

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Remembrance

The children at Brooke took part in our annual Remembrance Assembly, where we looked at what remembrance actually is and why it matters. We discussed remembering and being grateful towards all those whom have fought for our freedoms and way of life, today. We remembered all those whom defended us, yet never got to return to their own families.

We were fortunate to be joined again by Rob Brown, an active reservist, whom kindly gave up his time to come to talk to the children as well as bringing along his military uniforms, family medals and other memorabilia. The children were in awe of Rob and asked many interesting questions. The children (and staff!) all hugely appreciate the way you give up your time to join in our remembrance assemblies. A big thank you from us all!

On Monday 11th, our Year 6 children will visit Thorne Memorial to pay our respects, read some poetry and find local surnames on the memorial itself. The children will hold a minute's silence at 11.00 a.m. (along with everyone back in school). We look forward to, and feel honoured to be part of, the Royal Legion Remembrance Service.



Anti-Bullying Week 11th to 15th November

This year Anti-bullying week has the theme 'Choose Respect' and will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November, where adults and children can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Two-year-old provision

We know we consulted with you about offering nursery provision for two-year olds and we are happy to let you know that the application has been approved by the DfE and Doncaster Council. Building work is currently being carried out to make some changes to accommodate our newest members. We cannot wait to share with you the changes and show you how it all looks once it is completed – which (fingers crossed) won't be much longer. Once this is completed we will let everyone know how parents/carers can apply for our newest provision.

Our nursery children have been superstars moving into a temporary classroom in key stage one while this building work is taking place. Miss French and Mrs Binns have made it 'home from home,' and the children are really enjoying using the 'big' playground.



Year 2

In Autumn 1, year 2 worked really hard designing and making their own coal mining carts. The children practiced constructing the base for their pit carts using techcard, wheels and straws. They experimented with the importance of ensuring that the axle can run freely in the holder. The children persevered until they got it right and their carts could roll. Look at how fantastic they look!



Year 4

Before half term, year 4 walked to church to complete some observational drawings. They have a range of different fun activities that they needed to complete using their non dominant hand. They learned a lot about perspective drawing. Well done year 4.

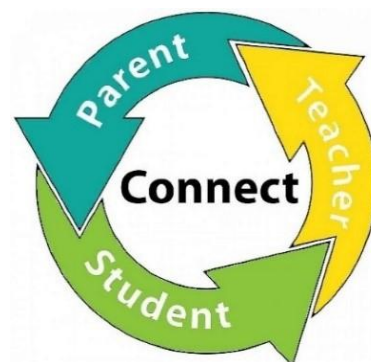


Pupil of the Week w/e 05/11/2024

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Amel C
F2 Ms Hutt	Riley-R M, Eleanor L
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Archie H
Y2 Miss Brown	Harry W
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Miman R
Y3 Miss Jackson	Jozef M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Cohen M
Y4 Miss Low	Aaliyah P
Y5 Mr Jones	Ivy-B P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ellie R
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Kian R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Finley S

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Grace K	Outstanding achievements in dance
Evie H	Star of the Week at BodyRockers



Miss Low's Science Bulletin

By studying the blue whales around Sri Lanka, marine biologist Asha de Vos discovered they are the only nonmigratory blue whales in the world.

Area of science: Marine Biology



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 4th - 10th November



In the news this week

A 23-year-old British climber has become the youngest woman to summit the world's fourteen highest mountains. Adriana Brownlee reached the 8,027m peak of Shishapangma in Tibet, at around 8am on 9th October. She is only the second Briton to complete the feat, after quitting university to begin a career in mountaineering.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to Adriana Brownlee's achievement. Talk about some of the challenges she will have faced and sacrifices she will have made to reach her goal.
- > What goals and aspirations do you have for the future? Ask someone older at home about theirs. Have their dreams changed over time? Have they fulfilled any of them?

