



Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and the theme for 2022 is 'Time for Change: Action Not Words'. We have been discussing the importance of celebrating our differences and making the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected. We have been exploring Unicef Article 2 (no discrimination) and Article 30 (children from minority groups). As always, we will continue our learning on black history throughout the year.



We absolutely love the work **3B** has been doing on the Stone Age, especially this cave they built in their classroom, decorated with cave paintings inspired by their learning.



Our first Year 6 Book Club of the year took place today! Lots of smiling faces excitedly choosing a book from our special library - plus a cake! We are looking forward to sharing our love of literature!
Miss Taylor - Reading Lead



Hello all!

Here is the **UNICEF** representative from 2A who wanted to share her favourite Article with the school community.

She said "My favourite Article is Article 28 - Every Child has the Right to an Education - because every child should be able to learn in school." Well said!



Miss Kingsford - Unicef Lead



Language Angels

As you know, playing games is a really great way to help consolidate and embed the French language teaching done in class here at Brookburn. Language Angels has an interactive games and karaoke songs module allowing your child quick and easy give access to play at home. The username is brookburn and the password is french (both lower case)
I hope you and your child enjoy the games and songs!



Madame Warrington - MFL Lead

Year 4 had a wonderful visit to Chester last Friday. The children arrived early so that they could walk a section of Chester's famous Roman walls, before then visiting the Dewa Roman Discovery Centre. Each class were shown what life would have been like for a Roman soldier arriving in Britain, all that time ago. The children were taught to march and fight like soldiers and were shown around the historical city (virtually) where they learned about Roman eating, bathing and sleeping arrangements inside the fortified city.

Thank you to our team of parent helpers for braving the wet weather!



Man City Raffle!

Good Luck to everyone that has entered the LINK Learning Trust raffle to win the signed Manchester City shirt. The draw will take place on Monday 17th October - watch this space for the announcement of the winner!

School Health

A reminder that the school health team will be in school on **Wednesday 2nd** and **Thursday 3rd November** to do the height and weight screening for children in **Year 6** and the height, weight, vision and hearing screening for children in **Reception**.



Children in other year groups will not be screened.

Reception parents should complete the consent form for the vision and hearing screening and return to the class team or the school office ASAP!

The Intrahealth team will be in school on Tuesday 22nd November to administer the flu vaccine to children in

Reception through to Year 6. You must complete the form to consent or decline the vaccine. Nursery children are not included in the school vaccine programme.

**There is still time to return your form!
Pop it into the school office ASAP**





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Musical Theatre & Acting Classes
Wednesday and Thursday's for
ages 4-16 years at our Training
Room at the bottom of the cobbled
lane. Last few spaces available for a
2-week trial, please go to the website below for the
timetable. www.chorltonperformingartsschool.co.uk



*Please note there is no pick up and drop off
directly from school, all parents must make
arrangements for this.*

Stuck for something to do at half term?

The University of Manchester is hosting a Science-X
STEM event at Manchester Central Library on 28th and
29th October. The event is **free** and there will be plenty of
opportunities for families to get hands-on with a whole
host of experiments – make DNA bracelets, build your
own motors, learn about how we programme robots or
come and look more closely at the world around you
through a microscope. You can book tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sciencex-a-free-family-fun-day-day-one-tickets-423742524297>



Well done to the following TTRock Stars!
Mr Shurlock - Maths Lead

Week ending:	Most Improved	Highest Score
7th October	Alessandro 6A	Joseph 4A
14th October	Arran 4A	Jonas 5B

Manchester City Council Cost of Living Advice Line

To support Manchester residents through the cost-of-living
crisis, Manchester City Council will be providing an advice
line that will offer:

1. Support with benefits and help with your rent
2. Advice about debt and paying bills
3. Food support
4. Support getting online



The advice line can be accessed via a free phone
number 0800 023 2692 from 9:00-4:30 Mon to Fri.



www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands

Secondary School Admissions 2023

Year 6 parents! Please don't forget to make your
application for your child's Secondary School
place for September 2023. There are postal
strikes planned prior to the **deadline of 31st October** so
online is the best way to make your application.

<https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>



Next week's lunches—Week 1

17th October:

Flute/Clarinet (am)

Guitar (pm)

Steel Pans (pm)

18th October:

Boys football tournament at Brookburn

19th October:

Violin/Cello (am)

Year 4 swimming lessons

20th October:

School closes to children at normal
finish time.

