

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

This week's assembly was all about science enquiry and different ways we can investigate in our science lessons. Each of our science lessons are based around an enquiry type so we experience a range of skills in which we can solve scientific problems. As a school, we have made a list of interesting investigations we would like to carry out and looked at different ways in which we can experiment using the enquiry type focus.



#### Student Council

The student council met this week to discuss different ways in which they could fundraise for charities close to the hearts of our Brooke families. Next week, the student council will be meeting again to discuss different charities and how they support, give information and raise awareness of different issues. Over the next few weeks, everyone in school will have a chance to take part in a democratic vote for their preferred charity. The charities with the most votes will be the charities we fundraise for.



#### Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

The world's largest ape vanished from Earth more than 100,000 years earlier than once thought, pushed to extinction as the environment around it shifted. The new extinction date comes from new analyses of fossils of *Gigantopithecus blacki*, showing instead of dying out around 100,000 years ago, the ape was driven to extinction between 295,000 and 215,000 years ago.

**Area of science:** Palaeontology



**PE Achievement Award**

Pupil	Class
Jaimie G	Y5JLO
Freddie H	Y5JLO

**Home School Partnership**

Pupil	For
Jacob W	Gaining his orange stripe in Martial Arts
Jax D	Achieving Star Trainer at football

**Pupil of the Week W/E 19.01.24**

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	
F2 Ms Hutt	Myriam Z
Y1 Miss Brown	Daniella C
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Jack P
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Olivia N
Y2 Miss Green	Lewis M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Willow R
Y4 Miss Jackson	Jack M
Y4 Mr Jones	Frazer S
Y5 Miss Low	Grace P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Millie W-H
Y6 Mr Farrand	Hollie S
Y6 Mr Thomas	Harley A



**Attendance Matters**

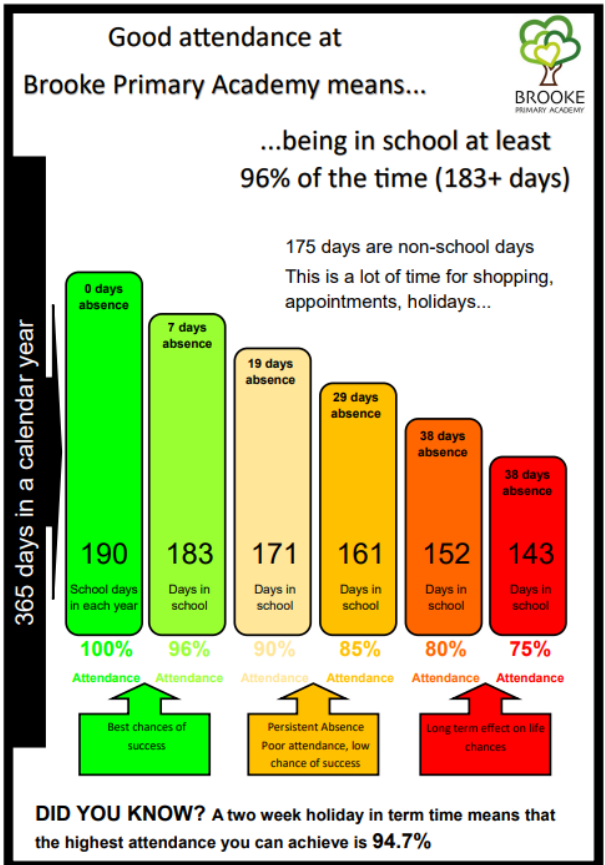
Being in school is important to **your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

**Attendance Challenge Winners –\_W/E 12/01/2024 (Spring 1, Week 1)**

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	94.1%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	97.6%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	94.6%	Y1 – Miss Hennigan – Movie Session
	Y1 Miss Brown	94.3%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	93.8%	
	Y2 Miss Green	92%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	91.8%	Y4 – Mr Jones – PJ Day Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
	Y4 Mr Jones	100%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	97.7%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	93.8%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Art Session with Mrs R
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	90.6%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	94.8%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	92.2%	
Total		94.33%	



**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

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### **Important Dates**

#### **Spring 1 2024**

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Concert
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

#### **Spring 2 2024**

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Class Photographs and Year 6 Portraits
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Austerfield Trip [Y2-Austerfield-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Have a wonderful weekend

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