



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy half term at Brookside with lots of exciting events, visits and learning across the school. We hope you all have a good half term break.

After School Club

A reminder that bookings for After School Club should be made via email afterschoolclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk. Please ensure that Mrs Hekimova has received an enrolment form and that she has the most up to date telephone numbers in case of an emergency. Last minute bookings can be made via email as Mrs Hekimova checks the email inbox at lunchtime.

Parking

We have received complaints from neighbours about some parents blocking driveways when dropping off and collecting children from Brookside. It is illegal to block a driveway and does not reflect well on the school. Please obey parking laws and if necessary you can walk from where you legally park your vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 5&6 trip to Ardley

In support of their Planet Peril topic on the Earth's natural resources, Year 5&6 pupils visited the Ardley Energy Recovery Facility this week to find out just what goes on in the futuristic looking building outside of Bicester. Children and adults enjoyed learning about how all of Oxfordshire's household waste is turned into electricity for over 50,000 homes and the other benefits of not putting rubbish into landfill. Especially fascinating was looking into the huge pit and watching the workers using the cranes to break up the waste ready for incineration at nearly 1000 degrees! A huge thank you to the parents that helped out on the day.

World Book Day

Some advance warning for parents looking at possibly making fancy dress! Brookside will be celebrating the annual World Book Day event on **Friday 2nd March** where pupils are encouraged to come into school dressed as their favourite book character for a day of book related activities. (please note the official WBD is on 1st March but we will be hosting our event on the 2nd).

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Teach Your Monster to Read

If you are looking for a fun way to engage your child with reading please take some time to check out a great award winning website (also available as an app on Android or for iPads) which is full of content to help pupils who are just starting to read up to and including games for more confident young readers. www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Football match vs Glory Farm

On the 1st day of February, the Brookside school football team travelled to Glory Farm to play in their third game of the Bicester Schools football league. Brookside were coming off a good start to their campaign, remaining unbeaten. As the game kicked off, we knew we were going to be in for a good game. In the cold temperature, the boys started well. However it was Glory Farm who scored the opening goal after sloppy defending from us. We continued to play well and it was Cameron who got us back into the game after a smart finish into the bottom corner. The home team continued to test our defending and it was Gabrielle who time after time mopped up any danger and won countless tackles. Just before half time, Glory Farm scored their second to make the score 2-1 as we went in to the break. Brookside were not playing their best and they knew it. After some positive words at half time, the boys went into the second half looking like the team we know! They started superbly after a change in the attacking three. Finlay took a more central role, with Finn playing out on the right. After only a few minutes, we finished off a slick move that included great passing and moving from Finlay, Cameron and Finn - who finished into the bottom corner to make it 2-2. Brookside continued to pile pressure on Glory Farm and when they did break, Gabrielle was always there to stop any attacks coming to fruition. Cameron was a midfield warrior for the whole of the second half and completed a great performance with the winning goal. At 3-2 up, we continued to defend well and thanks to a smart save from Seb with minutes to go, the score stayed the same. At the full time whistle, the boys were buzzing and so they should have been. A great turn around and we really showed what great team spirit we have.

Final score: Glory Farm 2-3 Brookside

Team: Seb, Gabrielle, Charlie, Leo, Finn (1), Cameron (2), Alex, Jack, Finlay

MOM: Gabrielle

Match report by Mr Plumble

House Event

Yesterday, children between Year 1 and Year 6 took part in the Mars House Event. This was a story telling competition where each house chose a well known story and had 1 hour to learn and perform it to the rest of the school (without needing to read it). Children really enjoyed learning these stories and we saw lots of brilliant acting and speaking in the performances. Congratulations to Jupiter who won the competition for their brilliant team work with every member of the house speaking a line from Julia Donaldson's 'What The Ladybird Heard'.

KOBS Update

KOBS had a very busy and rather exciting afternoon on Wednesday painting the recycled tyres that will be used to contain plants to brighten up our car park. Don't forget to look out for these once they have been planted up next term!

