



Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



Brookside Bugle



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STUDENT LEADER ELECTIONS

On September 28th 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 new leadership roles. On Thursday 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. This year's school leaders are:

Student Leader: Josh

Play Leaders: Mia and Morgan

Learning Leaders: Oliver and Darcie

Healthy Leaders: Aster and Liam

Charity Leaders: Isobel and Charles

Well done to all the children who took part and to our new school leaders.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th – 20th October Walk to School Fortnight

Thursday 19th October –

Open Morning 9.10 -10.25

Friday 20th October –

Break up for Half Term

INSET DAY

Monday 30th October – School open

Thursday 2nd November-

School photos

Friday 10th November –

Year 6 Class Assembly

Parents Forum

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November

Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm

Monday 13th November -

Anti-Bullying week - All different, All equal

Friday 24th November –

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28th November -

Year 5/6 Christmas Dance Performance 2.40pm

Thursday 30th November -

Year 3 Lyme Park Trip

Monday 4th December –

Year One and Two Christmas Show Evening 6.00pm

Tuesday 5th December -

Year One and Two Christmas Show Afternoon 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December –

Key Stage Two Carol Service 1.30pm at St Thomas Church

Friday 15th December-

EYFS Nativity

Monday 18th December –

Panto – Beauty and the Beast

Tuesday 19th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January – INSET DAY school closed

Thursday 4th January – School Open for Spring Term

Monday 8th and 15th January –

Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 19th January –

Year 4 Class Assembly

BROOKSIDE RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2018

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 2014.

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.

Don't forget our Open Morning on Thursday 19th October which will be an ideal opportunity for people to see our school 'in action'.

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.

MARPLE FIREFIGHTERS TAKE ASSEMBLY



On Monday 9th October we had a visit from Marple firefighters who took assembly. They talked to all the children about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe. Jacy, in Year 6, was dressed up in full firefighters clothing and the children were told about the Stop, Drop and Roll technique. On Friday that week, they came back into school to train our Year 6 class in C.P.R. as part of the British Heart Foundation scheme. Well done to all our Year 6 who passed and a big thank you to the team at Marple Fire Station.

YEAR 5 MOUNTAIN RESCUE VISIT



On Thursday 12th October we had a visit from Bernie who works for Mountain Rescue. First he showed us some videos of Mountain Rescue at work. It was interesting finding out about what he carries in his bag and the equipment he uses, especially the flares! After he had spoken to us, we were lucky to see his ambulance and have a sit inside – he even put the siren on! We all enjoyed carrying the stretcher first we carried Evan and then Mia. After Bernie explained how someone injured would have a wee on the stretcher!! We found him hilarious because he kept making jokes!

By Daisy, Jesse, Millie, Mia, Toby, Thomas, Joe and Callum.

YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE AIR RAID SHELTERS

On Thursday 12th October, Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Stockport Air Raid Shelters. The children all had to put on their best evacuee outfits and sing their hearts out to songs from the 1940s. All of Year 6 agreed the day was a great experience, because they got to feel what life actually was like down in the shelters, experience the dark and how evacuees were treated during the war and their time away from home. After a healthy 1940s style rationing lunch year 6 also learnt about how to wear a gas mask, completed the daily chores using the latest 1940s technology and created some make do and mend fashion items, alongside learning about sirens and how to build and protect an Anderson shelter. A wonderful and memorable day.



HARVEST

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.

As always, our school hall was packed with parents, friends and family who came along to be part of our service, and to see the amazing contributions from the children and yourselves. We enjoyed plenty of singing, poetry and smiles from our wonderful children. Thank you for making a difference.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE

We held a Macmillan Coffee Morning at school on Tuesday 3rd October from 9.00am till 10.20am. All the proceeds made will go to Macmillan Cancer Care. Following the Coffee Morning we sold cakes to the children at break time. Thank you for all the Cake donations sent in, the coffee morning and cake sale was a big success.



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 monthly parent's forum; 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 10th November 9.45am till 10.15am**

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in on the morning of Thursday 2nd November 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.**

FOOTBALL NEWS

On Monday 2nd October we had a very exciting home fixture in the South Stockport Schools football cup against Queensgate Primary School. The school team consisting of children from Year 5 and 6 did the school proud with a battling performance against very tough opposition. The first half was a very close game with opportunities at both ends. Brookside were unlucky to finish the half 1-0 down. Unfortunately the second half didn't go to plan and we were beaten 6-0. Thank you to all the children for their efforts.

BIRTHDAYS

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

RECEPTION: Alby
CLASS 1: Peter and Dylan
CLASS 2: Isla; Safiya; Cole; Arthur and Imogen
CLASS 3: Rebecca and Lyla
CLASS 4: Charlie; Lola and Lottie
CLASS 5: Morgan; Evan; Jesse; Myles and Sara
CLASS 6: Josh; Georgia; Toby and Ria

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 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	96.44%	Year Four	98.41%
Year One	97.46%	Year Five	95.68%
Year Two	97.73%	Year Six	91.07%
Year Three	96.16%	Whole School	95.65%

Well done to all our classes over the 96% target. The current best attendance is in Year 4.