

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Children in Need

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the children who participated in our Children in Need day! Your amazing outfits, full of creativity and spirit, truly brought joy to the event. It was wonderful to see everyone embracing the theme and showing support for such a worthy cause. Your efforts have helped raise awareness and contribute to the ongoing work of Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £295.18. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm.



Science

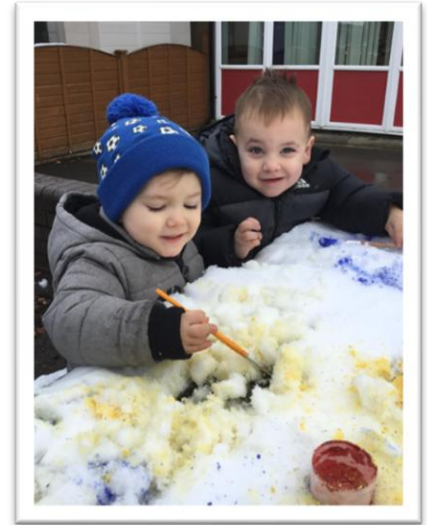
This half term, Year 5 are looking at Earth and Space within our Science lessons. This week's lesson was all about The Solar System. Working in groups, the children recreated the Solar System using different sized balls to represent each planet, labelling them and providing a fact about each planet: Did you know that Uranus is the only planet that spins on its side?!

They had a great time figuring out how to truly represent our Solar System!



Foundation 1

This week our nursery children have been exploring colours linked to their story of the week, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear.' On Tuesday morning the children explored what would happen if they mixed powder paint in the snow. They had lots of fun painting outside and creating the most wonderful, colourful pictures on different surfaces.



Christmas Dinner - Friday 13th December

Please be advised that our school Christmas dinner is now available to be pre-ordered on School Grid. We would kindly request that if you wish for your child to have the Christmas dinner that you place a pre-order before the 6th December.



Christmas Fayre

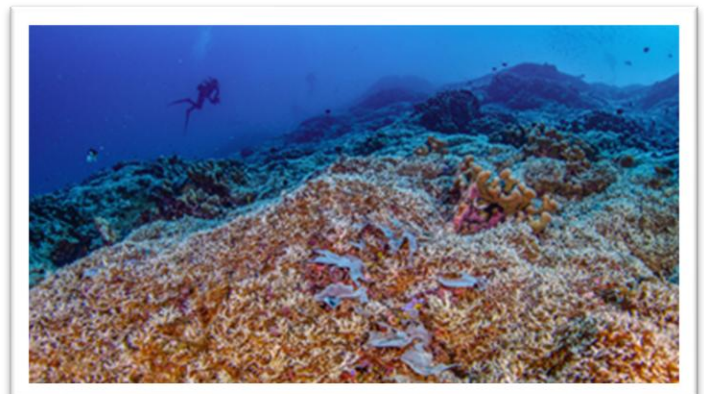
If any parents, carers or family members would like a stall at the Christmas Fayre please contact the school office. Stalls are free, all we are asking for is 10% from anything made on the night.



Miss Low's Science Bulletin

The world's largest standalone coral (shown) has been discovered off the coast of the Solomon Islands.

Area of science: Marine Biology



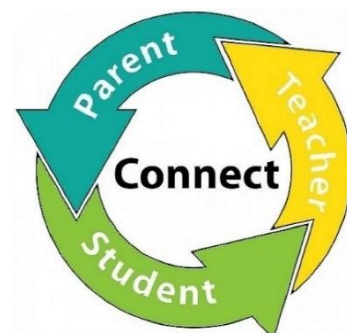


Pupil of the Week w/e 22/11/2024

Class	Pupil
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Charlotte S
F2 Ms Hutt	Elvis B, Darcy H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Ryan B
Y2 Miss Brown	Lucy H
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Charlye E
Y3 Miss Jackson	Zak H
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Alexia S
Y4 Miss Low	Mcauley M
Y5 Mr Jones	Ivy-B P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Liam H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Korben G
Y6 Mr Thomas	Freddie H

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Ellie R	Achieving manager's player at football
Carter C	Receiving manager's player trophy at football
Mollie B-W	Achievements in swimming
Tilly B-W	Achievements in swimming
Darcey C	Receiving 'Star of the Week' at dancing



School Uniform Donation

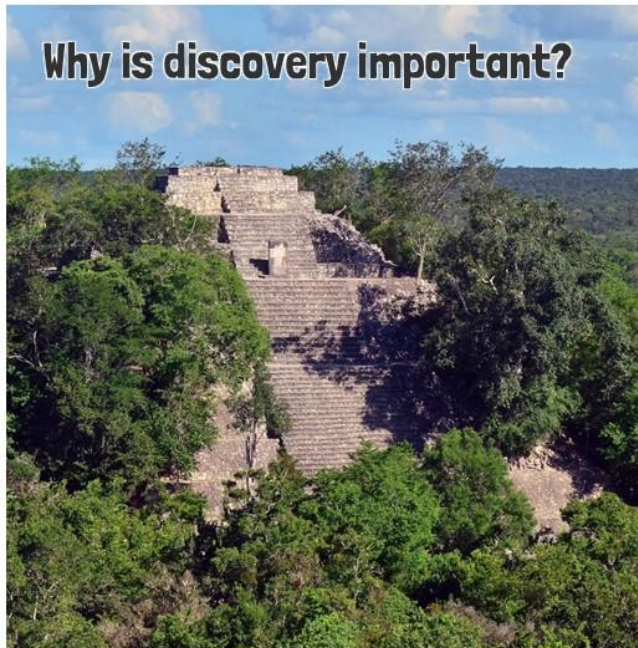
Nursery would welcome any boys school trousers or underwear in sizes 3-4 and 4-5. Please bring any donations to the school office

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 18th - 24th November



Why is discovery important?