With our plans for the Gallery in the Woods well underway, we would greatly appreciate any donations of nesting boxes that could be used to encourage wildlife into this area. If you are able to donate any nesting boxes to KOBS please could you deliver these to Mrs Tompkins in the office.

We have been doing really well with the Big Battery Hunt so far with our collection box already having to be emptied by Duracell! Thank you to everyone who has been hunting for batteries and bringing them into school; keep it up we have until Monday 16th April to collect as many as we can. Happy battery hunting!



Year 3/4 Visit to Bicester Library

Throughout this week, Class LD, AW and FH have visited the library in town. Did you know that you can borrow up to 20 books for 3 weeks from the library? They learned how the books are arranged and completed a task ordering author's names. Finally, they explored the library looking for a range of texts to match criteria given to them. The children enjoyed looking at the extensive range of books available to borrow completely FREE of charge and they were all keen to visit again. Why not go and visit over half term?

Chinese Workshop

Chinese dragons, gongs, cymbals and drums brought great excitement to KS2 last week when Andy Warn returned to Brookside with his Chinese New Year Roadshow. The noise was deafening, but everyone enjoyed taking part - there are definitely some budding drummers in KS2. Thank you to Class RM/TS and Class CS for their presentation to the whole School at the end of the day.



Change4Life

On Monday morning Mrs Martin and Mrs Patrick took the Change4Life team to The Cooper School for the Change4Life festival.

They enjoyed taking part in several sporting activities including tagging games, Basketball, Badminton, Boccia and climbing the Burj Khalifa challenge. They did so well they all received a "passion" certificate for their efforts. Well done Change4Life team!

Did you know the maximum amount of sugar a 7-10 year old should have per day is 6 sugar cubes (24g)? With the new change for life food scanner, at the touch of a button you can easily scan food packaging to keep track of your child's daily intake.

So do you want to get sugar smart ?

If so download the FREE 'Change4Life Food Scanner' app today-available in the App Store/Play Store.

Junior Citizens Trip

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a great morning on Thursday at Oxford Fire Station taking part in the Junior Citizens programme. Year 6 visit here every year to engage in a number of emergency scenarios run by both the fire service and Thames Valley Police to learn how to cope with fires, road accidents, water safety, medical emergencies and much more. All pupils successfully made 999 calls to get assistance and what their role is in helping themselves and others keep safe.

Attendance

The winners this week are Mr Simpson's class.

Class	29/01/2018	5/02/18
BM	95%	95%
DF	89%	96%
CP	97%	96%
AW	92%	91%
LD	94%	92%
FH	96%	94%
CT	96%	93%
RM/TS	95%	97%
CS	98%	98%

Dates for your diary

Half Term	Monday 12th—Friday 16th February
World Book Day	Friday 2nd March
Book Fair	Tuesday 6th March—Tuesday 13th March
FOBS AGM	Wednesday 7th March 3:00 p.m.
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.
End of Term	Thursday 29th March 3:00 p.m.

Best wishes,

Mr N Cornell

Science Bazaar at Oxford Brookes

This year, Oxford Brookes University is celebrating 10 years of the Brookes Science Bazaar, and they are inviting children and their families/guardians and school staff to celebrate with them.

The Science Bazaar will take place at Headington Campus on Saturday 24 February from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

This free event will be packed with exciting activities offering something for everyone, from fitness to healthy foods, building the highest spaghetti marshmallow tower, and learning about your genes.

Brookes Science Bazaar is organised and run by staff and students at Oxford Brookes University and the Oxford Academic Health Science Centre (a network which coordinates clinical and academic excellence within Oxford Brookes University, the University of Oxford and two local NHS Trusts).

Our researchers are looking forward to meeting you and talking about their work. The activities will be engaging and hands-on, and while everyone is welcome to participate, they will be aimed at children aged 5-12 years old. All information can be found on their website, www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar.