



Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

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It's been great to see everyone settling into their new classes over the last few weeks. In my weekly assemblies we have been looking at our Brookburn values. We have been celebrating children who have been spotted demonstrating these values with 'Mrs Owen's Super Sightings'. ★

I am thoroughly enjoying seeing the children engaged in their learning across the curriculum, and as the writing lead I'm delighted to see children producing some fantastic work in this area. We are using some new texts to inspire our writing - huge thanks to the PTA whose fundraising enabled us to buy lots of shiny new books!



Part of my role is to be a point of contact for families who need support. In addition, I monitor attendance and punctuality. I am here to help in any way I can, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's any support you need. You will usually find me on the playground at the beginning and the end of the day, so please do come and say hello.

Mrs Owen
Deputy Headteacher



We are delighted to introduce a new member to our Brookburn family, or more specifically, Ms Kingsfords family! Stevie Joy made an appearance on Friday 15th September entering the world with lots of black hair and very chubby cheeks! Ms Kingsford is loving this special time with Stevie and informs us that she is an absolute sweetie!



We send our heartfelt congratulations and look forward to meeting Stevie soon.



SEND Coffee Morning - Thu 5th October - 9am

A reminder that Mrs Ikin-Tomkinson, our SENDCo is hosting a coffee morning on Thursday 5th October at 9am in our Training Room (access via the cobbled lane). This is for all parents and carers including those who have children with SEND, anyone who may have concerns and those of you who would just like to come along and learn more about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and meet the Inclusion team at Brookburn. Everyone is welcome!



Photographs - Tuesday 3rd October

John Hunt Photography will be in school on Tuesday 3rd October to take individual and family photographs.

Children doing PE on this day can still come into school in their PE kit however, they must be wearing their school jumper.

Siblings in school will also have their photo taken together during the school day and if any families have younger children, not yet in school and they would like to bring them in to have a photo taken with their siblings, please come to the school hall at 8.30am.

After the photos have been taken, your child will bring home a form including their unique reference which allows you to order your photo online.

All children will be photographed - please let your teacher know or contact the school office if you **DO NOT** want your child to be photographed.



Reception - Year 6 - 9th November

Thank you to those parents and carers that have returned the flu vaccine consent form. If you haven't returned your form, please do this by Wednesday 4th October. You still need to return the form, even if you do not consent to your child receiving the vaccine.

The vaccination is free, safe, and quick, and in most cases is given by a simple spray up the nose. For those parents/guardians who object to the nasal vaccine on the grounds of porcine gelatine content, an alternative vaccination (injection) is also available.

If you have lost your consent form or have any queries about the NHS national flu program, please telephone Intrahealth direct on 0333 358 3397 press option 1, option 4 and one of their specialised team will be happy to assist you further.



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PTA Lottery!

Please consider playing our lottery, and/or get your friends and family to join!

It's a really easy way to support the school, from £1 per week. Over 74% of ticket sales money goes to Brookburn and prizes. If we could get just ten more supporters for each year group, we could make a significant difference to PTA funds to help improve facilities for all Brookburn children. Please spread the word, anyone over 18 can play and there's a national prize fund of up to £25K plus the guaranteed Brookburn winner every week. And the more people who play the bigger the Brookburn prize! Win Win!

WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY

- Joining the School Lottery really helps Brookburn!
- Play from £1 per week, national jackpot £25K!
- At least 74% of ticket sales goes directly back to Brookburn and prizes!

PLAY NOW

18+ GambleAware



Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity

Thank you to all the young people who submitted entries for the Greater Manchester Mayor's

Charities Artwork Competition – Show Me Home. Ten pieces of art have been chosen from Brookburn Primary School and will be exhibited in central Manchester art gallery, Contemporary Six, well-done!

As a reminder or to those grown-ups new to Brookburn this year; Brookburn PTA and school are proud to announce that Brookburn is participating in a new fundraising and awareness campaign with Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity ("GMMC"). Show Me Home. GMMC is an independent charity fighting tirelessly to reduce homelessness in Greater Manchester.

Dress-Down Pyjama Day Friday 6 October 2023

The next phase of the Show Me Home Campaign is the Pyjama Day Fundraiser which will take place on Friday 6 October 2023, on the run up to World Homeless Day on 10 October. At this time the artwork will be proudly displayed in school. Grown-ups who can do so are invited to donate £1 via Parentpay for dress-down pyjama day.

Children must please wear:

Long-sleeve / trouser pyjamas. No nightshirts/ nightdresses please – clothing needs to be sensible to go outside with appropriate school shoes.

For any children with PE on Friday 6 October 2023, please ensure they wear trainers.

Allotment and EYFS tidy up - Saturday 7th October (10am - 2pm)

Each month we have den days where Brookburn families can come and enjoy our school grounds as a family while helping to keep them looking great. It's a great opportunity to get some fresh air, meet new families and feel part of the school community.

This month our focus will be on the EYFS area that needs some TLC and on getting our allotment ready for a new growing year.

Children can enjoy playing in the outdoor spaces and can do marshmallow toasting at the end. Bring lunch.

