



# Newsletter

## Friday 15th March 2024

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### Staff spotlight on..... Mrs Connaughton

Hi there! I co-ordinate Computing and all things Eco here at Brookburn. I have been here at Brookburn for 12 years now and have seen many classes of fabulous students pass through! I have taught in Years 3,4 and 5 and thoroughly enjoy my job and relish seeing the progression and success of the children I teach both in my class and as they move through school.



Currently, in Computing, we are introducing a new curriculum called Teach Computing and we are moving away from our Rising Stars units which, as with all things technological, have started to become outdated. Making sure the children are ready for the digital world around them is a very important role for us here at Brookburn not just in terms of future careers but also in terms of personal safety.



Being the Eco co-ordinator is a very busy job here and as a school we are very committed to making the planet a better place for future generations to live in. Our hard-working Eco Council spend their time keeping things up to date on our WOW Walk to School Tracker and also taking part in the many projects we run throughout the year such as Switch Off Fortnight. Without their dedicated hard work, we would not be able to have the impact that we do. I think it is also fair to mention the tireless work that goes on behind the scenes for Brookburn from parents and carers to make so many projects come to fruition for our school. The list of those giving up their time for us is too long to mention. Many thanks to you all!

*Mrs Connaughton  
Year 3 Teacher  
Computing and Eco lead*

### Free School Holiday Activities

Did you know Manchester Active and Manchester City Council are offering hundreds of FREE school holiday activities for children eligible for benefit related free school meals?

If you receive one of the qualifying incomes (see below) you will need to register for benefit related free school meals in order for the registration system to recognise that your child is eligible for a school holiday activity place.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits
- You may also qualify if you are an asylum seeker, or if a child receives any of these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian.

Think you are Eligible? Apply for Free School Meals at [https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education\\_benefits/7355/apply\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education_benefits/7355/apply_for_free_school_meals)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW AND WHEN TO REGISTER FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WILL BE SHARED SHORTLY.



The Big Listen is an opportunity for Ofsted to hear from the professionals we work with, like teachers and other educators, carers, employers and social workers, and the people we work for: parents, carers, children and learners.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen> to take part, for more information and to subscribe to Ofsted Big Listen: children and young people coming up later this month.

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### Adoption Support Network

**Date:** Wednesday  
27th March 2024

**Time:** 9am

**Venue:** Chorlton CE Primary School Hall.

If you wish to attend please let our school office know or contact Chorlton CE directly on 0161 881 6798.

**adoption counts** 



A reminder to book on the workshops below if they are of interest to you.

### Mental Health Awareness Workshop

**Led by:** Manchester Healthy School Team

**Date:** 18th April 2024

**Time:** 9.15am - 10.15am

**Where:** Brookburn Training Room

Follow the link below to register your interest or contact the school office:

<https://forms.gle/xqkU5kEEBkTcKf9t8>

### Exploring Anxiety Workshop

**Led by:** Manchester Healthy School Team

**Date:** 25th April 2024

**Time:** 9.15am - 10.15am

**Where:** Brookburn Training Room

Follow the link below to register your interest or contact the school office:

<https://forms.gle/rQbUNKSJydp4cAku8>

**COMING UP NEXT!**

#### Weekly

##### Monday

Woodwind lessons (am)  
Guitar lessons (pm)  
Steelpan lessons (pm)

##### Wednesday

Y3 recorder lessons (am)  
Strings lessons (am)  
Y4 swimming lessons

#### March

**19th** - Parents Evening

3.40pm - 7pm  
(face to face)

**20th** - Class 3MC  
Assembly 9.15-9.45am

**21st** - Class 3SB  
Assembly 9.15-9.45am

Class 1SK - Easter  
Experience visit to St Clements Church.  
Parents Evening  
(video call)

**22nd** - 2.30-3pm  
Comedy Club  
performance for parents

**25th** - Y4 trip to  
Chester

**27th** - 7.30pm  
Y5 Performance at Blue  
Box Theatre

28th - School closes at  
2pm for Easter  
(NO AFTER SCHOOL  
CLUBS)

**Term Dates**

#### 2023-2024

##### Spring Term

**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

#### 2023-2024

##### Autumn Term

**Mon 2 Sep** - School  
closed to children  
(INSET)

**Tue 3 Sep** School  
closed to children  
(INSET)

### Brookburn Den & Allotment Day Saturday, 16th March, 11am-1pm

Come out this Saturday for Brookburn PTA's monthly den and allotment volunteer session. This is a casual and fun opportunity for families to help tidy up the outdoor areas including the school allotment, EYFS gardens, Dolphin Den, and Treasure Wood. Bring a picnic and marshmallows to toast around the campfire. Any questions, contact Carolyn at 07756 293622 or check out the event info PTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brookburnpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=69474>



### School Street Marshals Needed!

Brookburn's School Streets team needs volunteers to help to provide a safer and greener approach to school. Can you help out on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday during school drop off or pick up? Volunteers are vital to keeping the initiative going. If you can help out on occasion or for an hour a week, please get in touch at [activetravel@brookburnpta.com](mailto:activetravel@brookburnpta.com) or check out the PTA website for more info <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brookburnpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=73887>



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### We need your help!

