

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

It has been a busy term, but it has been a long one. The children are feeling tired but this last week they have really started to enjoy the Christmas magic. We have partied, had concerts, had a visit from Father Christmas, played games, eaten Christmas food and worn a whole host of Christmas clothing and accessories!

Christmas is a magical time, but for some it can be a difficult time. Look out for everyone, check in with friends and family and enjoy spending time together. Your children aren't children forever—enjoy this wonderful time and cherish making memories.

We wish you all a very special Christmas and hope Santa is kind to each and every one of you. All the best for the New Year and we will see you all back on **Tuesday January 9th 2024!**

Thank you as always for your continued support and have a fabulous break!



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Everyone at Brooke really felt the Christmas spirit wearing their Christmas jumper whilst enjoying their Christmas dinner and listening to Christmas songs last Friday.



Singing at Sainsburys

This week our school's Christmas Choir ventured to Sainsbury's to spread some Christmas joy. From Years 3-6, the choir performed multiple Christmas songs to members of the public. showing some great actions and singing with enthusiasm. A big well done to all the children who sang so beautifully, and a thank you to all of those who came to watch.



Parklands

On Tuesday, our choir visited Parklands Care Home and sang a mixture of traditional and modern carols. The children sang beautifully and encouraged the residents to join in too. It really showcased the true meaning of Christmas.



LKS2 Performance

Wow!! The children in Lower Key Stage 2 blew away everyone with their performances of Scrooge this week. From singing, knowing their lines, to getting the props on and off the stage at the right time, each child had a very important role which they excelled at. Thank you to all the adults who donated and showed their support.

It must be said that LKS2's version of 'All I Want For Christmas' is so much better than Mariah's.

UKS2 Performance

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our UKS2 Christmas Concert. Last minute, we decided to hold the event in school rather than the church due to the weather conditions. The children’s singing was superb and we were really proud of them all.



Building Work

Over the Christmas break we will be having building work to the KS2 part of Brooke. Whilst the site is empty, they are carrying out some building work so we can have new lighting installed. It is likely that when the children return, there could be some ceiling tiles missing and we will have temporary lights. This will only be for a short period of time. We appreciate this isn't ideal, but it is essential as we develop and improve the site.

Miss Low’s Science Bulletin:

Palaeontologists have discovered rare soft tissue in fossils of crabs. There was a report that a remarkable crab with multiple mineralized soft tissues has been preserved. This crab lived 75 million years ago during the Cretaceous in the area of present-day South Dakota in an ancient sea known as the Western Interior Seaway.



Area of science: Palaeontology

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Samuel W	Performing super well in a horse show and race.

Venn Awards

We are pleased to announce that this term Rhys has been selected and won the Venn award for **ACHIEVE**. Rhys was nominated for the award by Mr Whitfield and Mr Farrand for working hard with his reading and making excellent progress. Rhys has won a £30 Amazon voucher.

Well done, we are very proud of your efforts!



Attendance Matters

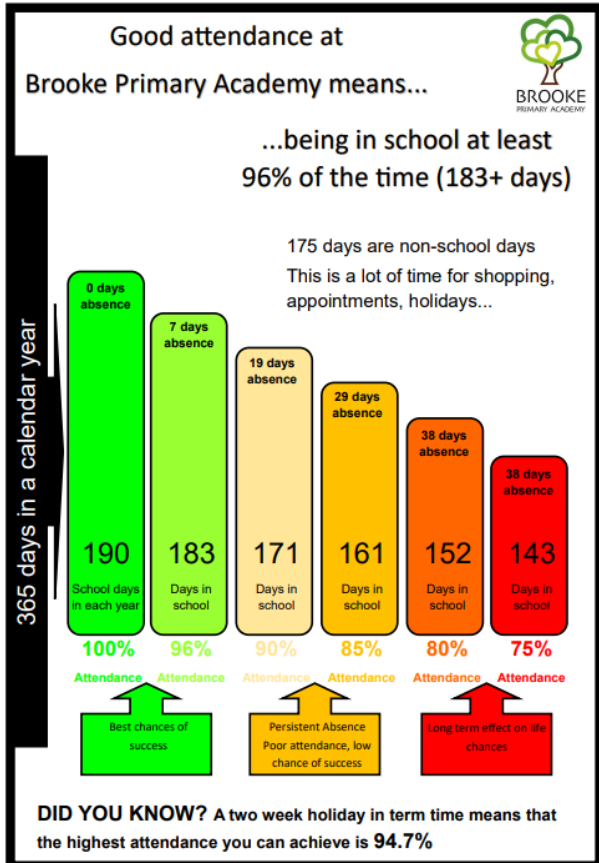
Being in school is important to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

Attendance Challenge Winners –_W/E 15/12/2023 (Autumn 2, Week 7)

- 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	93.4%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	93.2%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	95.2%	Y1 – Miss Hennigan
	Y1 Miss Brown	94.7%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	94.6%	
	Y2 Miss Green	94.8%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95%	Y4 - Miss Jackson
	Y4 Mr Jones	94.4%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	95.5%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	94.5%	Y6 Mr Farrand / Mr Whitfield –
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	92%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	93.6%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	94.8%	
Total		94.2%	



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

Pupil of the Week W/E 22.12.23

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.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Annie S
F2 Ms Hutt	Esmæ P-M
Y1 Miss Brown	Lucy H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Hawley R
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Lennon B-K
Y2 Miss Green	Oceana P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	James L
Y4 Miss Jackson	Ellie S
Y4 Mr Jones	Amelia M
Y5 Miss Low	Kasey S
Y5 Mrs Potter	Tallulah W
Y6 Mr Farrand	Tia-R T
Y6 Mr Thomas	Quinn H



PE Days for Spring 1

Please ensure that your child attends wearing the correct PE Kit on their PE day.

F2	Friday
Year 1	Monday (Club Doncaster)
Year 2	Monday (Club Doncaster)
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Monday (Swimming)
Year 6	Tuesday

Important Dates

Spring 1 2024

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

Wishing all of our families a wonderful Christmas break, we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024.

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