



Newsletter

Thursday 20th July 2023

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As we come to the end of our academic year, we would like to thank children and staff for their hard work during the year.

We wish Year 6 and other children leaving us this year all the best and we look forward to hearing about your continued success in the next stage of your journey. Thank you to all the staff leaving us at the end of the academic year. We all appreciate your commitment and support.

Finally, thank you to all our parents, carers and families for your partnership. Have a great summer.

Jayne Kennedy
Executive Headteacher.

Jen Holden
Head of School



As you know from our last newsletter, Miss Garvey and Mrs Robinson will be leaving us at the end of this term. In addition, Mrs Hajazi will be leaving us to start an exciting new role as an Early Years outreach worker.

We also say farewell to Teacher Hamid and Miss Rose who will be taking up opportunities to further their career. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment during their time at Brookburn.

We would like to introduce three new teachers joining us in September:



Hello! I am **Mrs Deer** and I am looking forward to joining Brookburn in September as Assistant Headteacher of Upper Key Stage 2 and Year 5 class teacher. I have recently returned from maternity leave and I will be sending this time before the holidays getting to know the children at Brookburn. Next year will be my tenth year teaching. I have spent most of my teaching career at Barlow Hall Primary School but recently completed a secondment at another Manchester school. I am passionate about inclusion and diversity and ensuring that all children are given the best start possible. The subjects I particularly enjoy teaching are: reading, writing and art. I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with the staff team to continue to develop teaching and learning at Brookburn.

I am originally from Belfast in Northern Ireland but moved to Manchester to complete my PGCE. I fell in love with the city and have been here ever since! I regularly take trips back to Belfast to visit my family and friends. I have a 9-month old daughter who keeps me busy when I am not teaching but I also love to travel, cook and try different cuisines. I look forward to meeting you all soon!



Hello everyone, I'm **Ms Braddock** and I am joining Brookburn in September teaching Year 3. I've taught in various schools across Derbyshire and recently moved back to Macclesfield to spend more time with my family. I have a Master's degree in Primary Education and choose to focus on creating a classroom climate of resilience, hard work and kindness.

My true passion lies in cultivating a love for reading among children. I believe that reading opens doors to imagination and critical thinking. It's a joy to see children's excitement when they discover new books. Creative writing is another area close to my heart. I provide a safe and inclusive space for children to explore their creativity through storytelling.

Outside the classroom, I enjoy walks, photography, and painting. I'm honoured to join this school community. Together, let's create a vibrant and engaging environment where every child can thrive.



Hello everyone. I'm **Ms Kay** and I will be Year 1 class teacher and Assistant Head for Key Stage 1 at Brookburn in September. There is such a caring, inspiring and engaging atmosphere when you walk around Brookburn and I am really excited to be part of this. I feel very lucky to be working alongside such wonderful staff, children and parents.

Outside of school, family time is the most important thing to me. My two girls keep me very busy and we love being outdoors and going on adventures. I also love reading and visiting the cinema. I'm a keen sports fan but my particular passion is football and this year was a great year for me being a Manchester City fan!

Having been an Assistant Head for numerous years, I am really looking forward to this new opportunity to work within another amazing school and can't wait to get started.

We welcome them warmly into the Brookburn community.



A reminder that school closes tomorrow - Friday 21st July at 2pm and we welcome children back to school on Tuesday 5th September. Have a wonderful summer!



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Rights Respecting Silver Award

I am pleased to announce that following our visit we have now been accredited with the Silver Award. The Award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of our practice to improve wellbeing and help all children realise their potential.



A special thanks to all the children and parents who took part in the accreditation visit and of course to Ms Kingsford who has put a huge amount of work into ensuring that children's rights are embedded across the school. We will share the report with you when we receive it. Well done to everyone!

Jen Holden

I'm delighted with Brookburn's achievement; being recognised as a Silver Rights Respecting School. It is thanks to the dedication of staff, parents and children that we were fully able to embed the rights of the child in every day school life. The UNICEF councillors and I have had a wonderful year together and I'd like to thank them personally for their dedication and commitment.

Ms Kingsford



We are so proud of the fantastic production of 'Alice in Wonderland' our Year 6 children performed this week to the school and families. The children worked really hard learning their lines and performed with such confidence. Bravo Year 6! You are all stars!



Going for Gold!

We are delighted to share that we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2022/23.



Many thanks to the parents and carers that helped with transport to and from events, to Miss Garvey and Mr Shurlock for organising and to the children for participating with such enthusiasm.



Huge thanks to the PTA for their fantastic fundraising efforts this year. So many great events enjoyed by the school community, and a brilliant amount of money raised to support the school including a very impressive £3000 from last week's legendary Brookfest!

We recently used some of this money to fund an art project with local artist Mandy Beck-McKim and to purchase a huge amount of high quality texts to support our writing curriculum. We can't wait to use them!

Thank you to the PTA and to the whole community for supporting our school.

If you would like to get involved contact hello@brookburnpta.com or join us for the PTA AGM at 7pm on Wednesday 27th September.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge is a challenge for children to read six library books (or more) over the holidays. It runs until 16 September in all Manchester Libraries. It is a great opportunity to share and talk about books as a family and to celebrate your child's reading achievements. Joining the Challenge is a great way to keep motivated too.

We had a special assembly last week to launch the summer reading challenge and all children were given a pack to get them started.

To take part just visit a Manchester Library now and start to borrow. Your child's details are already on the system. When the new term starts in September, medals and certificates will be awarded in the library to children who complete the Challenge by reading six books or more. In addition, children that read 6 books or more will be entered into a prize draw to win vouchers and books. There is also a book review competition to win a Kindle Fire and book bundles.