In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 15/11/2024 (Autumn 2, Week 2)

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

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Winner</u>
EYFS	F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	97.5%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	90%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	96.2%	Y2 –Mrs Whitfield- Milkshake and movie
	Y2 Miss Brown	91.9%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	97.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	100%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Children to read to nursery children
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	89.1%	
	Y4 Miss Low	98.7%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	97.1%	Y5 – Mrs Potter- Pyjama Day Monday 25 th November
	Y5 Mrs Potter	99%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	89.6%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	94.8%	
Total	94.75%		

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

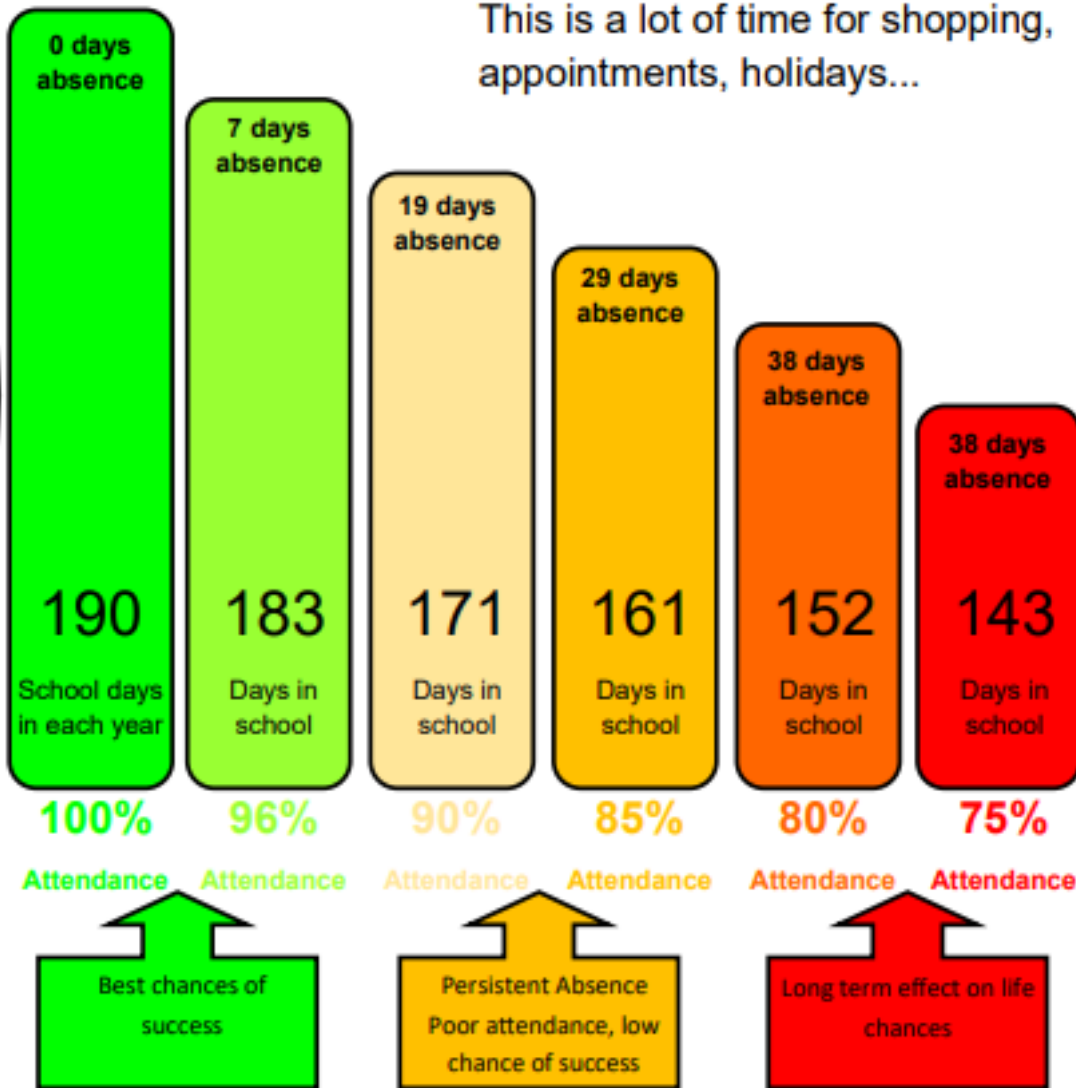


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 2

- Wednesday 27th November – Y5 Space Dome Visit - [Y5-Space-Dome-Visit.pdf](#)
- Friday 29th November – Christmas Choir – Thorne Christmas Lights switch on [Christmas-Light-Switch-On-2024.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Choir singing at Northfields Care Home (Y4-6)
- **Friday 6th December – School Closure Day – Closed to all children**
- Tuesday 10th December – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performances 9.30am & 2.15pm [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Choir singing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- Wednesday 11th December – F1 & F2 Christmas Nativity Performance [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 11th December – Y6 to attend Trinity Academy Carol Service 1pm-2pm
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – details to follow
- Tuesday 17th December – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 9.15am & 2.15pm [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Choir singing at Parklands Care Home (Y4-6)
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fayre – see poster
- Thursday 19th December – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church 10am [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- **Friday 20th December – School closes for end of term**

Have a wonderful weekend,

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