

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Well done to everyone who took part in the Pumpkin Carving Competition. The front of school looked wonderfully spooky and there were over 65 pumpkins! Today, student representatives voted unanimously and a winner was picked. Congratulations to Carter C in year 1. The student representatives also decided that everyone should be awarded a prize due to the time and effort that everyone put in. Each pumpkin looked amazing! After school today, the children will be able to take their pumpkins home and collect their little prize for taking part.



This week, we hosted our Halloween Disco, and it was a huge success. A big thank you to our newly formed Brooke Parent Group who supported with the running of the disco.

A big thank you to the Thorne & Moorends Community Food Bank for providing us with ketchup, mayonnaise and other sauces for the hot dogs. We really appreciated this and cannot thank Abbie and the team enough.



Parent's Evening

We aim to make our Parent's Evenings as informative and beneficial as possible. With this in mind, we have decided to do our first Parent's Evening in January following our Autumn assessments. This allows the teachers to give you an accurate and up to date picture of your child's attainment and progress.

As always, if you have any queries about anything please speak to your child's class teacher. We will be touch in due course with the dates.

Sewing Club

During Friday's celebration assembly, Mrs Roberts' sewing club showcased their little monsters that they have independently created themselves using the running and blanket stitch. They were all so proud, as was Mrs Roberts, Miss Austin and Mrs Stent. I'm sure you will all agree they are amazing.



Sign Language Club

Also, in Friday's celebration assembly, Mrs Gillatt and her amazing club preformed 'This is Halloween' using sign to the entire school. A video of the children preforming has also been sent to the Doncaster School of Deaf for the children there to enjoy. The school were very impressed and we can't wait to watch their Christmas performance.



Road Safety

In this week's assembly, the theme was road safety with a particular focus on road safety at night. The clocks are turning back during half term and as a result it will be darker earlier. We identified ways in which we can keep safe when walking in the dark. We discussed wearing reflective clothing because florescent colours don't show up in the dark, whilst reflective clothing reflects the light back from car and bike headlamps. We also identified some accessories we can wear which can help us stay safe such as reflective armbands/bags and walking with torches. Remember: Be safe, Be seen!



Oliver at Trinity

On Tuesday, our year 5 and 6 children visited Trinity to watch the production of Oliver! It was wonderful to see some of our former pupils take leading roles and shine like the stars they are. Our children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance.



PE Days

Please see below for PE days after half term

Monday Year 3 and Year 2

Tuesday Year 6 and Year 5 (Year 5 will continue with swimming)

Wednesday Reception (F2) and Branches

Friday Year 4 and Year 1

Please ensure that children attend school wearing the correct PE kit (black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, black jumper – no football kits or jewellery)

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

We have a selection of merchandise available in school to support this year's poppy appeal. Children are welcome to bring in donations, items will be available at break time after half term.

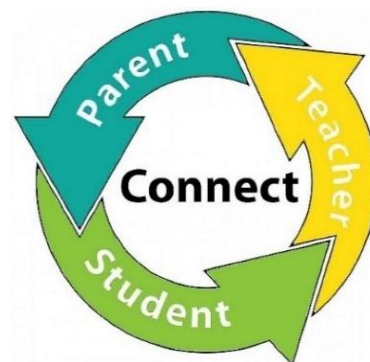


Pupil of the Week w/e 18/10/2024

Class	Pupil
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Beatrice C
F2 Ms Hutt	Violet W, Rosie C
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Vincent G
Y2 Miss Brown	Natalia J
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Keira L-S
Y3 Miss Jackson	Hallie-M R
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Lewis M
Y4 Miss Low	Rhys M
Y5 Mr Jones	Evie H
Y5 Mrs Potter	Kadie-J S
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Theo C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Evan C

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Milly H	Earning Star of the Week at dancing
Beau-L T	Earning her Ducklings Stage 4 at swimming
Ellie R	Achieving 'Parents Player' at football
lyda B	Achieving 1 st place in an Irish Dancing competition
Freya S	Achieving 7th place in an Irish Dancing competition
Olivia M	Achieving 5th place in an Irish Dancing competition
Zara B	Being highly commended in her dance exam
Lennon K-B	Being scouted for a football team



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.



What impact can music have on our lives?

In the news this week

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- > What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- > Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 18/10/2024 (Autumn 1, Week 7)

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 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 Miss French & Mrs Binns	85.6%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	92.6%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	99.1%	Y1 – Miss Hennigan- Milkshakes for the class
	Y2 Miss Brown	92.3%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	97.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	89.6%	Y3 Mrs Roberts – Extra Break
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	100%	
	Y4 Miss Low	97.4%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	93.3%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Extra Break
	Y5 Mrs Potter	90.8%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.5%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	90.8%	
Total	93.83%		

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

Autumn 1

- **Friday 25th October – School closes for half term**

Autumn 2

- **Monday 4th November – School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term**
- Wednesday 13th November EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [Nursery-Rhyme-Week-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need – [Children-in-Need-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 22nd November – Y6 Venn Olympics [Y6-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 27th November – Y5 Space Dome Visit - [Y5-Space-Dome-Visit.pdf](#)
- Friday 29th November – Christmas Choir – Thorne Christmas Lights switch on -details to follow
- Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Choir singing at Northfields Care Home (Y4-6)
- **Friday 6th December – School Closure Day – Closed to all children**
- Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Choir singing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – details to follow
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Choir singing at Parklands Care Home (Y4-6)
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fayre – further details to follow
- **Friday 20th December – School closes for end of term**

Have a wonderful weekend.

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