Take a look at the website for more details –

www.manchester.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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Before and After School Clubs

Please see below the clubs we will be operating from September. Full details of how to book have been communicated via Parentmail.

Day	Club	Year Group	Venue	Time
Mon	We are Adventurers	Y1-6	Treasure Wood	3.30pm
Tue	Football	Y5/6 Girls	Field or MUGA	3.30pm
	Spanish	Y1-Y3	ICT suite	3.30pm
	Awesome Arts	Y2-Y6	4B Class-room	3.40pm
Wed	Brookburn Football	Y1-6	Field/ MUGA	3.30pm
Thu	Story and Craft	Rec & Y1	3/4 shared area	3.30pm
	Dodgeball	Y1-Y2	TBC	3.30pm
Fri	Karate	Y1-Y6	Hall	8.00am
	Comedy Club	Y3-6	Hall	3.30pm
	Cooking Club	Y1-6	Cookery Room	Not until Oct
	Spanish	Y3-6	ICT	3.30pm

New language learning app

Glurbs is a brand new fun app designed by the same creative team behind the amazing

Language Angels. This is absolutely free and is a great way for children to develop their love of language learning, be this in French, Spanish or Italian!

The app comprises of planets and each planet is based around a specific unit or language. Each unit is spread over 6-8 lessons which are each represented by a check-point on the planet. Children will develop their listening, speaking and spelling skills and they even get to choose their own avatar!

Please note this is not a replacement for the Language Angels games and karaoke videos our children are able to access and which tie in much more closely to the learning done in class throughout KS2 but merely an additional resource for your child to enjoy at home!

Children in EYFS and KS1 are still able to access Language Angels and of course the new Glurbs app!

Madame Warrington



Play, learn, explore.

Year 2 had a great time on their trip to Fletcher Moss Park. They met Andrew Simcock, Chair of the Emily Williamson Statue Campaign, who presented two small statues of Emily Williamson and Emmeline Pankhurst. The children had a great day and learning about these two significant women who made history in Manchester. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the day possible.

Newsflash! Look out for photos of the event in the Chorlton and Didsbury posts!



Year 6 Business Enterprise

Enterprise Results

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 business enterprise market day - which raised a massive £1060.02 for charity!

The winners are:

Most Profit

The Only Ones - Thread Bookmarks

Best Idea

No Name - Grass Heads

Best Teamwork

Clever Crafters - Magnetic Bookmarks

Big thanks to Mrs Lord, Mrs Flanagan and the Business Angels for their support.

Sports Assembly

We celebrated our sporting success of some individuals in our school:

Y1/2: Aboud, Cora, Rafe, Leo

Y3/4: Kal-EI, Alfie, Joe, Sylvia

Y5/6: Ava, Lewis, Amelia, Red

Mrs Holden gave out some special Headteacher Awards:

Y1/2: Aoife, Ellis, Elspeth, Fred

Y3/4: Grace, Mia, Florence, Henry

Y5/6: Evie, Gabriel, Jess, Izaan

The winning house from our Sports Days was also announced- Congrats Red and Green houses!

Overall Results			
490	526	504	526



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Safe Over Summer

As we look forward to school holidays, we recognise that some children, young people and families may be finding things tough right now. We want you to know where you can go to get some ideas to help with your wellbeing, or get advice, support, or help at this time.

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds) Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder' By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Kooth - online emotional and mental health support ages 11-18 <https://www.kooth.com/>

Samaritans 116 123 jo@samaritans.org

Barnardos Boloh – Helpline and webchat for 11+ for Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority children and young people 0800 1512605 <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/>

Shout – for anyone in crisis at anytime Txt 85258

MoodSwings Helpline staffed from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday - 0161 832 3736 info@moodswings.org.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/Moodswings-289363603529/>

Anna Freud Centre

For adoptive parents, special guardians and foster parents <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/adoptive-parents-special-guardians-and-foster-carers/>

For parents and carers <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/resources/>

Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/> 0800 1111

Report online abuse

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>



The School Health Service are running immunisations clinics for children of school age in Manchester throughout August.

For more info visit: <https://www.manchesterco.org/summer-immunisation-clinics/>

Manchester's FREE Cost of Living Advice Line:

Support and advice about benefits, rent, debt, bills, food support and help to get online (support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data). The advice line is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm on **0800 023 2692**. You can speak to someone about the support that is available. You can also text on 07860 022 876 or visit manchester.gov.uk/coladvice

[Manchester's web page for help with the cost-of-living crisis:](#) A comprehensive guide to the financial help and practical support available to Manchester residents

[Local help and support:](#) Information about support and advice in your local area

[Manchester's web page for those in financial difficulty:](#) Providing information on housing/council tax, FSM, and fuel, travel and cash grants, furniture and white goods

[Free SIMS/internet data for those eligible](#)

[Help with internet use, digital inclusion and use of computers in our libraries](#)

Governments [Help for Households](#) campaign

[Social Tariffs:](#) Information about low-cost broadband/ phone service packages, for those on low incomes.



Free Half Term Activities

for children entitled to benefit related free school meals. The Summer Holidays are fast approaching. MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of FREE places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Activities will range from Sport and Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts and much more. In addition to the activities, their booked place will include a FREE meal during the day.

For more information & to book your child's space. You will need to sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> (sign in) to book free Summer Holiday activities. Once signed up:

log into your account
Find Activities
Search by Category
'MCR Holiday Activity'
Use code: 64894 to book free eligible activities.



You can also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk/> to view additional **FREE** holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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