

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

What a busy, but fantastic first week back we have had. We have welcomed back Mrs Binns and Mrs Sanders from maternity leave, it is lovely to have them back.

Thank you to everyone who attended parent's evening. All the staff at Brooke believe we have such amazing children and are proud of them daily with what they achieve. It's great to have the opportunity to showcase and celebrate this.

We have launched our new Jigsaw PSHE topic 'Being Healthy.' The children enthusiastically talked about how they keep fit by doing lots of sports, activities and physical play outside school. We are looking forward to learning how to create a balance between healthy bodies and minds.

Junior Make Your Mark

On Thursday, Josh from Doncaster Council, came into our class to deliver a ballot vote for the junior make your mark. Each child voted for one of the top five issues and popped it in a box towards the count!



Positive Footprints

As part of the Positive Footprints initiative to raise awareness of different career options, the children in Year 6 have enjoyed a talk from two palaeontologists. They learned lots about the dinosaurs and also about extinct microscopic creatures that are found in fossils. It was a fascinating talk and the children asked some really good questions. The children have already had talks from a theatre props designer, a doctor and a fighter-pilot as part of the programme linked to aspirations.

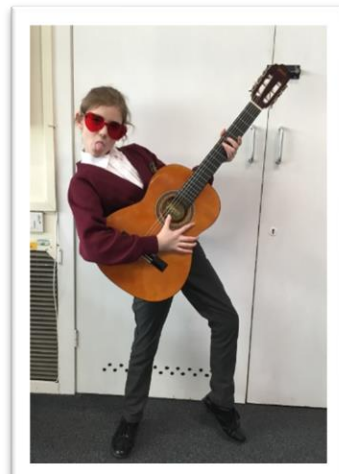
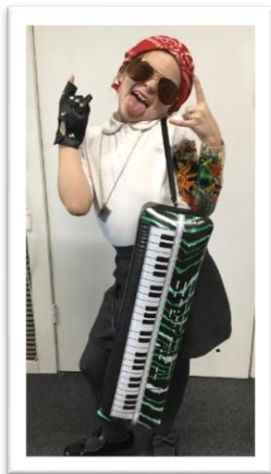
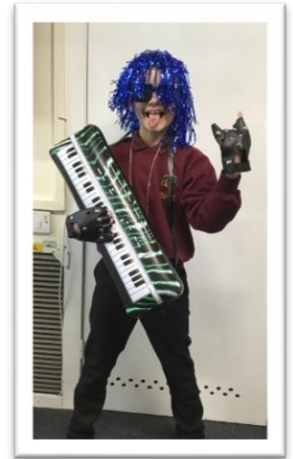


Young Voices

On Friday 9th February, our brilliant Young Voices choir attended the Young Voices Concert at the Utiita Arena in Sheffield, alongside Mrs Cheetham, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Rafferty. This is a fantastic event to be involved in and the children did us proud. They have been dedicated to the event, practicing on their lunch times to learn the songs and it paid off! We sang with over 4,000 children from other schools in the arena and we were joined by MC Grammar, Urban Striders and the brilliant young drummer, Nandi Bushell. What an amazing night we had! Well done Brooke Primary Young Voices Choir!

The 25 Club

We have officially launched 'The 25 Club.' Each week in school, the children from year 2 to year 6 complete a soundcheck on TT Rockstars. Once the children have achieved 25/25 in school for three or more consecutive weeks then they will be invited into 'The 25 Club.' A big well done to the children who have made it into the club this week, here are a few of them.



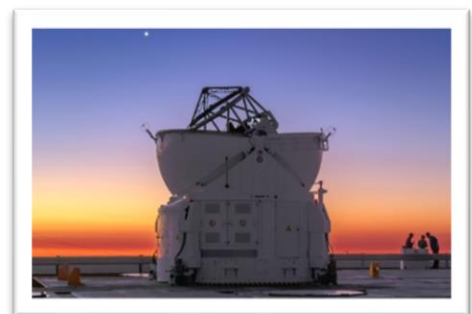
Multiplication Tables Check

All children in year 4 have to complete a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the check is to ensure the times table knowledge is at the expected level. The Multiplication Check is an online test where the children are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For each question, you have 6 seconds to answer. Weekly practice on TT Rockstars Soundcheck will help prepare the children for the multiplication check. Quick mental recall of times tables will significantly support your child with their mathematics learning.

Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

Yesterday, (Feb. 22), Venus and Mars appeared side by side in the predawn sky, and if you rose early, you could spot this planetary dance with the naked eye or a pair of binoculars.

