



Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

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Spotlight on... Mrs Deer

I am really enjoying my first term here at Brookburn. My experience has been so positive thanks to the pupils, staff and families who have been so welcoming since I joined.

As Assistant Headteacher, part of my role is to work alongside the teachers and parents in Year 5/6 to ensure children have the support they need to make good progress academically, socially and emotionally. I have been very impressed with how the children have settled into Upper Key Stage 2 and transitioned into their new classes over this term. The children have been acting as great role models for the younger pupils in school and class teachers have been very impressed with the children's commitment to their learning across the phase.

As well as being Assistant Headteacher for Upper Key Stage 2, I also lead Religious Education and Design Technology.

We have recently introduced a new Design Technology scheme and it was a pleasure to see the children so engaged with their learning last half term.

Please come and say hello and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have anything you would like to discuss.



Many of our families will know Emily Henderson in her role as Deputy Headteacher at

Brookburn and more recently as Head of School at Barlow Hall.

We are very sad to announce that Emily Henderson, will be leaving her position as Head of School at Barlow Hall and LINK Learning Trust at the end of this term.

Emily has supported children, their families, the staff and myself, during her time at both schools.

She has brought a wealth of knowledge that will have a long lasting and positive impact across Brookburn, Barlow Hall and the trust. Emily will be the new Headteacher of a primary school situated in Barcelona, Spain, a very exciting life changing opportunity for herself and her family.

We thank Emily for everything she has done during her time in both schools and wish her and her family, all the best for her future.

Jayne Kennedy
Executive Headteacher



Special Educational Needs
& Disabilities

SEND Coffee Morning - Thu 30th November - 9am

Mrs Ikin-Tomkinson, our SENDCo is hosting a coffee morning on Thursday 30th November 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.



What is the Manchester Local Offer?

The Manchester Local Offer brings together information in one place. It helps children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 and their parents/carers in the Manchester City Council area understand what services and support they can expect locally. This includes their statutory entitlements which are required by law.

Please take a look at their website <https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/advice.page?id=mO0tlmfV7RY> where you will find information about regular drop-ins and newsletters including the latest updates. The Manchester Local Offer work with families to help improve services and what's on offer and every local authority has to talk with children and young people with SEND and their families to find out what sort of support and services they need. See more in the 'Get Involved and Have Your Say' section.

See the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G91t1JXPGM> for more details.

Cross Country Success!

Brookburn running squad were celebrating after finishing in first place in the cross country Manchester finals last week. We officially have the fastest boys and girls primary teams in the city this year!

Congratulations to all the runners and a huge thanks to the parents who gave up their time to ensure we could travel to and from the event safely.





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We have a short survey <https://forms.gle/FykWxCdYTcVJYLgr5> that you may wish to complete regarding the

proposed permanent closure of Brookburn Road in front of the school from 8.30am until 9.10am and 3.10pm until 3.50pm.

Please note that objections to Manchester City Council need to be made by 30th November using the email address: EngCP8@manchester.gov.uk

ONE CHORLTON

One Chorlton have just published their latest community newsletter which you can now view online at <https://onechorlton.co.uk/>. It details what they are proposing for site, design considerations, the draft masterplan, how it has been shaped by feedback from our first conversation, and how you can get involved in the consultation.

DROP-IN EVENTS STARTING SAT 18 NOV

As part of the consultation, you can pop along to drop-in events, where there will be more information on display and members of the team on hand to answer any questions.

Visit them at the unit opposite Timpson's in the Chorlton Shopping Centre on:

Saturday 18 November 2023: 10am-4pm

Tuesday 21 November 2023: 12pm-6pm

If you can't make those dates, the exhibition will be in the space and available to view at the below times. Whilst there won't be the full team in attendance, someone will be on hand during these follow-up sessions:

Friday 24 November 2023: 10am-4pm

Thursday 30 November 2023: 10am-4pm

Monday 4 December 2023: 10am-4pm

How do I know if my child is too ill for school?

The NHS have a very useful page that helps parents to decide whether their child should attend school. This covers infectious diseases and illnesses that we have to be careful we don't pass on to other children in the school.

You can find the information by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for->

The dark evenings and cold winter months are challenging for everyone, especially those struggling with the cost of living.

Manchester City Council have various ways to support you:

Manchester's FREE Cost of Living Advice

Line: Support with benefits, help and advice about 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 also text on 07860 022 876 or visit manchester.gov.uk/coladvice.

For a comprehensive guide to the financial help and practical support available to Manchester residents visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/HelpingHands>

For information on housing/council tax, FSM, fuel, travel and cash grants, furniture and white goods. https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/8335/discretionary_payments_and_grants

You can find out more about Warm Welcome spaces near you by accessing the web pages and map at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>

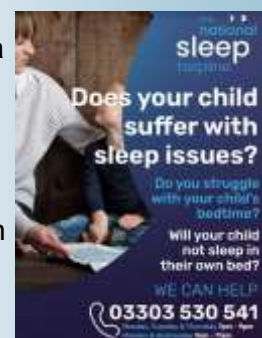
There are both referral and non-referral food-banks across Manchester. You can find your nearest online

at www.trusselltrust.org or www.greatertogethermanchester.org.



At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely. The free National Sleep Helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND.

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541. You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>





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We have recently received complaints from local residents regarding parking. Driveways are being blocked by vehicles and parents are parking on private property. Please could parents park with courtesy ensuring that residents driveways are not blocked and parking is safe.

Thank you.

Term Dates

2023-2024

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

COMING UP NEXT!

Weekly

Monday

Flute/Clarinet lessons (am)

Guitar lessons (pm)

Steel pan lessons (pm)

Wednesday

Violin/Cello lessons (am)

Year 4 swimming lessons (pm)

Other Events

November

Sat 18th Nov

Den Volunteer Day

10.30am - 1pm

Mon 20th - Fri 24th Nov

Road Safety Week

Fri 24th Nov

EYFS Bird of Prey Visit

Mon 27th Nov

Height and Weight

Checks - Rec & Y6

Girl's Futsal Comp

Tue 28th

Progress Evening 3.45-

7pm

Thu 30th Nov

SEND Coffee Morning

Progress Evening 3.45-

6pm

December

Mon 4th Dec

Boys Futsal Comp

Thu 7th Dec

PTA non-uniform day and Winter Disco



Week end-ing:	Most Improved	High Score	Class of the Week
Fri 10 Nov	Kenan 5LQ	Dylan 2SD	6MS
Fri 17 Nov	Eilidh 4CS	Kit 3MC	6MS

School Lunches

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

Click the link below to view the full menu for the week:

Week 2 - Week beginning 20 November

Week 3 - Week beginning 27 November

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

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Christmas Events for Parents and Carers

Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December - 9.15am

Nursery Singalong

Wednesday 13th December 9.15am

Key Stage 1 Performance

Tuesday 19th December
9.15am and 2.15pm

Whole School Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21st December 1.45pm - 2pm



Save the Date!

The Winter Disco will take place at school on 7th December. Full details will be sent out next week. The PTA need various volunteers for set up during the day (approx. 2pm), duties at the disco and the clean-up.

Please get in touch with a PTA member or register when you purchase your tickets.

The disco won't be able to happen if there are not enough volunteers.

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 devices which we believe that educators should be aware of. Please visit www.nos.org.uk for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SMART TVs

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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