

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

Our assembly this week was on International Astronomy Day. We looked at why we celebrate International Astronomy Day and a range of activities linked to tracking the phases of the moon (please see the images as reference, the children can collect their moon diary in the library). We even had some very brave volunteers who modelled our solar system, by becoming the Sun, moon, and Earth!

Home learning activities:

- Track the phases of the Moon for a month. Start at a full moon and draw what the Moon looks like every night (if you can see it!).
- Make Oreo moon phases
- Make a scale model of the Solar System out of modelling clay.



### NSPCC

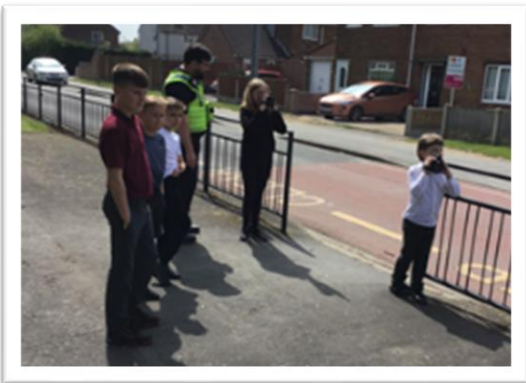
On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, our Year 6 pupils had the chance to watch a special performance, joined by all the Year 6 pupils from Green Top School and Marshland Primary Academy, as we hosted representatives from the NSPCC and a theatre group, whom delivered a performance about the dangers of social media. The play itself was prefaced by an interactive discussion about social media, and followed by a second interactive discussion, focussing on the key messages and asking how some of the characters 'could' have done things differently. Their drama team then re-enacted portions of the play, making those better choices, as provided by the audience. We all hope that the talk and play will help all our children to stay safe, now and in coming years, increasing their awareness of the potential dangers and pitfalls that social media sites can present.

The children behaved well, listened carefully and got stuck in by volunteering many ideas, answers and solutions in the interactive chat segments. They did us all proud!



### Community Ambassadors

The Community Ambassadors have had an exciting week! The PCSO came in to work with the children to look at how we can make our walk to school safer and this week we had a focus on speed. The children were taught how to use the speed guns and they all had a turn at measuring the speed of cars travelling down the road. The community ambassadors caught two cars speeding over the speed limit of 20mph. Our next focus will be on parking outside of school. The community ambassadors have made their own parking tickets and will be supported by the PCSO to look at safe parking outside school.



### Pentecostal Church Visit

Last Friday, F2 visited the Pentecostal Church. The children had fun meeting the Cbeebies presenter Gemma Hunt. She read her new books to the children and they played some exciting games.



### KS2 Art Space

During Wednesday and Friday's dinner time, Mrs Roberts' classroom becomes an art space. Whilst listening to classical music, it is a calm atmosphere where children can create art. This week the children have been threading.

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The online shop is now open to order the Y6 Leavers Hoodies – please click on the link below for further details

[Y6-Leavers-Hoodies-Online-Shop-Letter-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Y6-Leavers-Hoodies-Online-Shop-Letter-2024.pdf)

### Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

Stargazers to get a rare chance to witness a nova explosion: Between now and September, NASA predicts an even rarer celestial event — a nova outburst. Unlike the eclipse, this phenomenon can be observed from anywhere on Earth without using any special equipment.

**Area of science:** Astronomy

### Picture News

Every Thursday afternoon, the children take part in a 'Picture News' assembly. This is used to support the personal development of the children. Picture News provides children with opportunities to develop their learning further through news stories that inspire them. It exposes children to a range of current issues including political, religious, cultural, environmental, social, moral and spiritual. It makes British Values relevant and meaningful which develop links between personal, school and community values. It also allows children to demonstrate respect and tolerance.



Each week, we will share with you the topic of discussion for you to discuss with your child at home.



## In the news this week

Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner to complete what is thought by many to be the world's toughest race. Jasmin is one of only twenty people to have successfully completed the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA. She crossed the finish line in March with less than 100 seconds to spare before the 60-hour cut-off time. Jasmin said she wanted to inspire others and test the limits of her capabilities.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you imagine how Jasmin might have felt when she finished the event? Make a list of the different feelings you believe she may have had.
- Can you think of a time when you found something really difficult? Were you able to complete the challenge or task? Talk about the experience and what you learned from it.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



**Pupil of the Week W/E 03.05.24**

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.

| <u>Class</u>     | <u>Pupil</u> |
|------------------|--------------|
| F1 Mrs Whitfield | Amel C       |
| F2 Ms Hutt       | Esmee P-M    |
| Y1 Miss Brown    | Amber P      |
| Y1 Miss Hennigan | Harry W      |
| Y2 Miss Flaherty | George W     |
| Y2 Miss Green    | Sam W        |
| Y3 Mrs Roberts   | Charlie M    |
| Y4 Miss Jackson  | Quinn D      |
| Y4 Mr Jones      | Harry R      |
| Y5 Miss Low      | Sophia C     |
| Y5 Mrs Potter    | Daisy A      |
| Y6 Mr Farrand    | Oliver L'A   |
| Y6 Mr Thomas     | Alessia H    |



**Times Tables Rockstars**

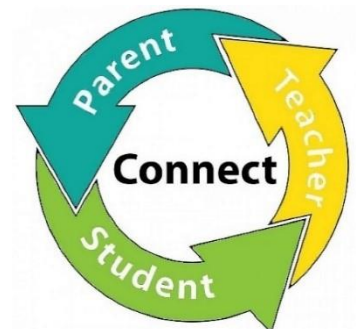
Well done to the following children who have achieved the most correct answers on TTR this week.

| <b>Times Tables Rockstars</b> |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>               | Jack M  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>               | Niall R |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>               | Franc M |



**Home School Partnership**

| <b>Pupil</b> | <b>For</b>                         |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Evie H       | Star of the week at Bodyrockers    |
| Ivy B-P      | Star of the week at Bodyrockers    |
| Tiffany M    | Star of the week at Bodyrockers    |
| Lennon B-K   | Working hard for his football team |



**'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'**

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, **we need to work together**. The Government has launched a national campaign, aimed at parents and carers, on the importance of school attendance. Our goal is to create a nurturing bond between parents and school, emphasising the pivotal role attendance has in enhancing their child's overall wellbeing. Being in school is essential to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development**.

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 26/04/2024 (Summer 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          | 94.6%      | All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box |
|       | F2 Miss Hutt              | 92.5%      |  |
| KS1   | Y1 Miss Hennigan          | 95.4%      | Y2-Miss Green -ICT Slot                                      |
|       | Y1 Miss Brown             | 95.8%      |  |
|       | Y2 Miss Flaherty          | 95.2%      |  |
|       | Y2 Miss Green             | 99.2%      |  |
| LKS2  | Y3 Mrs Roberts            | 95.3%      | Y4 – Mr Jones – Movie Session                                |
|       | Y4 Mr Jones               | 95.9%      |  |
|       | Y4 Miss Jackson           | 95.2%      |  |
| UKS2  | Y5 Miss Low               | 97.5%      | Y5-Miss Low – Art session                                    |
|       | Y5 Mrs H Potter           | 90.8%      |  |
|       | Y6 Mr Thomas              | 92.3%      |  |
|       | Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders | 91%        |  |
| Total | 94.5%                     |            |  |

**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
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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 07:30)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.
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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



# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...being in school at least  
96% of the time (183+ days)

175 days are non-school days  
This is a lot of time for shopping,  
appointments, holidays...

365 days in a calendar year



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that  
the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

### Important Dates

#### Summer 1

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed to all children
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Cannon Hall Farm Trip - [Y1-Cannon-Hall-Farm-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 National Railway Museum Trip [Y5-National-Railway-Museum-letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May -Year 4 Austerfield Residential Trip [Austerfield-Residential-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term – There will be **NO** 326 club on this day
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Online shop closes

#### Summer 2

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School re-opens to all children
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Go Ape
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – F1 William’s Den Trip - [F1-Williams-Den-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – School Development Day – Closed to all pupils
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Trip - [Y6-Leavers-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for the end of the academic year – There will be **NO** 326 club on this day.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

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