



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

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Dear Parents,

## Children in Need

A big thank you for supporting Children in Need today. It was good to see so many children getting involved and raising money for this excellent charity. We were lucky enough to be visited by Pudsey himself as the Bicester Fire Service brought him to school on a fire engine. Thank you to Mr Campbell for calling by Brookside. Pudsey presented the prizes to the children in assembly. The cakes which the children decorated are wonderful, it has been great to see the hard work put in by children at home (and adults!) to produce a really good spotty bake!

Please support the cake sale this afternoon in the community room from 2.30pm until all the cakes have gone!

## FOBS

A massive thank you to FOBS for buying a brand new stage for the school. The new stage is higher than the previous one and much easier to erect so will be used a lot more by the children. It will also will improve the view for the audience.

FOBS have also regularly subsidised the cost of the coach travel for school trips. Due to these donations; trips such as the KS1 pantomime are much cheaper than they would be for parents.

If you have any time to spare, especially during the Christmas Bazaar on 6th December, FOBS are always grateful for any help.

## Bacon Roll Morning

FOBS will be selling bacon rolls next Friday before school from the main hall.

## Non Uniform Day—Friday 1st December

As in previous years children can come into school in their own clothes for a donation of chocolate for the Christmas Bazaar. This is always a very popular stall at the bazaar with the children.

## Staff News

Miss Carter has given birth to a baby boy this week. They are both doing well and hope to visit soon.

## Year 3/4 Football Finals

Well done to the children who represented Brookside at last week's football finals in Banbury. They did very well to qualify for the final and all tried their hardest during the afternoon.

## Swimming Gala

Well done to the children who represented the school at the swimming gala this week. They enjoyed the event and did Brookside proud.



## School Games Mark Celebration Event

Last Wednesday Mrs Martin and I went to BGN to receive a Gold Award for Brookside's commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2016/17. This is the fourth year running that Brookside received this award and it is all down to the hard work of the pupils and staff of Brookside school, as well as the wonderful support we receive from our parents. Congratulations to all the children and staff.



The photo is of Mrs Martin receiving the School Games Gold award from Matt Gottrel MBE our Olympic Gold Medallist (Rio 2016 Men's Eight Rowing)

"You don't have to be a hero every day, just a little bit better every day."

## Parliament Day

To celebrate national parliament week, Year 5&6 have enjoyed a whole day learning all about this great British institution. The children have discovered when and why it first began, how an election works, the role of MPs and more. In addition, pupils have taken part in a House of Commons style debate, voted, formed their own political parties and generated topical questions to ask local MP Victoria Prentis when she comes to see us on Monday.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Once again, we have been really impressed with everyone's efforts on TT Rock Stars. Children have been very enthusiastic about our battle of the bands competition. A special well done to Evan (AW), Jack (LD), Johnathon (FH), Maxwell (CT), Reuben (RM) and Ella (CS) for earning the most points for their band. The winners were Dobb's Rockers, School Rockers (CT) and Star Parade (RM). We have seen a huge improvement in the recall of times table facts from children across school, especially those that are using TT Rock Stars regularly at home. Thank you for your support in helping children with this area of their learning.

### Wanted—Polystyrene Food Bases

If you have any polystyrene food bases, the type of thing you would find on the bottom of shop bought pizzas please can you send them into school. They can be any shape and if possible white in colour. Thank you.

### Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— CLASS CP—MR PLUMBE

Class	6/11/17	13/11/17
BM	92.89%	87.75%
DF	96.21%	94.27%
CP	97.93%	98.85%
AW	99.26%	91.02%
LD	100.00%	97.88%
FH	98.52%	98.36%
CT	92.62%	92.96%
RM	98.62%	98.47%
CS	97.14%	93.28%

### Football Report—Brookside 7-3 St Mary's

On Wednesday the Brookside school football team opened their season, hosting St Mary's school for a very local derby! The boys were outstanding from the very first kick of the game, constantly bombarding the St Mary's defence for the first few minutes of the game. We just couldn't hit the target! The visiting goalkeeper also made some outstanding saves.

It was only a matter of time before Brookside opened their account for the season and after about ten minutes, we finally got the breakthrough. Cameron jinked his way into the box and slotted home with a smart finish.

The Brookside boys continued to try and knock at the opposition's door and were successful when captain Finlay stepped up and scored two superb goals. The visiting side just could not keep up with the captain's pace, power and skill. The Brookside defence remained tight and Seb had little to do in our goal. Half time came with the score 3-0 to the home side. The second half started in a different way with the visitors putting some pressure on the Brookside boys and quickly got back into the game after sloppy defending by Brookside.

Fortunately for us, Cameron, Finlay and Finn really got us playing! The two goals that we conceded were the wake up we needed! Finlay continued to lead from the front, running at defenders with pace and skill. The three musketeers played some superb football with two slick attacking moves resulting in Finn's first goals of the season. He glided with ease and grace past defenders for the entire game.

With the score now 5-2 to Brookside, changes were made by the home side. The Brookside defensive line remained strong with Charlie being the stand out player at the back, mopping up lots of attacks by the away side. Finlay added another to make the score 6-2, following a sublime piece of skill. He stopped the ball, dragged it back and watched as two defenders slid in and got nowhere near the ball! Finlay slotted the ball away nicely to rub salt into the wound for St Mary's! The visitors added another after a sloppy bit of play again at the back from Brookside and showed that if the boys are to really do well this season, they must get rid of the sloppy mistakes in their play at the back. As the match came nearer to a close and the light nearly had left us, the captain added his fourth and Brookside's seventh to make the final score 7-3. We look like a young Real Madrid who simply say, you might score but we will always score many more than you to the opposition! The boys were outstanding and a well done goes to St Mary's for keeping going to the end. Every player for Brookside was excellent and it is hard to award a man of the match award to one player. Finn and Finlay really stood out with their goals but the man of the match award for game one goes to Cameron L. He is fast becoming an exceptional young footballer and it was his energy and creativity that kept us on the front foot throughout the game. Well done Cameron and the boys!

Team: Finlay (c)(4), Jack, Alex, Charlie, Seb, Finn(2), Andrej, Gabrielle, Leo, Cameron(1)  
MOTM - Cameron  
Match report by Mr Plumbe.

### Clubs

A reminder that all clubs will finish on Friday 8th December. There will be no clubs on Wednesday 6th December as this is the FOBS Christmas Bazaar. The final choir will be next week. Staff will be offering new clubs in January so keep an eye out in the newsletter for those.

### After School Club

Do not forget that After School Club runs from 3pm until 4.30pm or 6pm every night after school. You can book a one off session if you wish to have a longer day Christmas shopping or if your child normally attends a club which is finishing, but you still require childcare then please contact After School Club. Registration forms are on the website or in Reception.

### Dates for your diary

KS1 Open Afternoon	Friday 24th November 1:30p.m until 3pm (please note this is a change of date and time)
Choir at Big Christmas Sing	Thursday 30th November 6:30 p.m. (start of concert)
EYFS Christmas Storytime	Tuesday 5th December 4:45 p.m.
FOBS Christmas Bazaar	Wednesday 6th December 3:00—4:30 p.m.
KS1 Christmas Production	Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December 1:30 p.m.
EYFS Christmas Production	Tuesday 12th 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday 13th December 1:30 p.m.
KS2 Carol Concert	Thursday 14th December 5:30 p.m.
End of Term	Tuesday 19th December (school finishes at 3:00 p.m. as usual)

Best wishes,  
Mr N Cornell