

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

As part of the national commemoration of the eightieth anniversary of the D-Day landings, Brooke welcomed Mick Miller from the Royal British Legion, who gave a talk about D-day and why it matters that we remember it. Mick - who served for many years, himself, in the RAF - kindly gave up his time to talk to the children about the build-up and the big day itself - a topic about which he was very knowledgeable!



Our Year 6 children continued the national commemorations at Thorne Memorial Park on Thursday. They heard a service and saw members of the armed forces - past and present - showing their respect, along with the Royal British Legion, mayor, local councillors and MP. Thorne's primary schools played their part, reading a poem written by a member of the Royal British Legion. Brooke stepped up to read another school's parts, as well as our own. A huge well done to ALL of the Brooke children, who read their lines beautifully in front of a large crowd! Members of the Royal British Legion along with the mayor came to thank all the children for their respectful behaviour and fantastic reading during the service.



This week, the children have enjoyed the introduction to our new topic 'Changing Me.' They learned about the changes that occur during different animal life cycles and our own human life cycle. The children used photos and age cards of the human life cycle then read statements linked to what we can do at those ages, i.e. marry; have a baby, play computer games, go to college... the children had fun organising some of the staff onto a chronological timeline!



### 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.



## TAKEHOME 13th - 16th May



## In the news this week

Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them. The four aboriginal spears are all that remain of the forty or so that British explorer, James Cook, and his team took from the Gweagal people more than 250 years ago. On their arrival in Australia in 1770, they became the first known Europeans to reach the country's east coast.

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

- > Share your response with someone at home to the news that the spears are being returned after 250 years. Do you both feel the same?
- > What belongings are important to you? Do you have any items from grandparents or other relatives that have special value to you?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

**Miss Low's Science Bulletin:**

Smalltooth sawfish develop their signature, long, tooth-lined snout while still in the womb. The needle-sharp teeth are encased in a specialized sheath that prevents the rays from cutting up their mother and siblings during gestation and birth. Now, scientists have gotten their first close-up look at this built-in pocket protector that stops sawfish from 'sword fighting' in the womb.



**Area of science:** Biology

**Pupil of the Week W/E 07.06.24**

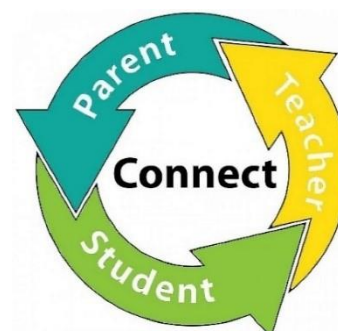
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Charlotte S
F2 Ms Hutt	Esme-R K
Y1 Miss Brown	Sapphire M
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Ruby K
Y2 Miss French	Cohen M
Y2 Miss Green	Jax D
Y3 Mrs Roberts	William D
Y5 Miss Low	Eric T
Y5 Mrs Potter	Emily C
Y6 Mr Farrand	Ruby W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Quinn H



**Home School Partnership**

Pupil	For
George L	Becoming a sixer in his cubs group
Brooke P	Completing Trix Training at Bodyrockers
Ivy-B P	Achieving a bronze award in musical theatre
Evie H	Achieving a bronze award in musical theatre and being awarded 'Star of the Show'.



**Times Tables Rockstars**

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

Times Tables Rockstars	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Freddie C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whitney A





**'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 24/05/2024 (Summer 1, Week 6)**



- 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	91.6%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	95.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	92.5%	Y2 – Miss Green
	Y1 Miss Brown	91.7%	
	Y2 Miss French	83.6%	
	Y2 Miss Green	93.9%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	90.3%	Y4 – Mr Jones – PJ Day Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
	Y4 Mr Jones	98.2%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	86.7%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	95.8%	Y5-Miss Low-Extra Breaktime
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	90.8%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	87.4%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	83.8%	
Total	90.9%		

**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 2**

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Go Ape
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 and Y2 Sports Day 2.15pm
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 and Y4 Sports Day 2.15pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – F1 and F2 Sports Day 10.45am
- 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
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Doncaster Mosque Trip [Doncaster-Jamia-Mosque-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Conisbrough Castle Trip [Y4-Conisbrough-Castle.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leavers Trip - [Y6-Leavers-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y5 and Y6 Sports Day 10am
- 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 weekend.

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