

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

What a busy last week we have had! This half term seems to have flown by and we cannot believe we are officially half way through the year. Lots of exciting things have taken place and there are many more to come.

This week, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. The theme this year is **My Voice Matters**.

Mike Bell, from With Me In Mind, came into school to empower the children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want all our children to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. We want all our children to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."



Fundraising

All children across school have taken part in a democratic vote, voting for their preferred charity. The student council have been excellent at supporting this. There has been a real sense of empathy and care for all the charities which has been amazing to see.

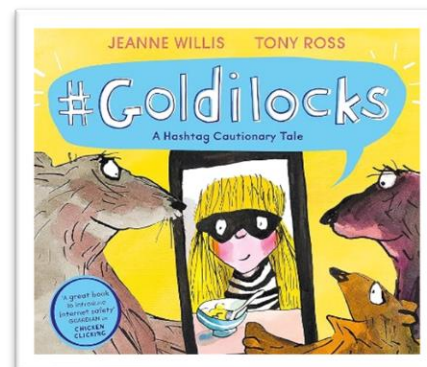
The School Council will meet after half-term to count the votes and to discuss fundraising ideas to help the chosen charities.



Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Safer Internet Day 2024

Safer Internet Day is a yearly event, which is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre and is celebrated all over the world. This day is used to raise awareness of online safety and celebrate all the positives the internet has. Each year Internet Safer Day has a theme, this year's theme is **'Together for a better internet'**.

On Tuesday, we discussed the theme together in assembly and spoke about all the positives the internet has. We finished the assembly by reading the book **Goldilocks: A Hashtag Cautionary Tale**.



Below are some websites with further information on how to keep your children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Doncaster Hockey Club

A few weeks ago, year 6 enjoyed a hockey taster session from Andy Gibson Foundation on behalf of Doncaster Hockey Club. The children were put through their paces and learned a variety of skills. If any children are interested in playing hockey at Doncaster, practices are on a Friday at 5pm or see Mr Whitfield for more details.





STEM Science Club

This half term, Miss Low (Science Lead) has ran a very successful science club. The children have carried out lots of investigations and some very exciting experiments. Some of these include; investigating materials by making balloon kebabs, creating sound duck calls and looking at different forces through making mice fly. Thank you to all the children who attended.

Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

The Hubble Space Telescope has captured the dark dust lanes of a rare kind of spiral galaxy against the glow of thousands of stars. The Hubble has described it as a 'baseball galaxy' with a black hole heart, which is 50 million light-years from Earth in the constellation Sculpto.



Area of science: Astronomy

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Ruby P	Achievements in dancing
Hattie R	Achievements in dancing
Willow R	Her UDO dance medals
Evie H	Achieving 2 nd place in the UDO Yorkshire Street Dance Championship
Freddie M	Being super brave throughout his surgery and recovery

Headteachers Award

Pupil	For
Jessica S	Being so kind and helpful



Pen Licence

Pen licences' have been awarded to the following children – keep up the super work!

Pupil
Darcey C
Ada W
Reeva E

Pupil of the Week W/E 09.02.24

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	Nikodem B
F2 Ms Hutt	Erin B
Y1 Miss Brown	Henry H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Sophia L
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Esmae B
Y2 Miss Green	Tiffany A
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Amelia W
Y4 Miss Jackson	Astheria G
Y4 Mr Jones	Joe F
Y5 Miss Low	Jacob W
Y5 Mrs Potter	Michael P
Y6 Mr Farrand	Oliver L'A
Y6 Mr Thomas	Zak B



Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to the following children who have achieved the most correct answers on TTR this week.

Times Tables Rockstars	
1 st	Arlie A (Y4)
2 nd	Jack M (Y4)
3 rd	Florence B (Y3)



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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.

PE Days

Any changes to PE days will be confirmed before we return on Monday 19th February.

Attendance Matters

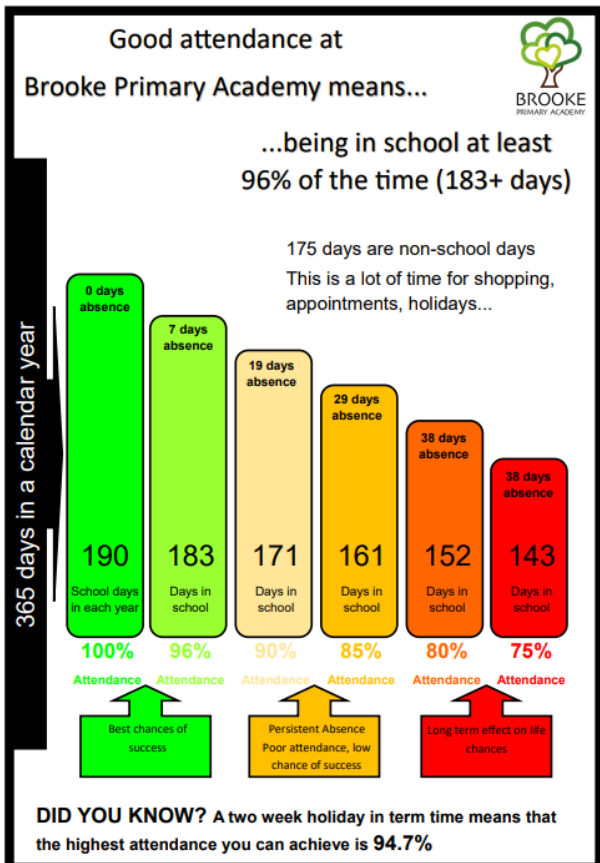
Being in school is important to **your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

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%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	91.5%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	97.8%	Y1- Miss Brown – Non-Uniform Wednesday 21 st February
	Y1 Miss Brown	99.1%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	95.2%	
	Y2 Miss Green	98.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	94.7%	Y4 – Miss Jackson- Extra Break Time
	Y4 Mr Jones	86.4%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	97.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	96.7%	Y5 – Mrs Potter – PJ day Friday 23 rd February
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	100%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	97.4%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	96.2%	
Total	95.88%		



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 if a lesson can make learning more difficult
- lateness contributes to your child having a poor attendance record

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Important Dates

Spring 2 2024

- Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February – Spring Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st February – Class Photographs and Year 6 Portraits
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day [World-Book-Day-2024-letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- 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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