Access is through the gate on the cobbled path to the side of the school (just before you get to We are Adventurers)

For more details see PTA socials or email ecohelpers@brookburnpta.com

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Term Dates

2023-2024

Autumn Term

Fri 20 Oct

School closes for half-term

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct

Half term holiday

Mon 30 Oct

Return to school

Thu 21 Dec

School closes at 2pm

Spring Term

Mon 8 Jan

Return to school

Fri 16 Feb

School closes for half term

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Feb

Half term holiday

Mon 26 Feb

Return to school

Thu 28 Mar

School closes at 2pm for Easter

No After School Club

Summer Term

Mon 15 Apr

Return to School

Thu 2 May

School closed - INSET

Mon 6 May

School closed - Bank Holiday

Fri 24 May

School closes for half term

Mon 27 - Fri 31 May

half term holiday

Mon 3 Jun

Return to school

Fri 19 Jul

School closes at 2pm- for summer holiday

No After School Club

Mon 22 Jul

INSET

Tue 23 Jul

INSET



Weekly

Monday

Flute/Clarinet lessons (am)

Guitar lessons (pm)

Steel pan lessons (pm)

Wednesday

Violin/Cello lessons (am)

Year 4 swimming lessons (pm)

Special Events

October

Black History Month

2nd - 6th Oct

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Tue 3rd Oct

Individual School Photo's

Year 2 Local Walk

Wed 4th Oct

Year 3 Recycling Workshop

Thu 5th Oct

Send Coffee Morning

Fri 6th Oct

Pyjama Day Fundraiser

Sat 7th Oct

Allotment and EYFS Tidy

Up - 10am - 2pm

Tue 10th Oct

Year 2 Local Walk

Year 3 Trip to Chorlton Meadow

Thu 12th - Fri 20th Oct

Year 5 Bikeability

Tue 31st Oct

Deadline to submit High School Applications

November

Thu 9th Nov

Flu Vaccine

Y6 Cinema trip (am only - flu vaccine will be given in afternoon)



Week ending:	Most Improved	High Score	Class of the Week
22 Sep	Rosabelle 5ED	George 5ED	Ms Faulder 4SF
29 Sep	Emmett 4SF	Chris 6AT	Mr Shurlock 6MS

School Lunches

Next week we will follow **Week 2** Menu.

You can view the menu on our [website](https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-meals/)

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International Schools Art

Competition - Mayors for Peace

Manchester City Council have been a Lead City and Vice President of Mayors for Peace since 2001. Their

wish is to see a more peaceful world free of weapons of mass destruction and includes 8063 members in 166 countries. They would like to invite children to take part in the Mayors for Peace Art Competition - The Peaceful Towns 2023, which was started to help promote peace education in member cities. To enter, children will need create a picture reflecting on "What Peace Means to Me"

The competition is open to children aged 6 to 15 years and the winning entry will be adopted as the design for the Mayors for Peace clear document folders which are used on various occasions including United Nations conferences, to promote awareness about the importance of peace education.

Entries should be sent to elena.tompkins@manchester.gov.uk and the **deadline** is **15 October** at **4pm**.

Artwork must be scanned at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher. Create a JPG file (under 10 MB) for each artwork and save it as filename artist's name_age.

Please see next page for full details

Good Luck!





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Mayors for Peace Application Guidelines

Participants and categories

Participants: Children aged 6 to 15 (as of November 1, 2023) who commute to or live in Manchester.

Categories:

Category 1 (aged 6 to 10)

Category 2 (aged 11 to 15)

Theme "What Peace Means to Me"

Artwork requirements

The winning entry for the Mayors for Peace President's Award will be printed on clear document folders. Therefore, artwork will have to meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- Use only white B4-sized (257 mm x 364 mm) or A3-sized (297 mm x 420 mm) paper
- Only drawings and paintings are allowed. Photo collages, digital art, etc. will not be accepted, there are no restrictions on the type of materials to be used.
- Artwork must be drawn/painted on flat surfaces so that they may be scanned,
- Artwork must not have been submitted to other competitions, except those hosted by member cities where selected artwork will be submitted to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat.
- Artwork must be produced by an individual (collaborative work will not be accepted)
- Artwork must not infringe on the rights of a third party, such as copyrights (including animated characters), trademarks, or portrait rights,
- Emblems for the Red Cross Society and other similar emblems are not allowed. Only one submission per applicant will be allowed,

Application procedure

Artwork must be scanned at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher. Create a JPG file (under 10 MB) for each artwork and save it as filename artist's name_age. Email your entries to Mayors for Peace Manchester, elena.tompkins@manchester.gov.uk by 15 October, 4pm.

Schedule

Deadline for submission to the Secretariat: Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Announcement of results scheduled for late November 2023

Shipping of certificates and commemorative gifts scheduled for December 2023

Prizes

One 1st Prize, two 2nd Prize, and three 3rd Prize works will be selected for each category.

additional, special prizes may also be awarded to participants in either category.

The Mayors for Peace President's Award will be awarded to one of the two 1st Prize work so certificates and commemorative gifts will be sent to member cities whose works are selected as winners. In addition, the winner of the Mayors for Peace President's Award and their member city will each receive 20 clear document folders printed with the name, age, country/region, city of the artist, and the image of the submitted artwork.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester will present certificates and commemorative gifts to the winners.

Notes

The Mayors for Peace Secretariat shall own copyrights and usage rights to all submitted artwork & The Secretariat also owns the right to publicize, present, exhibit, print and distribute copies of submitted artwork without the artists' consent.

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help them understand conversations about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many topics which we believe trusted adults should have access to. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKiA, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into particular games, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much playing for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many parents gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

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CHOCOLATE

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: explain that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle. So, when friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before these guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful; if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite is their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which doesn't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can their attitude when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience so negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely irritating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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