The Rights Respecting Councillors have asked children what they would like to see change at school and in the wider community. One of the things they asked for was more Graphic Novels in class reading areas. If you have any spare graphic novels at home, that you no longer use, please could you donate them to school? There will be a collection box in the school office from Monday 18th March – Friday 22nd March.



In our wider campaign work, we are initially going to be focusing on the Environment. This will start by taking part in the great British Spring Clean (15th- 31st March).

You might spot some of us around Chorlton collecting litter!



*Written by Emily and Lyla  
(Year 6 Rights Respecting Councillors)*



### Brookburn Science Week 29th April - 3rd May 2024

We are looking for any parents that work within the field of science to help us! Educators, engineers, nurses, doctors, health care professions, mechanics - ANY profession where science is at the centre. During our Science week, starting 29th April, we are inviting you to come into school and talk to any year group for 15 - 20 minutes, explaining what you do. You can bring some resources to show or send in a Powerpoint to open. This will be invaluable in terms of showing our children what they can aspire to be as well as help us to celebrate science week. Please contact the school office if you have any availability, any day that week (29th April - 3rd May 2024).

Many thanks

*Mrs Dudgeon - Science Lead*



### Happy Retirement!

After 12 years at Brookburn, Mrs Wilkinson, our kitchen assistant and Dolphins playworker will be leaving us. Mrs Wilkinson has decided that the time is right to retire and will be spending her days with family. She always greets everyone with a huge smile and sang 'happy birthday' to every child to make them feel special. She will be dearly missed at Brookburn and we wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.

### The Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark



In March 2023 we started our journey towards hopefully achieving the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark by taking part in the Well-being Charter Mark audit process with Catalyst Psychology.

This process has supported us in looking at ways of further improving and promoting the well-being of those in the school community. Some of you may remember completing an online survey or taking part in a separate focus group at the start of the process.

As part of the final review we would like to collect your views on key areas that can have an impact on you and your child's well-being.

Please complete the online survey:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Th0brxTxgEKFMslE9GUWkR3WI5E-miBDrzMhK9oDLNJUMU1aMVAX-Tk9WSVIMQkM5QTcxQURIVjVRRi4u>

An Assistant Psychologist from Catalyst Psychology will also be asking pupils and parents who took part in the focus group sessions in March 2023 to take part in a follow up session on Tuesday 26th March.

The parent session will run from 9-10am. We will contact you regarding which pupils will be involved as you will need to consent for yourself/your child to take part.



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**BIG COMEDY SHOP'S**  
**EASTER HOLIDAY COMEDY CLUBS!**

AGES 6-12

WED 3RD THURS 4TH  
WED 10TH THURS 11TH  
APRIL  
BOOK FOR 1, 2, 3 OR 4 DAYS!

**IMPROV GAMES AND SKETCHES**

Venue: Stretford Public Hall, M32 0LG  
Duration: 10:30am-3:50pm  
Price: £55 per child per day (exc. transaction fee)  
10% discount for siblings!

Scan the QR Code to book today!  
If you have any enquiries, please email: [info@bigcomedyshop.com](mailto:info@bigcomedyshop.com)

**MCRactive** **BETTER**

**Easter Tennis and Football Camp. 9.30am-3.30pm.**  
Ages 5-10 beginners very welcome, all equipment provided.  
Please book online through the Better UK app or website  
<https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home>

**CLUBHOUSE**  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**  
**SESSIONS**

Hi I'm Michelle and I run Clubhouse alongside a small and friendly team of amazing Playworkers. I'm a qualified primary school teacher and Ofsted registered childcare provider. For more information or to book please message me at [michelle\\_jolley@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_jolley@hotmail.com) or give me a call on 0794776358.

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Garratt Way, Gorton, M18 8HE

### Wider Opportunities - Summer Term

Please find below details of before and after school clubs for children after Easter.

You have been sent a letter via Parentmail with details of how to book - or check our website: <https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/parents-carers/extra-time-before-and-after-school/>

Day	Club	Year Group	Venue	Time
Mon	We are Adventurers	Y1-6	Treasure Wood	3.30pm
Tue	Awesome Arts	Y2-Y6	Year 4 Classroom	3.40pm
Wed	Brookburn Football	Y1-6	Field/ MUGA	3.30pm
Thu	Spanish	Y1-4	Year 3 Classroom	3.30pm
	Story and Craft	Rec & Y1	3/4 shared area	3.30pm
	Dodgeball	Y1-Y2	Field or MUGA	3.30pm
Fri	Karate	Y1-Y6	Hall	8.00am
	Comedy Club	Y3-6	Hall	3.30pm
	Cooking Club	Y1-6	Cookery Room	3.30pm

### Progress Evenings



**Tue 19 Mar 3.40pm - 7pm (face to face)**  
**Thu 21 Mar 3.40pm - 6pm (video call)**

Please make sure you book an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Bookings should be made on the Schoolcloud booking system <https://brookburncommunity.schoolcloud.co.uk/> bookings close on Sun 17 March at 11.00pm.

Please note the following alternative arrangements: Nursery also have an additional video call appointment on the morning of Tuesday 19th March between 9.00 - 10.40am.