



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

Festival of Voices

Well done to our choir who performed at Dorchester Abbey last night. This concert is always a very special occasion where a number of school choirs perform together. Thank you to Miss Sadie, Mrs Aston, Mr Watt and all the parents who came to enjoy this wonderful concert.

Quad Kids

On Wednesday 13th June we took 20 children from KS2 to The Cooper School to compete in the Quad Kids competition. Each child completed 4 events including a sprint, long distance run, standing long jump and vortex howler throw. In all of these events, every single child put in 100% effort and showed great determination. There was also a superb team atmosphere with lots of encouragement and support for each other. The Y5 team finished 7th out of 14 teams which is a brilliant achievement since they were also competing against Y6 pupils. Special well done to Chanju, Seb and Finn who all finished in the top 20 athletes out of 132. The Y3/4 team really excelled and managed to finish in 1st position! Huge congratulations to Jaidan, Gabriele, Yasmine, Cara and Jack M who finished in the top 10 for their group. This meant the team also competed in the North Oxfordshire finals at Warriner School on Tuesday 19th June and once again, the children did Brookside proud. Thank you to all of the parents that were able to help with transport and came along to support the team.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Thursday 14th June, eight gifted mathematicians in Year 5 attended the Bicester Partnership Maths Challenge at Brookside. Five primary schools and both secondary schools from the area came together for an afternoon of fun and problem solving. The children worked collaboratively to solve a number of activities involving number patterns, reasoning skills, properties of number and shape. The children made some excellent contributions and were confident in explaining their ideas.

Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools

Year 6 enjoyed the annual visit to the JR Hospital in Oxford for their IMPS training last week. The children all got the opportunity to practise CPR and were taught how to use an automated external defibrillator. The visit also included a tour of part of the hospital and got to discuss what to do in a variety of medical emergency situations.

TT Rockstars

The first round of the TT Rockstars Cup is now complete. Well done to all children who have logged on to earn points for their team over the last few days. The results are in!

Flack's Flames earned 1647 which was sadly not enough to defeat Plumbe's Party Animals who had a total of 8668. A super effort from Alisha, Isaac and Rui who earned over 1000 points each.

A last minute surge saw Wise Guys sneak ahead of The Dream Team with only 513 points separating the two teams! A fantastic team effort from both sides but a special mention for George, Evan, Jack, Daniel, Regan and Zhen Lin who were the top scorers for both sides.

The collaborative effort from School Rockers unfortunately couldn't defeat Ella from The Misfits who single-handedly earned enough points to beat the Year 5 side. Final scores for the two teams were 16,133 and 29,489.

Keep Rockin' (Mrs Duncan aka Mitzi Who)

Year 5&6 trip to Oxford Castle

As part of their local history studies, Year 5&6 spent the day at Oxford Castle on Monday.

It was great to see how many pupils remembered all they had been learning about the castle at school and show off their knowledge to the tour guides! In addition, the pupils took part in a workshop to see how historians use a range of sources to learn about the past and they also got the opportunity to sit on top of the castle mount and enjoy sketching the dreaming spires of the Oxford skyline.

New Secondary school on Kingsmere

OCC will be holding a meeting for parents of primary age pupils in Bicester to update you on the proposed new secondary school to be situated on the Kingsmere development. The meeting may be of interest to parents of year 5 pupils but parents of pupils of all year groups are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place at St Edburg's CE Primary School on the Kingsmere development on Wednesday 27th June from 6pm to 7pm. Representatives from OCC and The White Horse Federation, academy sponsor of the school, will be in attendance.



Attendance

The winners this week are class **BM—MISS MARTIN**

Class	Week ending 15/05/18	Week Ending 22/05/18
BM	92.50%	100.00%
DF	90.69%	98.09%
CP	97.33%	92.62%
AW	97.50%	96.44%
LD	94.64%	96.06%
FH	97.50%	92.55%
CT	89.30%	95.19%
RM/TS	92.76%	96.55%
CS	95.71%	98.42%

Online Safety – Fortnite

We have had a number of pupils discussing that they are playing Fortnite at home. We would like to remind parents that Fortnite has an age rating of 12 on all formats

'Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: 'frequent scenes of mild violence and is therefore not suitable for persons under the age of 12.' This PEGI rating only takes into account the content of the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.'

We recommend that you read the information on this [website](#) for further information about the risks your child may be exposed to through playing Fortnite. We will be discussing online and E-Safety with all pupils during computing lessons over the next few weeks in school to remind them about how to remain safe on the internet and on mobile phones. Should you wish to discuss this further then please speak to your child's classteacher or the school office.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd July	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day (12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday 4th July	EYFS Sports Day (10:30 a.m./1:30 p.m.)
Saturday 7th July	FOBS Summer Fete 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11th July	KS2 performance (6:00 p.m.)
Thursday 12th July	KS2 performance (6:00 p.m.)
Monday 23rd July	EYFS/KS1 Final Assembly (9:15 a.m.) Year 3/4/5 Final Assembly (2:15 p.m.)
Tuesday 24th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9:15 a.m.) End of Term (3:00 p.m.)
Tuesday 25th July	INSET Day—school closed

Term dates for 2018/2019 are on our website.

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell