



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 7

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Dear Parents,

Choir at The Big Christmas Sing

The choir performed brilliantly last night at the Oxford Town Hall, as part of The Big Christmas Sing concert. Well done to all of the children in the choir and a big thank you to Miss Sadie for leading our choir at Brookside. Thanks also to Mrs Aston, Mr Watt and all parents who came along to watch this wonderful concert.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Smith who is pregnant and expecting her second child. Miss Mooney will teach the class full time when Mrs Smith is on maternity leave.

Key Stage 1 Panto

The children in Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the pantomime to see Dick Whittington and his cat yesterday and it was fantastic to see them behave so well, as usual. There was plenty of laughs and it would be no surprise if some of the children came to school today having lost their voices! It was a great opportunity for the children to see the story that they have been learning about in Literacy, come to life on the stage. A big thank you to FOBS for contributing to the cost of this trip.

KS2 Christmas Launch

Calling all Key Stage Two elves and pupils. To celebrate the launch of our Christmas topic we invite you to come to school on Monday 3rd December dressed in your PJs, dressing gowns and slippers. Remember to still wear something warm though when outside. If you'd rather wear school uniform then that is fine with Santa. Ho. Ho. Ho.

France Residential Photos

A reminder to parents of pupils in Year 6 who went to France recently that we have an 8-minute slide show of pictures from the trip if you would like a copy. Simply bring a memory stick into school and hand it to Mr Simpson and we will copy it for you - no charge!

Newspapers Needed

Year 5&6 are stuffing sandbags to make a World War One display at school. If you have any old newspapers at home we would gladly take them off your hands.

World War One Gallery Display

Parents of Year 5&6 pupils are invited to the launch of our World War One gallery exhibition on Thursday 13th December at 3pm. The children will be showing off all the fantastic work they have been doing since September on The Great War.

Bike Security

A red Raleigh girls' bike was taken from school on Tuesday. Please let the school office know if you have any information about this. We strongly recommend that all bikes are locked when left in school.

FOBS—FRIENDS OF BROOKSIDE SCHOOL UPDATE (PTA)

As we stand out in the cold wet weather this week selling FOBS 100 numbers and Christmas tree tickets a few parents have asked us 'what are we fundraising for?'

FOBS contribute towards school trips, such as Horrible Histories and Dick Whittington to name a few, the internet safety course and school equipment that the school budget may not be able to afford otherwise (this costs in the region of £2500 every year) .

FOBS are also trying to raise the estimated amount of £25,000 for new play and exercise equipment in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Such as a huge climbing frame with slides, exercise equipment (like at Garth Park) and a soft rubber matting for safety.

We're trying to raise this money through many different avenues:

- During December you will see us at your child's Christmas performances selling raffle tickets to win one of many fabulous prizes all donated from parents and local businesses
- Christmas bazaar and KS2 carol concert on the 20th December
- Club 100 the school lottery (which you can sign up for as little as £2)
- If you shop at Co-op you'll be able to donate as members if you nominate our cause
- Hopefully soon you'll be able to put those little blue tokens at Tesco into our collection space.
- Also by signing up to easy fundraising when you shop online those retailers will donate money at no cost to you <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brooksidepsbic/>

Every penny counts and hopefully soon we'll all be able to lay the foundations for the play equipment.

Ultimately, we're doing this for the children to give them the best primary school days they'll remember for years to come.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support—FOBS.

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance over the last two weeks.

Class	Week beginning 19/11/18	Week beginning 26/11/18
BM	98%	96%
DF	92%	97%
CP	97%	94%
AW	98%	96%
LD	96%	93%
FH	93%	96%
CC	97%	94%
RM/TS	99%	92%
CS	92%	97%

Football Match Report

Last Wednesday saw our school team begin their title defence as we hosted St Mary's. The weather was cold, but the boys all kept the crowd moving, with chance after chance early in the game. St Mary's seemed to be the stronger of the two sides early on but Seb made a number of outstanding saves to keep us in the game. We defended well and dealt with St Mary's attacks with ease. Oscar was particularly impressive, making some excellent and important interceptions. Just as St Mary's thought that they were having all of the chances, Finn was put through on goal and as he showed so many times last year, again smartly finished over the goal keeper from outside the area. 1-0 Brookside. St Mary's continued to force attack after attack and quickly equalised to make it 1-1. The drama continued, when one of the St Mary's players handled the ball in the area. This gave Finn the chance to put us ahead from the spot. Unfortunately, their goal keeper made a good save and the game continued to create chances for both teams. St Mary's attacked well again down the left hand side and Oscar, on this occasion, mistimed his tackle and conceded a penalty. St Mary's were more deadly from the spot and their player slotted the ball in past Seb to ensure that they were in the lead at half time. At half time, Brookside knew that they had to want the ball more and had to provide more support for Finn in attacking areas. Oscar continued to impress and was asked to play a more advanced role in the 2nd half. Seb continued to make some excellent saves and Jack made some excellent tackles. Finn was left isolated for much of the second half and we relied heavily on him making goal scoring chances for himself. With only a few minutes left, St Mary's broke again and finished smartly in the bottom corner to make it 3-1 to St Mary's. This is how the game ended and both teams played an excellent game of football. It was fantastic to see all the players in both teams playing fairly and with lots of sportsmanship.

Brookside - Seb, Jack B, Jack M, Oscar, Dylan, Lewis, David, Finn (c) (1) and Justin.

Brookside Man Of The Match - Oscar for his excellent reading of the game and crunching tackles.

Match Report by Mr Plumbe

Dates for your diary

Monday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12th December	EYFS Production 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 13th December	EYFS Production 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 20th December	FOBS Christmas Bazaar/KS2 Carol Concert 5:30 p.m.
Friday 21st December	End of Term 3:00 p.m. finish
Monday 7th January 2019	Spring Term starts

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell