



# Brookside Primary School

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**Newsletter Spring Term Issue 2**

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy first few weeks of the Spring Term with children working hard on their new topics.

### **Y3/4 Bicester Walks**

Classes in Years 3 and 4 have been very enthusiastic to begin our new topic Bustling Bicester. Recently, each class has had the opportunity to walk round the town to learn about what it was like in the past. We started in the Saxon era as Mrs James dressed up to help us take a step back in time. We were then history detectives as we explored the town looking for clues of what it would have been like many years ago. The children enjoyed putting all of the information we found into their booklets ready to use back in school. A huge thank you to Mrs James for once again braving the weather in order to share her vast knowledge with the children.

### **TT Rockstars – Battle of the Bands Result**

What a fantastic week we had battling on TT Rockstars! It was great to see so many children competing for their class earning lots of points, learning their times tables and having fun in the process. I would like to congratulate the following children who earned the most point for their class: Gabriella (Df), Alisha (CP), Rocco (AW), Mason (LD), Zhen Lin (FH), Ruby (CT), Megan (RM) and Ella-Mae (CS).  
Finally, the results were:

Flack's flames (3984)	V	<b>Plumbe's party animals (14205)</b>
The Dream Team - FH (7028)	V	<b>Star Parade – RM (18158)</b>
Dobb's Rockers (12084)	V	<b>The Misfits - CS (23284)</b>
<b>School Rockers - CT (41598)</b>	V	Wise Guys (28967)

School Rockers had a fantastic team effort and managed to achieve a huge score! Special well done to them.

### **Cycle Training**

Once again, having previously been thwarted by the snow before Christmas, Brookside's Year 6 pupils braved the cold weather to tackle the Cycle Training Course on the Bucknell Road. It is challenging to train here, but this is where the children live and cycle, so it is only right that we should teach them to be safe cyclists here, where it is most needed. Their hard work paid off, and congratulations are due to: Callum Walker, Grace Carder, Melissa Manley, Kacy Marley, Luke Wallis, Jack Marriott, Jaylan Gatt-Davies, Isobel Smith, Tori Manning and Noah Sheppard.

A huge thank you to Ms Patterson, Ms Mead and Mr Campbell for their time and commitment.

We are still looking for parents who might be able to help with the training. If you are interested, please contact Miss Sadie. The next training will take place after SATS.

### **Change for Life Club**

Every Thursday Mrs Patrick runs a **Change for Life** club which helps children understand the importance of a healthy life-style and how positive life choices impact their lives. The children play team building games, develop understanding about nutrition and learn leadership skills. Teaching is not sport specific and is aimed at pupils who take part in no or little organised sport outside of school. Change for Life club is open to pupils in Years 3 and 4. Should you wish your child to take part, please speak to their class teacher.

### **Class CP trip to Pizza Express**

On Thursday Class CP walked into Bicester to gain a real experience of working in a pizza restaurant! The children made their own pizzas, learnt all about different ingredients and even about the history of the restaurant. The children had a fantastic time and their behaviour was superb. I hope that they all shared their pizzas with people at home!

### **House Event**

Our next house event will be a Storytelling competition on the afternoon of Thursday 8th February.

## Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— Class FH, MR HARRISON

Class	15/01/2018	22/01/18
BM	93.93%	85.43%
DF	95.85%	94.87%
CP	97.79%	97.42%
AW	97.78%	94.67%
LD	97.04%	90.20%
FH	95.19%	97.54%
CT	94.12%	78.60%
RM	96.55%	94.27%
CS	96.06%	75.89%

## Football match vs Langford Village

On Wednesday the school football team hosted their second game of the Bicester schools' football league. Langford Village were their opponents and after a heavy defeat against them last year, the boys were ready to try to avenge the defeat. The game was a scrappy one with the pitch becoming very boggy throughout! We started well and took the lead in the first half through Finlay. He weaved between three or four Langford players and smashed the ball into the back of the net to make it one nil. Gabrielle and Leo were outstanding at the back and kept Langford out for most of the first half, until they managed to equalise. This followed a goal line scramble, in which we eventually managed to get rid of the ball! The second half started much the same and we continued to work the opposition goal keeper who made some excellent saves. With about five minutes to go, up stepped captain Finlay again. He picked up the ball on the corner of the goal area and curled a sublime shot over the goal keeper into the far corner of the goal. We went on to keep it tight at the back and came away from the game still unbeaten for the season! The boys were outstanding throughout and it was great to see the team displaying huge levels of cooperation. Another well done goes to Langford and a special mention to their boys for showing such sportsmanship throughout. A well-mannered, hard working group of children from another school.

Final Score: Brookside 2 - 1 Langford Village

Team: Seb, Gabrielle, Leo, Chanju, Jack H, Finlay H(C)(2) and Finn

MOM: Finlay

Match Report by Mr Plumbe

## Library

Our wonderful school library is open to children and parents from 3:00—4:00 p.m. on Thursdays and we would love to see more children coming to borrow books. Mrs James will be on hand to help you. Reception and KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult please.

## KOBS Plea

With the new term well under way, KOBS have begun planning ways in which we can make our school grounds more inviting for the wildlife in our area. Mr Ford has shared some of his wonderful ideas for attracting wildlife to Brookside School and the children are working hard to put these plans into action writing to local wildlife charities and gathering resources. We are hoping to give the Gallery in the Woods a new lease of life and to do this we are asking for your donations of any recycled plastic bottles (litre size preferably) and unwanted coloured emulsion or spray paints. Donations brought into school would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

## Dates for your diary

FOBS Pancake Sale	Friday 9th February 3:00 p.m.
Half Term	Monday 12th—Friday 16th February
Book Fair	Tuesday 6th March—Tuesday 13th March
Clubs finish	Friday 23rd March
Parents' Evenings	Monday 26th 3:00—6:00 p.m. Tuesday 27th March 3:00—7:00 p.m.
Final Assembly	Wednesday 28th March EYFS/KS1 9:15 a.m. KS2 2:15 p.m.

Best wishes,

Mr N Cornell