

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

#### Pupil of the Week

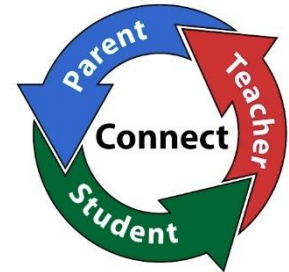
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school value's. Children coming into school or accessing remote learning can be awarded the certificate, which will be posted out each week.

Class	Pupil
F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	James L
Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	Amelia M
Y1/2 Mrs Head	Henley M
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Sophia H
Y3 Mr Moore	Dylan R
Y3 Miss Saul	Lincoln M
Y4 Mrs Parkin	Louie M
Y4 Miss Merry	Gloria S
Y5 Mr Thomas	Zara N
Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	Klaudia S
Y6 Mrs Marshall	Erin D
Y6 Miss Jackson	Cerys B



#### Home- School Partnerships

Pupil	For
Danielle G	For helping her parents in the home
Sylvie P	For learning how to use a sewing machine
Olivia M	For trying something new
Robin H	For being super kind and helping her mum to bake the staff a cake.



#### Children's Mental Health Week Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

This week is an opportunity to **shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health**. By getting involved you will be raising important awareness, particularly in these difficult times.

This year for Children's Mental Health Week, we're asking you to '**Dress to Express**'. The idea is simple – use colour to express yourself during the week by wearing a colourful outfit. For children attending school – could you please come into school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February wearing bright colours; for those children attending the Zoom calls you can wear bright and colourful clothes all week!



Mrs Head (PSHE Lead)



**National Storytelling week (30<sup>th</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> February)**

Next week, after school, a member of staff will share a book through Zoom.

- Monday – Mrs Head
- Tuesday – Miss Hennigan
- Thursday – Miss Saul
- Friday – Mrs Marshall

From picture books to modern tales, we hope that you will access as many as possible; part of our commitment to further enhance our remote learning offer.

As a school, we want to promote and embed a love of reading. The Zoom links will be sent to you each day. We hope to see lots of you there.

Mrs Marshall (English Lead)

**TTRockstars Battle of the Key Stages**

On 25<sup>th</sup> January, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 began to go head to head against each other to be their Key Stage Champions! Miss Saul has kept an eye on the results and last week's winners were:

**Lower Key Stage 2 - Year 4**

**Upper Key Stage 2 - Year 5**

Well done to **Layni-Grace M, Evie F, Envie-Alexis B, Mason R and Roberts W** for having the highest score this week!! Amazing!

The competition restarts this Monday so get ready to rock out on TTRockstars and try and beat the current champions!

I'll reveal the winners on the next newsletter.

Thank you, Miss Saul



**Big Garden Bird Watch 2021**

Remember, this weekend is the Big Garden Bird Watch. The aim of this event is to get ourselves outside and into nature to observe all the different birds and wildlife that we may not notice visiting our gardens. Anyone returning their Birdwatch sheet will be awarded with a certificate. Sheets must be returned by Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We would love you to send in some photos of you taking part to [br-admin@vennacademy.org.uk](mailto:br-admin@vennacademy.org.uk)

[Big Schools' Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk)

Thank you, Mr Moore



**Parent Governor Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like more information, please email [br-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:br-admin@vennacademy.org) and Mrs Twyford, the school business manager will give you a call to discuss the role further.



### Parent Voice

We want to increase the involvement of our parents in the development of the school. We need your help to ensure the school provides the best educational experience to your child.

We invite you to come to have a chat with us on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm. A Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time. The initial agenda can be viewed here: [Parent-Focus-Group-meeting-1-11-02-21.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)



### Training Day

As mentioned back in January, Doncaster LA provided all schools with an extra training day to support schools in the preparation of the National Lockdown. As a result, our training day on the 4<sup>th</sup> January focused on this rather than our planned school improvement training. We will now take the missed training day on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. This means that we will be closed from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and reopen on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**.

### February Half Term

A reminder that we have 2 weeks left of Spring 1. Our last day is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, reopening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



### School Improvement Update

Our key priorities are categorised into the 5 OFSTED areas. We are due OFSTED in the summer term, but believe that due to the current situation it is more likely to be January 2022. We believe we are already good against many of these areas but we are working hard to embed them securely.

Key Priorities
<p><b>1. Quality of Education</b></p> <p>1.1 To ensure that the curriculum is planned effectively</p> <p>1.2 To ensure teaching and learning in all subjects is good or better, achieving National data outcomes in all statutory assessments</p>
<p><b>2. Behaviour and attitudes</b></p> <p>2.1 To improve attendance to the local authority average (96%) or above and reduce persistent absence to the national average.</p> <p>2.2 To improve children's behaviour and attitudes to learning and develop children as lifelong learners</p>
<p><b>3. Personal development</b></p> <p>3.1 To develop children as responsible, respectful and active citizens</p>
<p><b>4. Leadership and Management</b></p> <p>4.1 To create an effective leadership culture which incorporates challenge, support and accountability.</p>
<p><b>5. Early Years</b></p> <p>5.1 To improve the early years curriculum so that it is ambitious, coherently planned and well sequenced to meet the needs for all children, achieving National data outcomes.</p> <p>5.2 To prepare for the implementation of the new Development Matters curriculum (Early Adopter) in 2022</p>

Take care and stay safe everyone.

Mrs Emma Levers

Head of School