



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

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Dear Parents,

On Friday 17th November, KOBS organised a fundraising event to raise money for BBC's Children in Need. The day proved to be a huge success with lots of spotty bakes being entered into the competition and later being sold at our bake sale; we certainly do have a lot of talented bakers at Brookside! During assembly, Pudsey popped by to award the winners of our baking competition with their prizes. KOBS chose the following bakers as the winners of the competition:

Foundation Stage: Holly Poole (Class SS)  
Key Stage One: Samuel Lichovjicz (Class CP)  
Lower Key Stage Two: Dexter Cadd (Class LD)  
Upper Key Stage Two: Ellie Rose (Class RM)  
Overall Winner: The Evans Family (Matthew, Jamie & Daniel)

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of children and their families at Brookside we managed to beat our greatest ever total and raise a fantastic £588!!! Thank you to Miss Wise for coordinating the fundraising at Brookside.



## Dressing of the tree

Today the children and staff enjoyed the special dressing of the tree assembly where a selection of children from each class helped to decorate our Christmas tree. Thank you to Mr Ford for putting up the tree and all of the lights to ensure Brookside looks so magical at Christmas.

## FOBS

Next Wednesday is the FOBS Christmas Bazaar straight after school finishes. We hope to see as many of you as possible supporting this event. There will be lots of stalls, games, refreshments and this year Father Christmas will be visiting our new outside grotto. FOBS members have been working very hard planning the Bazaar so please come along to support this fun event.

## Christmas Crafts

Your child's own made Christmas Crafts can be purchased from their class teacher for £1.00 before the FOBS Christmas Bazaar as well as on the day!

## The Big Christmas Sing

Last night children in the choir took part in The Big Christmas Sing at Oxford Town Hall along with nine other Oxfordshire schools. Our choir performed 'Carol of the Bells' and were amazing. Lucy Badby also performed an outstanding solo of 'Flying Machine' in front of a very large audience. Well done to all of the children and Miss Sadie for leading and conducting the choir. Thank you to all parents, Mrs Aston and Mr Watt who came along to watch.

## Christmas Dinner

You should have received a letter about the children's Christmas dinner of Wednesday 13th December. Please make sure you order the Christmas meal if your child does not regularly have one. Children who have packed lunches can bring in a decorated festive packed lunch to make this lunchtime special.

## Cross Country

Well done to the cross country team who travelled to Sibford Gower to take part in the cross country finals last week. The weather was not particularly kind to us but all pupils showed great determination and self-belief whilst representing the school. Children were competing from all of North Oxfordshire which includes over 40 primary schools. Well done particularly to Hollie O who came 17<sup>th</sup>, Molly C who came 19<sup>th</sup>, Scarlett Rose who came 20<sup>th</sup> and both Sophie Barnett and Finlay Hennessy who came 22<sup>nd</sup> in their respective age group races. These were all great achievements considering that they were the best runners from all of north Oxfordshire!

## Kids of Brookside School

Following a busy few weeks planning our fundraising event for Children in Need, this week, KOBS turned their attention once again to the Eco Schools initiative. We have begun thinking about ways in which we can creatively protect and enhance the biodiversity within our school grounds. This week's activity saw KOBS getting rather messy creating their very own bird feeders to treat the birds that visit our school grounds especially during the cold weather!

Our plan for the new term, is to transform the Gallery in the Woods into a wildlife conservation area with the arrival of our bird feeders and a very exciting Bug Hotel! In order to do this, we would greatly appreciate any donations of nesting boxes that we can to help encourage and protect the wildlife living in our grounds. If you are able to donate any nesting boxes to KOBS please leave these with Mrs. Tompkins in the office, thank you!

## KS1 Trip to the Panto

Thursday morning was filled with cheers, boos and pantomime cows as the children from Key Stage 1 travelled to the Oxford Playhouse to watch the fantastic pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had an amazing time watching a hilarious and fun version of a famous traditional tale. Their behaviour was exemplary and it was truly amazing to see the children having so much fun whilst developing their understanding of story telling and theatre. A huge thanks must go to FOBS for helping to fund the trip, the children and staff really appreciate your kindness.

## Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— Class DF—MRS FLACK

Class	20/11/2017	27/11/2017
BM	98.21%	96.83%
DF	90.84%	99.23%
CP	94.27%	96.56%
AW	96.71%	95.88%
LD	92.74%	95.73%
FH	97.12%	93.83%
CT	96.67%	94.81%
RM	98.08%	98.47%
CS	93.78%	94.25%

## KS1 Open Afternoon

On Friday of last week, Key Stage 1 welcomed mums, dads, grandparents, friends and other family members to experience a fun-filled dinosaur afternoon! The children chose from a variety of activities that included a dinosaur scavenger hunt, pasta shape art, make a dinosaur hat and a chance to be a real palaeontologist! Family members joined in enthusiastically and it was fantastic to see so much fun being had, stimulated by a topic that the children have thoroughly enjoyed since September. Following the dinosaur fun, the children led their grown-ups to the Xander gallery where they looked at art work they had completed with Mrs Davies throughout the term and some super examples of writing about dinosaurs. A huge thank you to all our visitors for helping to make the afternoon so fantastic and enjoyable.

## Staff News

Miss Smith will be leaving Brookside at the end of the autumn term. Mrs P Davies will be teaching in EYFS until the end of the summer term. We wish Miss Smith well and thank her for her hard work at Brookside.

## Dates for your diary

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)
Spring Term starts	Thursday 4th January 2018

Best wishes,

Mr N Cornell