



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware the school was open during last Friday's light snow. We will always endeavour to keep the school open if staff are able to get in and we can clear the paths to make the site safe and accessible.

Year 5/6 Athletics

Well done to all 17 children who participated in the Sports Hall Athletics Competition on 30th January, finishing in second place. Against 6 other schools, all children performed well, working as a team to compete at the highest level in some tough events including triple jump, speed bounce and various distances of running. Thank you to Mrs Cooper for taking the children to this event.

World Book Day

The annual celebration of all things book-related will be taking place again soon at Brookside on Friday 8th March. Please note this is the day after the official World Book Day. As usual, we ask if all pupils can come to school dressed as a famous book character ready for a day of fun activities centred around the literary world.

Y3&4 Reading Presentation

A big thank you to all the parents that attended the presentation about reading after school on Thursday this week. If you missed the meeting and would like some suggestions about questions you could speak to your child about as they read or some good quality book recommendations to push your child into excellent reading habits please do just ask your child's class teacher. As ever, we cannot state how absolutely critical it is for pupils to be reading on a daily basis.

FOBS

A reminder that the Valentine's Disco will take place on Thursday 14th February for the children.

ARCH Volunteer Readers

ARCH are actively seeking volunteers to fulfil the requests from Oxfordshire schools for more highly valued Reading Helpers. We currently have four wonderful volunteers at Brookside who make a real difference to the children they work with.

<http://www.archoxfordshire.org.uk/>
<https://twitter.com/Archoxfordshire>
<https://www.facebook.com/ARCHOxfordshire/>

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Heidi Moss on 01869 320380.

EYFS Maths Parent Workshop

We are looking forward to working with lots of EYFS parents at the maths workshop on Wednesday 13th February at 9:00am in the Community Room. In the session, we will explore the expectations for our pupils during their time in the Early Years unit and where this will lead to as they head into Year 1. There will be opportunities to look at the resources and strategies we use to teach your children in school as well as fun games and activities you can do at home to support your child's learning. After the short presentation with Miss Carter and Mrs Duncan, there will be an opportunity for you to work with your child on a range of maths activities in the classroom.

TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands

3:00pm today is the start of our Battle of the Bands tournament at Brookside. Every class from Y1 to Y6 will be competing to earn as many points as possible to win our prestigious Rock Wrangle Trophy. Please encourage your child to log on to TT Rockstars as often as possible – short practise of their times tables every day is proven to be the best way for them to learn these crucial facts. The battle will end at 9:00am on Friday 15th February when we will also be celebrating our achievements in a TT Rockstars Day. Children are encouraged to bring in some rock star accessories on this day which could include sunglasses, hats, headscarves, leather/denim jackets or inflatable instruments! Keep up to date with the leader board throughout the week on Parent Hub.

KS1 Medieval Banquet

What a fantastic afternoon for KS1! Children and staff all took part in their very own Medieval feast. The menu included pottage made by the children, pies, fruit, cheese and oat biscuits and it was all washed down with a goblet of mead (apple juice!). Prior to the feast, the children took part in some light entertainment which ended with Mr Plumbe, Mrs Martin and Miss Spearman being put in the stocks! Thank you to all parents for their enthusiasm and creativity when providing costumes for the day. The children looked amazing and had an awesome time!



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Volunteers needed

ARCH (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools to help children who are struggling with reading.

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCH volunteer in a primary school near you.

Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses.

To find out more, visit our website
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Or telephone us on **01869 320380**

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
Registered Charity Number 1146276



Attendance

Well done to the classes who had the highest attendance during the last two weeks—Class BM and Class DF/NS

Class	Week beginning 28th January	Week beginning 4th February
BM	98%	92%
DF/NS	97%	96%
CP	87%	91%
AW	96%	95%
LD	89%	83%
FH	92%	82%
CC	96%	87%
RM/TS	87%	91%
CS	91%	80%

Dates for your diary

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