Area of science: Astronomy



Easter Activities

We are pleased to announce that, to celebrate Easter this year, we will be holding the following popular events:

Egg Decorating Competition Theme – Animals from around the world

This year’s theme is Animals from around the world. This means your egg can be as original or exotic as you want it to be. Entries should be brought into school by **Monday 25th March 2024**. The three most creative designs per phase, will be announced in assembly. Prizes will be given to each of the winners. The eggs will be returned to the children on Thursday 28th March (last day of term). Any that remain will be thrown away over the Easter holiday.



Fundraising Easter Raffle

Like previous years, the school will hold a fundraising Easter raffle for the chance to win Easter eggs.

The raffle tickets will be sold at **£1 a strip**. If you are wanting to purchase any raffle tickets, please send the money in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it. **The final day to buy raffle tickets will be Wednesday 27th March**. We would greatly appreciate any donations of chocolate eggs for our school raffle.

The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 28th March**.



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Elliott C	Volunteering at a food bank
Logan C	Achieving Player of the Match at Rugby
Freddie F	An amazing first martial arts lesson
Brooke P	Wonderful dancing at the Junction Theatre, Goole
Ivy-B P	Amazing dancing in the Bodyrockers showcase
Evie H	Amazing dancing in the Bodyrockers showcase
Ruby R	Amazing dancing in the Bodyrockers showcase

Pupil of the Week W/E 23.02.24

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	George R
F2 Ms Hutt	Archie H
Y1 Miss Brown	Travis W
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Mary W
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Ella A
Y2 Miss Green	Oceanna P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Darcey C
Y4 Miss Jackson	Poppy M
Y4 Mr Jones	Theo C
Y5 Miss Low	Henley M
Y5 Mrs Potter	Theo C
Y6 Mr Farrand	Daisy-M H
Y6 Mr Thomas	Cody 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	Jack M
2 nd	James L
3 rd	Florence B



PE Days

Below are the PE days for Spring 2, please ensure that your child attends wearing the correct kit on their day (Y5 swimming excluded).

- F2 Monday
- Y1 Tuesday
- Y2 Friday
- Y3 Monday
- Y4 Wednesday
- Y5 Monday (Swimming)
- Y6 Monday

Attendance Matters

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

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 09/02/2024 (Spring 1, Week 5)

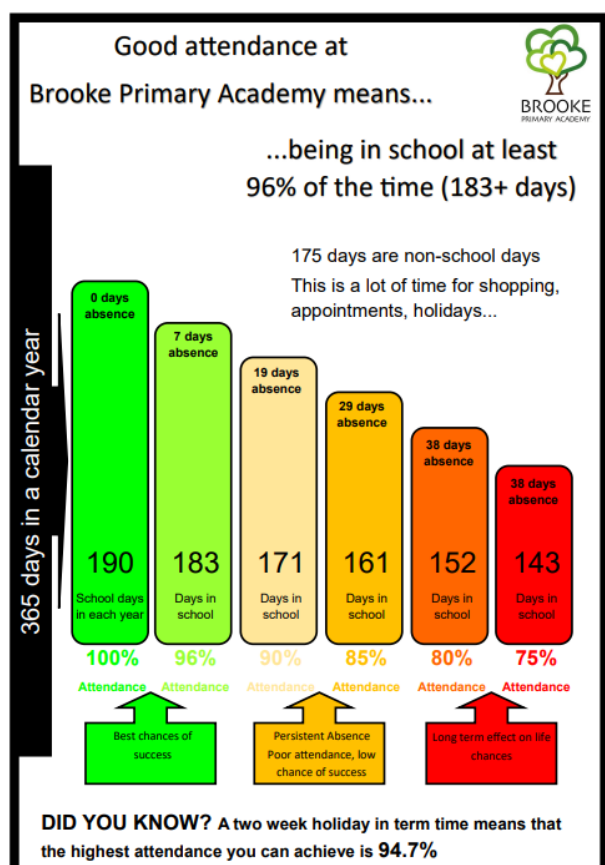
Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

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	97.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	96.4%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	97%	Y1- Miss Brown – Extra ICT Slot
	Y1 Miss Brown	97.3%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	96.2%	
	Y2 Miss Green	96.7%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	92%	Y4 – Mr Jones – Extra ICT Slot
	Y4 Mr Jones	97.3%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	94.3%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	95.4%	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders – Non Uniform day Wednesday 28 th February
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	94.4%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	95.5%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	95.9%	
Total		95.7%	



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

Important Dates

Spring 2 2024

- 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 \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Wednesday 20th March – F1 Easter Event [F1-Easter-Event-Parent-and-Carer-Invite.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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