

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

National Storytelling Week runs from 27th January to 4th February this year and this week, in assembly, we discussed the different kinds of storytelling we encounter on a daily basis. We talked about storytelling in books, songs, films and even YouTube videos. We also spoke about how to be a good storyteller and how everyone has a voice and a story to share. Throughout the week, the children were encouraged to share their favourite stories. They have also mentioned how they enjoy hearing stories about their family from older family members.



For more information on National Storytelling Week for families you can visit:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/story-sharing/>

Design and Technology

The children have been enjoying their Design and Technology units this half term. Year 1 are making a fruit based snack and have tasted lots of different fruits in the process. Year 5 have been making wood structures.



Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

When it comes to brainpower, bottlenose dolphins are second only to humans. The intelligent animals are known to use tools, help fellow dolphins in distress, and even prepare their food to make it more edible. Now, a new study has found that just like humans, dolphin moms change their voices when "talking" to their young ones, and each mother has a unique whistle.

Area of science: Biology



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Hattie-M R	Her amazing dance achievements

Year 5 – ‘Holes’ Themed Day

Over the Spring Term Year 5's learning will be based around the text Holes, by Louis Sachar. The book is about a young boy, Stanley Yelnates, who gets sentenced to work in Camp Green Lake for a crime he didn't commit. The novel shows Stanley's journey, introducing him to some interesting characters as he uncovers secrets that the Warden is trying to hide from the other inmates at the Camp. To celebrate this text, on the **21st March** we are going to have a **'Holes' themed day**. On this day we would like the children to come **dressed up as their favourite Holes character** - they can be as creative as they like.



We cannot wait to see all of your wonderful costumes.

Pupil of the Week W/E 26.01.24

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	Vincent W
F2 Ms Hutt	Theo S
Y1 Miss Brown	Brody C
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Keira-L S
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Eric B
Y2 Miss Green	Harrison M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Whitney A
Y4 Miss Jackson	Cohen-B M
Y4 Mr Jones	Logan C
Y5 Miss Low	Libby S
Y5 Mrs Potter	Olivia W
Y6 Mr Farrand	Danny-J W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Charley A



Times Tables Rockstars

Each week a certificate will be awarded to the children in the school who have achieved the most correct answers on TTR that week.



Times Tables Rockstars	
1 st	Harry R (Y5)
2 nd	Jack M (Y4)
3 rd	Hayden-Paul C (Y6)

Parents Evening

Our Spring Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February. Meetings can be held in classrooms or over the telephone. The booking system is now live on ParentMail to book appointments, please contact the school office should you require any assistance in arranging a meeting.

Doncaster Hockey Sessions

Today, some of our children had a taster session in hockey which they loved, pictures and further details will follow next week. Please see the attached leaflet for a local hockey club.

DONCASTER HOCKEY CLUB
JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS

GET INTO HOCKEY AT DONCASTER HC THIS SEASON

Have you enjoyed your hockey taster sessions at school? Fancy giving it a go at your local club? Then look no further than Friday night training at Doncaster HC!

Everybody is welcome, even if you have played before or simply want to give hockey a try for the first time!

FIND YOUR AGE GROUP AND COME DOWN

	Day	From	Until
U8's	Friday	5pm	6pm
U10's	Friday	5pm	6pm
U12's	Friday	6pm	7:30pm

You will receive expert coaching from senior coaches and aspiring young coaches from the hockey club, helping you understand the rules and regulations of the game, and most importantly, **have fun** and make new friends!

No equipment is initially required, however we do advise shin-pads and a gumshield for all junior players.

For any further information please email:
andygibsonfoundation@gmail.com

WHERE TO FIND US
Doncaster Town Fields Sports Club
Bennethorpe
Doncaster
DN2 6AA

Scan for DHC website

Attendance Matters

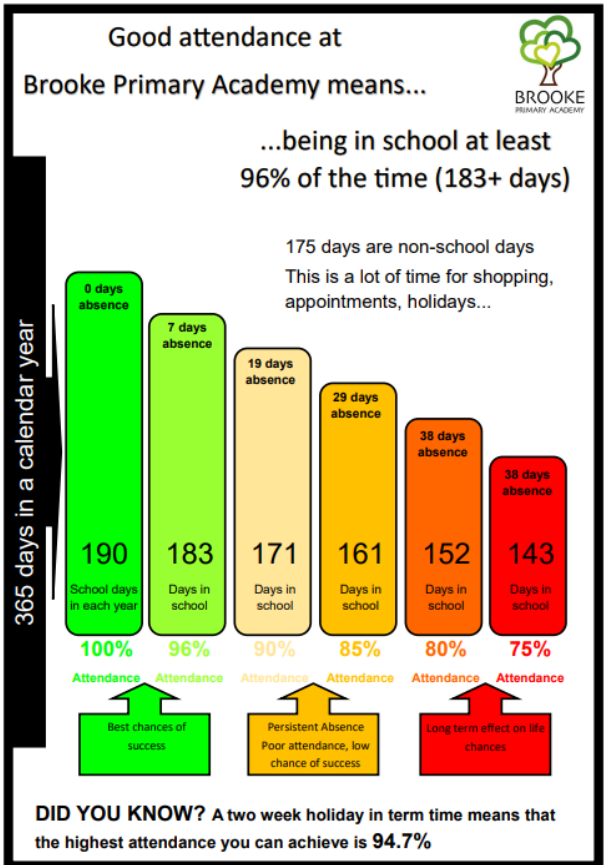
Being in school is important to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

Attendance Challenge Winners –_W/E 12/01/2024 (Spring 1, Week 2)

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	97.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	95.6%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	95.7%	Y1- Miss Brown – Extra Break time
	Y1 Miss Brown	96.8%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	96.4%	
	Y2 Miss Green	93%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97%	Y4 – Mrs Roberts- PJ day Thursday 1 st Feb
	Y4 Mr Jones	93.6%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	95.5%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	93.3%	Y6 - Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield – Extra Break Time
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	92.5%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	84.5%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	95.5%	
Total		%	



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

Spring 1 2024

- Friday 9th February – Young Voices Concert
- Friday 9th February – School closes for half term

Spring 2 2024

- Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February – Spring Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st February – Class Photographs and Year 6 Portraits
- Friday 8th March – Year 2 Austerfield Trip [Y2-Austerfield-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 15th March – Year 5 Hornsea Trip [Year-5-Hornea-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 22nd March – Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip [Y4-Yorkshire-Wildlife-Park-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 22nd March – Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip [Crucial-Crew-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Have a wonderful weekend

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