



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

Newsletter Spring Term Issue 2

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Dear Parents,

A reminder that if we ever need to close the school at short notice due to the weather or an emergency we will communicate this to you as soon as possible on Parent Hub, Twitter and email.

## Staff News

Sue Philips, our home school link worker, is leaving this week to start a new role at another school. We would like to thank Sue for her hard work supporting children and families during her time at Brookside. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Gemma Carter to take over this role next month.

## Where has Brookside been?

As part of our geography topics this term, it would be great if the children of Brookside could share photographs of themselves on tour around the United Kingdom. As part of our geography topics this term, we have displayed a large map of the United Kingdom outside the Year 3 & 4 classrooms that we hope to display some of the photographs around in order to help the children locate different towns, cities and landmarks around the UK. If your child would like to share a photograph of themselves visiting around the UK, then we would really appreciate it if they could bring this to school labelled with their name and the location the photograph was taken in. Happy touring!

## FOBS

There will be a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 14th February for the children. Letters have been sent home about this today.

## Martial Arts Workshop

All children from year 1 to year 6 have a wonderful opportunity next Thursday to take part in a FREE Martial Arts workshop. Elliot Manning (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) from Bicester Academy will be running this and the children will get a chance to experience 2/3 techniques in a line up position, then practice their new skills on some soft hand-held target pads. The children will be signposted if they want to explore martial arts further and more information will be sent out about this. This is a great chance for the children to enjoy an alternative sport.

## Word Millionaire

Key Stage 2 pupils have been targeted to see how many words they can read in a year. A massive congratulations then to Robson in Year 6 who has already reached the magic one million words mark to become our first ever Word Millionaire! An amazing achievement. Once you have completed a whole book, record it in the back of your reading diary, then look the book up at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk) and find out its word count, add up all the words you have read so far and see how much you have read. Who will be our next Word Millionaire???

## Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Thursday afternoon, six pupils from year five represented Brookside superbly in a maths challenge working with children from nine other schools in Bicester. There was lots of excellent reasoning taking place using rich, mathematical vocabulary as they worked through a series of tasks which included identifying patterns and sequences, discussing properties of number and finding rules to problems which had many solutions to name just a few.

## TT Rockstars Day

During the week commencing 11th February, the children of Brookside will once again be rockin' their times tables as they compete in another battle of the bands tournament. This will finish on Friday 15th February when we will be holding another TT Rockstars Day. Children are allowed to bring in rockstar accessories such as sunglasses, 'bling', leather/denim jacket and inflatable instruments.

## Free Biscuits!!

Calling all Year 3&4 parents. Please join us in Mrs Duncan's class on Thursday 7th February at 3pm for half an hour of biscuit eating bliss. We'll keep you entertained whilst you munch with a short presentation on the wonders of reading.

## Illness

A reminder that should your child be off school with vomiting or diarrhoea then we have to follow the guidelines from Public Health England and pupils should remain off school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. This is to ensure that the illness does not spread to other pupils and staff. We realise that there are a lot of coughs and colds around at the moment and that children may not always be attending school feeling 100%.

## EasyPeasy in the EYFS

We are delighted to have been invited by Oxfordshire County Council to be involved in a pilot of an educational play programme . We will be launching EasyPeasy in the EYFS next week. EasyPeasy is a 20 week programme that sends you game ideas, tips, and facts on children's development via text messages straight to your mobile phone. Each week, parents will receive a text message with a new game that can be played in any location with everyday items that you'll already have at home. EasyPeasy is designed to support learning through play. We will be using these activities in school and look forward to sharing them with you too. If your child is in the EYFS please look out for further information coming home with your child today. We would like to invite all EYFS parents to a short meeting to find out more about EasyPeasy on Thursday 31st January at 3pm in the EYFS.

## Attendance

Well done to the classes who had the highest attendance during the last two weeks.

Class	Week beginning 14th January	Week beginning 21st January
BM	99%	99%
DF/NS	97%	100%
CP	99%	94%
AW	100%	98%
LD	93%	98%
FH	98%	94%
CC	96%	97%
RM/TS	98%	95%
CS	93%	98%

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th February	Y3/4 Biscuits and Reading for parents and children - 3pm
Thursday 14th February	FOBS Valentines Disco
Friday 15th February	TT Rockstars Day (multiplication challenge day)
Monday 18th February	Half Term
Monday 25th February	INSET Day—school closed
Monday 1st April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2nd April	Parents' Evening
Friday 5th April	Final Assembly 9:15 a.m. EYFS and KS1
	Final Assembly 2:15 p.m. KS2

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell