

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Christmas Art Workshop

Last week, Mrs Roberts hosted Brooke's first Art workshop. During this workshop the children (Years 3 – 6) followed step by step instructions to create stunning Christmas canvas paintings.



The paintings were then displayed in school for all to admire. The artists of the paintings and their adults were invited to an art gallery event. Here, the artists sold their artwork to their adults. Some drove a hard bargain, Thank you to all the adults for your kind donations. Mrs Roberts will be planning more workshops, so keep your eyes peeled.

Year 4 Local Walk

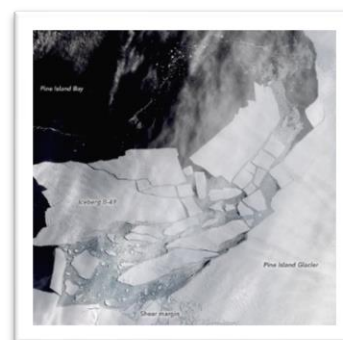
On Tuesday, Year 4 braved the cold weather and walked to St Nicholas' church to look at the splendid architecture of the church as a part of their current Art and Design unit of work. The children then selected a part of the church to draw in perspective. They also challenged themselves to draw with the hand they usually use and to draw with their other hand and the results were much better than they expected.



Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

Major Antarctic glacier passed a tipping point in the last 80 years. The researchers believe that a period of warm ocean temperatures would have been sufficient to cause melting beneath the glacier, forcing it to retreat from its long-term position on the ridge.

Area of science: Glaciology



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Next Friday, 15th December Brooke will hold it's Christmas Dinner and Jumper day. Children are invited to attend in their Christmas jumpers and enjoy a Christmas dinner. Dinners can be pre-ordered on School Grid.

Christmas Concerts

Over the next two weeks we will be holding our Christmas Concerts. As detailed in our letter [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#) we will not be selling tickets for our performances. Instead, we ask that families limit numbers to 3 adults per child for one performance only due to the capacity that we have available in the hall. A voluntary £1 donation per adult will be welcomed on the day.

Careers at Christmas Competition

Monday's assembly was linked to our school value - ambition.

At Brooke, we promote 'career-related learning' in the hope that we broaden our pupils' horizons, challenge stereotypes and help them develop the skills and sense of self that will enable them to reach their full potential within a chosen career.

During assembly, we launched our 'Careers at Christmas Competition'.

The children have been tasked to apply for one of Santa's jobs, convincing him why they would be the perfect elf for one of his seasonal jobs. The children have until 15th December to apply. All entries need to be handed to Mr Farrand.

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Freddie F	Achieving stage 8 at swimming

Pupil of the Week W/E 07.12.23

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 values.

Class	Pupil
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Pankti K
F2 Ms Hutt	Freya S
Y1 Miss Brown	Francesca R
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Jacob C
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Reuben J
Y2 Miss Green	Isla S
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Myla-R H
Y4 Miss Jackson	Poppy M
Y5 Miss Low	Lenny K
Y5 Mrs Potter	Daisy A
Y6 Mr Farrand	Blake H
Y6 Mr Thomas	Mason C



Last week's attendance winners

Last week Y4 Miss Jackson's class won the weekly attendance for Lower Key Stage Two. Their prize was a teacher of their choice to come and read them a story at the end of the day. Y4 chose Mrs Roberts who came and read 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'.



Attendance Matters

Being in school is important to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

Attendance Challenge Winners –_W/E 01/12/2023 (Autumn 2, Week 5)

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed



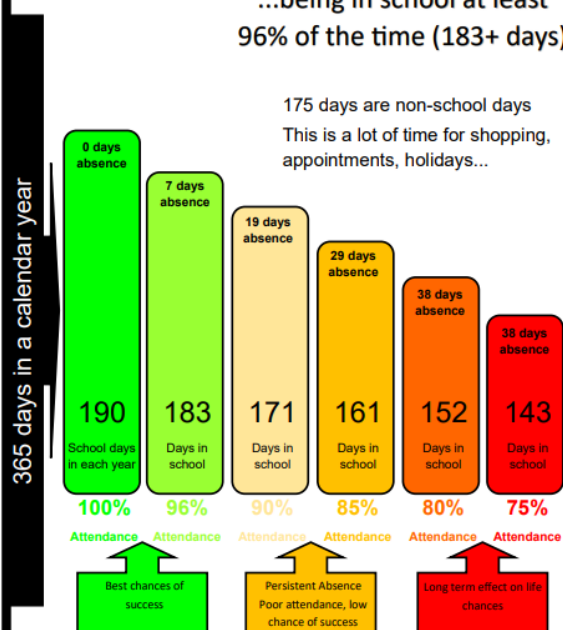
Phase	Class	Percentage	Winner
EYFS	F1 Mrs Whitfield	91.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	93.2%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	84.5%	Y1 – Miss Brown – PJ day Monday 11 th December
	Y1 Miss Brown	97.3%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	90%	
	Y2 Miss Green	94.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	94.8%	Y4 Miss Jackson – Extra ICT session
	Y4 Mr Jones	93.3%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	97.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	95%	Y5 Miss Low- Movie session
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	86.5%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	93.3%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	88.6%	
Total		92.3%	

Good attendance at
Brooke Primary Academy means...



...being in school at least
96% of the time (183+ days)

175 days are non-school days
This is a lot of time for shopping,
appointments, holidays...



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Lateness

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 15 minutes late every week, this adds up to a loss of 3+ days of education every year
- If you are 15 minutes late every day, this adds up to a loss of 2+ weeks of education every year

How to help ensure your child arrives in school on time everyday

- get up early and make sure your child leaves the house on time
- prepare uniform and bags the night before
- attend breakfast club if needed (breakfast club opens at 07:45)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- it may be embarrassing walking into a class that has already started working
- it disturbs lessons, impacting other pupils
- missing even part of a lesson can make learning more difficult
- lateness contributes to your child having a poor attendance record

Important Dates

Autumn 2 (2023 – 2024)

- Tuesday 12th December – Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performance 9.30am and 2.15 pm [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Wednesday 13th December – F1 and F2 Christmas Nativity Performance 9.30am [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 15th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day (Order on School Grid)
- Wednesday 20th December – Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance 9.15am and 2.15pm [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Thursday 21st December – Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Service at Thorne Methodist Church [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 22nd December – Final day of term – Party food lunch (to order on School Grid) and party clothes day
- Friday 22nd December – School closes for end of term

Spring 1 2024

- Monday 8th January – Staff training day – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 9th January – School re-opens to pupils

Have a wonderful weekend.

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