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 25/10/2024 (Autumn 1, Week 8)

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	89%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	97.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	92.6%	Y2 – Miss Brown – Box of chocolates
	Y2 Miss Brown	95.4%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	95.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	87.5%	Y4 – Miss Low – Non-uniform day Thursday 14 th November
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	92.6%	
	Y4 Miss Low	94.2%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	95.7%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Extra Break
	Y5 Mrs Potter	90%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	97%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	93.1%	
Total	93.3%		

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

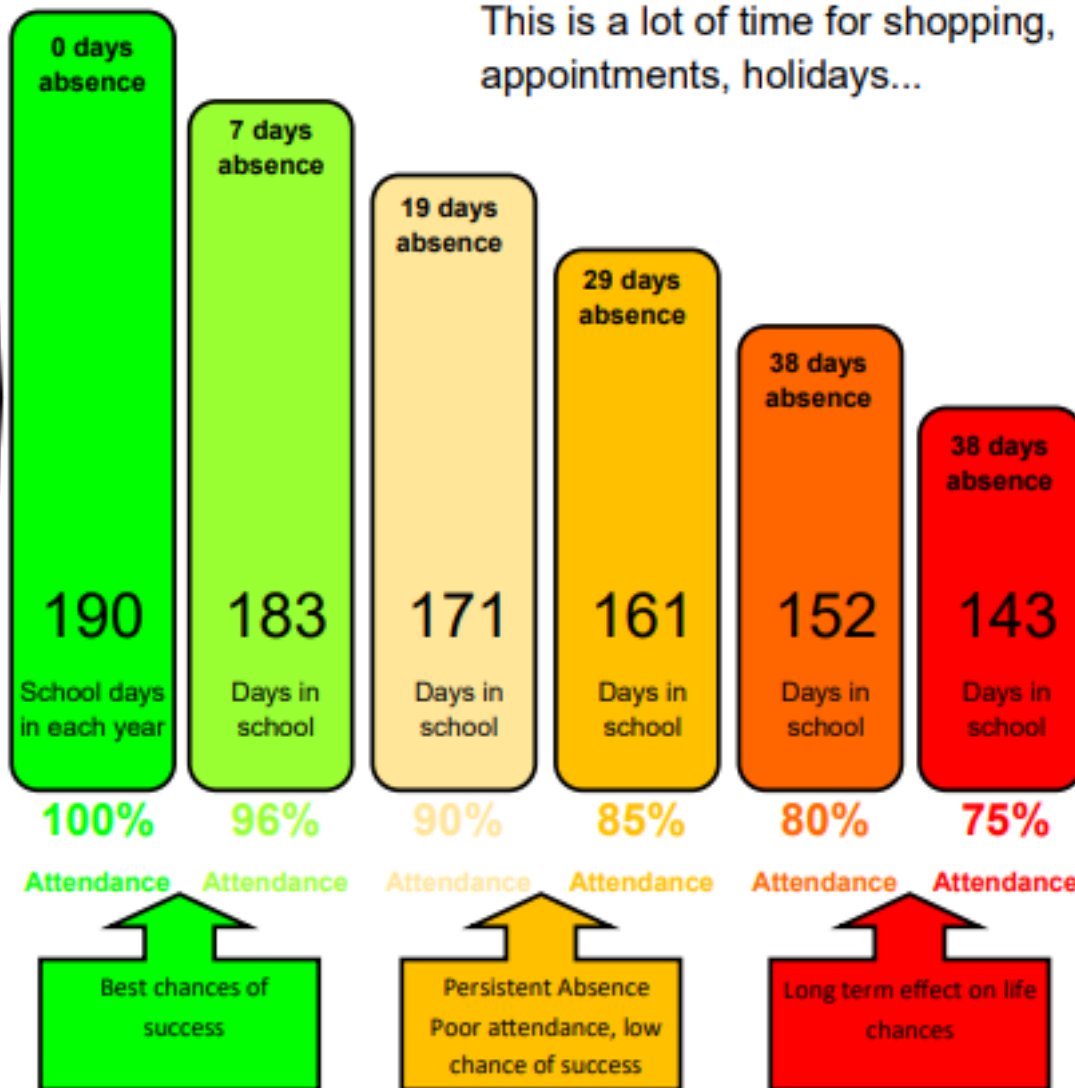


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day for all children and staff
- Wednesday 13th November EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [Nursery-Rhyme-Week-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need – [Childen-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**
- 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](#)
- 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 – further details to follow
- 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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