21st October:

Teacher Day

(school closed to children)

22nd October

Motherload Screening at The Edge

31st October

School re-opens

Deadline for Secondary School
Applications (Y6)



Autumn Term

Thu 20 Oct - Break up normal time

Mon 31 Oct - Return to school

Fri 16 December - **Break up 2 pm**

NO After School Club

Spring Term

Tues 3 Jan – Return to school

Fri 17 Feb – Break up normal time

Mon 27 Feb – Return to school

Fri 31 Mar – **Break-up 2 pm**

NO After School Club

Summer Term

Fri 17 April – Return to school

Mon 1 May – School closed Bank Hol

Thu 4 May School closed – Polling Day

Fri 26 May – Break up normal time

Tues 6 Jun – Return to school

Friday 21 July **Break up 2 pm**

NO After School Club



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PTA Update



Motherload Film Screening - Saturday, 22 October at 6pm

Pull out the popcorn and enjoy a night out in support of the PTA.

Brookburn PTA has partnered with Chorlton Bike Deliveries to present Motherload at The Edge Theatre. This award-winning documentary uses the cargo bike as the vehicle for exploring parenthood in this digital age of climate change and captures a new mother's quest to understand the increasing isolation and disconnection of modern life, its planetary impact, and how cargo bikes could be an antidote.

Tickets are £8 and can be purchased at <https://www.edgetheatre.co.uk/motherload/>

Brookburn Eco Helpers Volunteer Day - Sunday, 23 October 11am-2pm

A monthly gathering of Brookburn Primary families to help maintain the outdoor areas including the allotment, woodland, and pond. Our volunteer days are a great way for Brookburn families to meet and help out the school community. The sessions are casual and volunteers can do as much or as little as they like. We are happy for families to come and check out the space if you've never been. At this volunteer day, we need your help spreading wood chip on the trails in the woods, making sure trails are accessible by cutting back branches, sweeping pond dipping platforms, tidying the flower and veg beds in the allotment and EYFS areas. We will also be having our popular marshmallow roast in the woods, so bring a pack of marshmallows. More info on our Facebook group event page <https://fb.me/e/3Pi6uy4KE> and at www.brookburnpta.com



PTA Lottery



Please keep playing! If we could sell one ticket per week for every two children in school, it would make the PTA almost £5k profit - half our annual income! You don't have to be a member of the school community to play either - grandparents, friends and neighbours can join (remember there is the chance of winning £25k every week as well as the weekly Brookburn winner). Go to yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search 'Brookburn' to play. Also, each ticket you buy between now and Sat 29 October 2022 gives you an extra chance to win an amazing prize - family tickets to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and to Harry Potter & The Cursed Child theatre show in London.

PTA Survey & EGM

Today is the last day to complete the PTA survey: <https://forms.gle/EGAx4gSC78ZhvLQ5A> - please have your say on the future of the PTA.

Next PTA Meeting: EGM Wed 9 Nov, 8pm ONLINE - elections for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary & Fundraising Lead.

Join via Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/nmm-vubc-ddc> All welcome. If you'd like to stand for an elected role and would like more info please email hello@brookburnpta.com.

School Streets Update



A public notice for the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Brookburn's School Streets trial has been posted here <https://publicnoticeportal.uk/notice/traffic-and-roads/634053173c71e5e56a69cc34>. This follows a public consultation in August led by Manchester City Council's highways department. The consultation for Brookburn's proposed trial received the most replies out of the 7 School Street trial sites in Manchester. The majority of responses were supportive of the trial with only a small number of objections. It is anticipated that signage for the closure will be erected next week. The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order means that there would be the option to have a School Street on every school day for a six month period, starting this Autumn. For more information about Brookburn's School Streets, please check out our FAQ section at www.brookburnpta.com (click on About us and School Streets FAQ) and look out for the Parentmail which you should receive early next week.

We are looking for volunteers to help us do a baseline traffic count next Wednesday and Thursday during the school run. If you can help with this, please email activetravel@brookburnpta.com or sign up at www.brookburnpta.com (click on the School Streets event link on the left).

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGGREGATING
13+
from the App Store & Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app - so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with - and communicate with - a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online - their digital footprint - shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

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