



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

KS1 Trip Natural History Museum

The children in KS1 visited the Natural History museum in Oxford this week. The trip offered the children the chance to learn even more amazing things about dinosaurs- their topic for the term. The children were lucky enough to take part in a workshop led by Chris, a dinosaur expert at the museum. The children handled fossils that are millions of years old. They also got to hold fossilized dinosaur poo! Following the workshops, the children explored the museum. They had a fantastic time and learnt lots of new things!

Year 3&4 Trip to Milton Keynes Museum

Children in years 3 and 4 have been fully immersed into our Victorians topic with their trip to MK museum this week. They had the opportunity to look at how the living conditions differed between the rich and the poor as well as walk down a Victorian street of shops. Children were impeccably behaved, particularly in the school house where they found out about punishments that included finger stocks, back boards and the cane!

Year 5&6 Trip to Whipsnade

To help cement the work we have been doing in science at Brookside on evolution and inheritance, Year 5&6 enjoyed seeing the animals at Whipsnade Zoo last week. During the visit, the children had to locate animals that had evolved different adaptations to help them eat, defend themselves, communicate and survive extreme environments. In addition, there was a talk on adaptation by one of the zoo keepers which culminated in the children getting the opportunity to meet up close and personal, Sausage the snake!

Admissions for Reception and Year 7 2018

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 (inclusive) will be starting Reception from September 2018. From 25 October 2017 applications can be submitted for primary and infant schools. If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from schools and from the [School Admissions Team](#). The deadline for receipt of primary and infant school applications is 15 January 2018.

If your child is in Year 6 you need to apply for their secondary school place. The deadline for receipt of secondary school applications is 31 October 2017. All applications can be made online [here](#).

Harvest Assembly

It was good to see so many parents at last week's harvest assembly. Apologies that it was so crowded in the hall; we are looking at different arrangements for the next parents' assembly, in the Spring term, to alleviate this problem. Thank you for your kind donations which helped to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Any unsold food was donated to the Bicester Food Bank.

House Captains

Well done to these children who have been voted as the new house captains. They will represent their houses during the year.

Saturn	Leo and Hannah
Mars	Finlay and Hollie
Venus	Libby and Max
Jupiter	Ella and Scott

FOBS

The Friends of Brookside School have their next meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 3:00 p.m. If you are able to come along then your support will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to join the committee your help at events is always appreciated.

The next event is the Halloween Disco on Thursday 2nd November. KS1 will be between 2-3 pm and KS2 between 3-4 pm.

Thank you to FOBS for organising the MacMillan Coffee morning last week. This was a successful event and it was good to see many parents/grandparents in attendance.

Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— CLASS BM - MRS MARTIN

Class	25/09/2017	02/10/2017
BM	98.94%	98.54%
DF	98.57%	96.96%
CP	100.00%	95.83%
AW	96.30%	98.16%
LD	98.35%	96.77%
FH	100.00%	96.88%
CT	96.00%	96.67%
RM	97.32%	96.17%
CS	100.00%	96.05%

Dates for your diary

Parents' Evenings Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October
Half Term Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October
INSET Day Monday 30th October

Best wishes,
Mr N Cornell