
CLASS FIVE	Amelia	Liam	Henry
CLASS SIX	Orla	Ted	Lily

BIKE/SCOOT AWARD

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	27th Jan.
RECEPTION	April	Lloyd	Dylan
CLASS ONE	Zac	Beth	Arthur
CLASS TWO	Rosie	Ethan	Jenson
CLASS THREE	Kara	Alex	Darcie
CLASS FOUR	Myles	Jesse	Toby
CLASS FIVE	Caspar	Izzy	Toby
CLASS SIX	Sam	Finn EH	Molly

PRESENTATION AWARD

	13th Jan.	20th Jan.	27th Jan.
RECEPTION	George	Emma	
CLASS ONE	Leo	Ava	Matthew
CLASS TWO	Ava	Kira	Jack S
CLASS THREE	Max	Aster	Lola
CLASS FOUR	Charles	Gabrielle	Evan
CLASS FIVE	William	Emily	Belle
CLASS SIX	Layla	Charlie	Sammy

SPRING TERM CONSULTATIONS

Reminder – Parents Consultation Meetings will be held later on this term. **Monday 13th March and Tuesday14th March 3.30pm till 6.30pm**. Letters will be sent out in the next few weeks in order for you to book an appointment.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday's in January:

Harry, Poppy and George in Reception; Zac in Year 1; Robyn and Alexander in Year 2; Amelie and Max in Year 3; Alfie M in Year 4; Jake W and Lola in Year 5 and Lucy in Year 6

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

13th Jan.	Esther	Reception
	Freya	Class 1
	Jessica	Class 1
	Daisy	Class 4
	Alfie M	Class 4
	Georgia	Class 6
	Samantha	Class 6
20th Jan.	Harry	Class 2
	Liam	Class 2
	Nathanial	Class 2
	Lyla	Class 2
	Kira	Class 2
	Beccy	Class 2
	Kitty	Class 2
	Ava	Class 2
	Orla	Class 6
	Lucy	Class 6
27th Jan.	Phoebe	Class 1
	Leo	Class 1
	Toby	Class 3
	Nuala	Class 4
	Toby	Class 4
	Jack	Class 4
	Clark	Class 4
	Libby	Class 6
	Holly	Class 6
	Judy	Class 6
	Finlay	Class 6
	Lilly	Class 6

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.