



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday evening our choir performed at the annual Bicester Children Singing for Children concert at St Edburg's church. The children performed three songs on their own and then sang with the choirs from Five Acres, St Edburg's and Bardwell. It was a wonderful concert and our choir sang beautifully. Well done to all of the children in the choir. Thank you to Miss Sadie for leading the choir and to all parents, siblings and staff who came along on Wednesday evening.

Class Photographs

On Wednesday 20th March the photographer will be in school to take class group photographs.

Non Uniform Day—Friday 29th March

There will be a non uniform day on Friday 29th March to support FOBS 'Mothering Day' Afternoon Tea. Children are asked to bring in donations of cakes in order to wear their own clothes. The afternoon tea is at 3:00 p.m. on this day and a separate letter with full details has been sent out about this.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

It has been a very amusing day here at Brookside with lots of crazy hair styles, inside out outfits and back to front jumpers but we are certain to have raised lots of money for Comic Relief. Thank you all for your generous donations and delicious cakes that the children have all enjoyed purchasing to raise extra money for such a worthy cause. As we still have lots of cakes remaining there will be a Bake Sale outside on the Year 3 and 4 playground after school today.

Year 3/4 visit to St Edburg's Church

On Thursday, all of the children in Year 3 and 4 visited St Edburg's Church and had a fantastic morning learning about the Easter story and why this is such a special celebration for Christians. In addition to this, we also learned about some of the features of the church including the three most special parts which were the font, altar and the Bible. Throughout the visit, the children asked lots of great questions which will really help them with our RE work back in school.

Parenthub App

We have been using Parenthub to provide updates of what your children have been doing in school and also to provide reminders about things coming up in school. It is a great way for you to keep up to date with what has been going on in school as we can provide information, as well as photographs, easily into an easy to use app. We are pleased to see that 67% of children in school have at least one parent using the app. There are still 107 children who do not have a parent with access to Parenthub. If you would like to join Parenthub, please download the app from either the AppStore or Google Play and then tap 'Add a School' and enter the handle @BrooksideBicester This will then allow you to see what your pupils have been up to. You should be automatically added to the 'channel' for your child's cohort after completing the verification process. We are keen to get more people signed up so should you have any questions please speak to Mrs Duncan or Mr Watt.

KS1 trip to Warwick Castle

Last Thursday KS1 had a fantastic day out at Warwick castle. This was a great experience for the children, as they were able to see their history learning up close. We spent time all over the castle (despite the wind and rain!) and visited things such as the King Maker, the Great Hall and climbed all the way to the top of the tower! After lunch we watched the birds of prey display and were in awe of how amazing the birds were. The children behaved so well as usual and were a credit to Brookside School.

Football Match Report

Wednesday of this week saw the school football team continue their defence of their Bicester schools title. King's Meadow were the visitors and the game was always going to be influenced by the blustery weather. Both sides started the game well, with some good football being played by both sides in the first 5 minutes. Then came a bizarre moment, when Seb kicked the ball out of his hands from his own goal and the most amazing goal was witnessed! The wind got behind what was

already a huge kick, the opposition goalkeeper misjudged it and the ball landed in the back of the Kings Meadow net. 1-0 to Brookside. The game continued with some nice football being played and Kings Meadow were quickly level when their striker finished delightfully over Seb to make it 1-1.

Tackles started to fly in from both sides and it remained a very close contest. Then with around five minutes left of the half, King's Meadow won the ball back in midfield and attacked at pace. The result was another well taken goal by the same striker. 2-1 King's Meadow.

Half time saw the Brookside boys get together and they maintained positive throughout. In the second half Seb continued to make some great saves, whilst Finn, Chanju and Isaac played some lovely football in the attacking third. Oscar made some excellent interceptions at the back and the team remained disciplined and determined. Unfortunately, before the final whistle blew, King's Meadow scored with the final kick of the game to make it 3-1. A great game of football, played by two sets of well-mannered and hard working boys.

Brookside: Seb (1), Oscar, Jack B, Oakley, Brayden, Chanju, Jack, Finn (C), Isaac and Elliott.

Brookside 1 - 3 Kings Meadow

M.O.M - Seb

Attendance

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

Class	Week beginning 4th March	Week beginning 11th March
BM	99%	94%
DF/NS	98%	99%
CP	99%	99%
AW	97%	95%
LD	97%	96%
FH	99%	97%
CC	94%	96%
RM/TS	96%	90%
CS	98%	96%

Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 6th March, 7 children from year 6 travelled to The Cooper School take part in a hockey tournament. After a warm up friendly game, the team went onto win an impressive 5/7 games, leaving them in third position after the pool matches. When the final games were played, they finished in 5th place out of 16 teams. Overall, the children can be incredibly proud of themselves, scoring over 20 goals across the matches played - a special mention goes to the support on the side line.

Contact Details

A reminder that if you have changed your home telephone number, mobile telephone number or email address since October we would be grateful if you could let the school office know. This is important should we need to contact you in an emergency and so that you receive important updates via email. Please email the school office or pop in and see Mrs Tompkins or Mrs Dodsworth.

Request from Mrs Davies

I am looking for a blender/liquidiser for the art room, to make paper! If anyone has a blender that they no longer need, I would be very grateful for it. Also, I could do with any long pieces of bubble wrap for an art project in school. If you are able to donate these items, I would be extremely grateful. Please drop them into the school office. Many thanks.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to see the effort that everyone made to dress up for World Book Day last week. The children enjoyed a number of activities centred around reading and hopefully helped to appreciate the fun as well as the importance of having an excellent reading habit.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has popped along to the book fair this week. The fair is on again tonight, Friday, and finishes on Monday after school if you have yet to attend. Don't forget you can use your World Book Day token against the price of a book. A percentage of the funds raised will help the school to purchase new books.

Dates for your diary

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
Monday 1st July	Sports Day KS1/KS2 a.m.
Wednesday 3rd July	EYFS Sports Day a.m./p.m.
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Performance 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 18th July	KS2 Performance 5:30 p.m.
Monday 22nd July	EYFS/KS1 final assembly 9:15 a.m. Year 3,4 and 5 final assembly 2:15 p.m.
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:15 a.m.

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell