



Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

<https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk>



Staff spotlight on.....

Mrs Williams



I have worked at Brookburn for 22 years, so I've had the privilege of teaching amazing children and working with really lovely colleagues. Since having my daughter 18 years ago, I have worked part time. This has given me the opportunity to work across all different age ranges from Reception to Year 6.

For the past two years, alongside Ms Faulder, I have lead History and Geography. The subjects are taught alternatively each half term. Each subject is planned under three main themes, so new knowledge builds upon previous teaching. The History themes are: Legacy of Monarchy, Discovery and Legacy and Legacy of Manchester.

The Geography themes are: Our Place, Our World and Our Planet. More information about these can be found on the website.

Our children are inquisitive and ask lots of questions, which is great. When we have talked to the children and looked at books, it is really satisfying to hear their enthusiasm and see how much they have learnt and retained.

Thank you to everyone who says a friendly 'hello' when I'm standing at various doors in the morning – it's a good start to the day.

Brookburn Science Week 29th April - 3rd May 2024

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Do you work in the field of Science?
Can you spare 15 - 20 minutes next week?

We are looking for any parents to come into school and talk to any year group explaining what you do. If you can help please contact the school office or complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/w44VSBHgKhkBNyRf9>

Thank you in advance!



Science Experiment Challenge!

To help celebrate science week next week we would like children to share an experiment of their choice with their classmates. Children may choose to practice their experiment at home and bring it in to share with their class or conduct their experiment at home, film it and send it in so that their teacher can share with the class. If your child would like to get involved, let your teacher know and send any filmed experiments through to the school office:

admin@brookburn.manchester.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing what Brookburn's future scientists amaze us with!

Thank you!

*Mrs Dudgeon
Science Lead*

Parking

Please can all parents/carers take care when parking at drop-off and pick up times in order to ensure the safety of all pupils. The local community are extremely supportive of the school and we ask that all parents/carers are respectful and considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking on grass verges, on private land or over driveways etc.

Thank you.



Please find below the dates for school sports days.

Nursery and Reception

Tuesday 18th June - 2:30-3.20pm

Year 1/2

Tuesday 25th June - 2.00-3.25pm
(reserve date Fri 28th June)

Year 3/4

Tuesday 2nd July - 2.00-3.25pm
(reserve date Thu 4th July)

Year 5/6

Tuesday 9th July - 2.00-3.25pm
(reserve date Thu 11th July)

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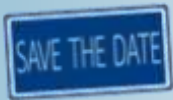
School Street Marshals Needed!

Can you help Brookburn's School Streets team to make the school run safer and greener? If you can help out on occasion or for an hour a week, please get in touch at: activetravel@brookburnpta.com.

Brookburn Den & Allotment Family Day Saturday 11th May 11am-1pm



Thanks to the families who came to last week's volunteer session. We started to install new garden beds in the allotment with the long term goal of all year groups having their own garden bed. Please mark your calendars for the next session on 11th May or check out the event info at www.brookburnpta.com



Upcoming Den and Allotment Family Days

Saturday, 15th June - 11am-1pm
Saturday, 13th July - 11am-1pm

Chorlton Young Musician

If your child plays a musical instrument, why not get them to audition for Chorlton Young Musician? Audition videos to be submitted before Friday 10th May to CKirkillis@prospere.org.uk.

Include the following details in your application:

Child's Name

Instrument (if guitar please specify acoustic, electric or bass)

Contact Number

Email address

Name of school

Name of piece to be performed

(one piece lasting between 1 to 5 minutes)

Composer

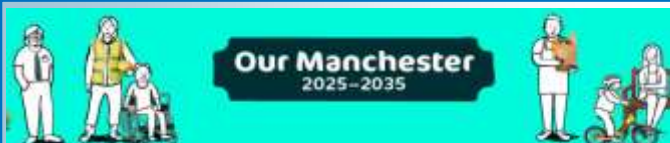
Good luck!

CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL presents
CHORLTON YOUNG MUSICIAN
CATEGORIES: Primary Age 7-11
Secondary Age 11-16
ONLINE AUDITIONS:
Submission deadline - Friday 10th May
Please submit your audition to CKirkillis@prospere.org.uk
FINALS: Wednesday 22nd May
Blue Box Theatre
BLUE BOX THEATRE

Free Tennis Sessions this weekend!

4-10 years
FREE & INDOOR
TENNIS OPEN DAY
Saturday 27th April - 3-4pm
at The Northern Lawn Tennis Club
Call reception on 0161 445 3093 to book your place

LTA
BOTTENHAM
GIVE TENNIS A GO
Designed for current Manchester Tennis Centre booking a FREE 1hr open day for families and children at Eastern 27th April 10am-11pm. Enjoy the newly renovated indoor courts.
Manchester Tennis & Football Centre
Gate 2, Eastern Campus,
Manchester, M11 3BA
Please see free places
local.coach@lta.org



Our Manchester Strategy and Survey

Manchester City Council are currently developing the next ten-year strategy for the city, the Our Manchester Strategy, and is spending time

listening to people who live, work, and play in the city to understand what they want the city to be like in the future. Visit www.manchester.gov.uk/ourmanchester for more information about the Our Manchester Strategy.

Complete the survey at: <https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/ZORJSS/>

Please note that the survey will close at 11:59pm on 31st May 2024.

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COMING UP
NEXT!

April

Mon 29th - Fri 3 May

Science Week
Week 2 Lunch

May

Thu 2nd

School closed
INSET day

Mon 6th

School closed
Bank holiday

Tue 7th - Fri 10 May

Week 3 lunch

Thu 9th

9-10am

Inclusion Coffee
Morning

Mon 13th - Thu 16th

KS2 SATs

Week 1 lunch

Mon 20th - Fri 24th

Neurodiversity Week

Week 2 lunch

Tue 21st

Years 1 - 6 wear colour
for Neurodiversity
Assembly

Fri 24th

School closes at
3.25pm for half term

Mon 27th - Fri 31st

Half Term Holiday

June

Mon 3rd

Children return to
school

Tue 4th

Y3 Trip to

Quarry Bank Mill

Mon 10th - Fri 14th

Y6 trip to Ghyll Head

Tue 18th

Nursery / Reception
Sports Day - 2.30pm

Wed 19th

Class photos

Term Dates

2023-2024

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)

Wed 4 Sep

Children return to school

Fri 18 Oct

School closes at 3.25pm
for half term

Mon 28 Oct

Children return to school

Fri 20 Dec

School closes at 2pm
for Christmas

No afterschool clubs

Spring Term

Mon 6 Jan

Children return



Special Educational Needs
& Disabilities



Inclusion Coffee Morning

Why not come along to one of our
inclusion coffee mornings?

It is a great opportunity to find out more
about inclusion at Brookburn, ask for help or ad-
vice or to meet other parents/carers and chat with
a cup of tea or coffee.

The next coffee mornings will take place in our
training room on:

Thursday 9th May at 9am
Thursday 20th June at 9am



SEND News from

Manchester Local Offer

Click below to view the latest news update
including information on upcoming drop-in
sessions, kids activities and support groups:

[https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/
directory/advice.page?id=uptXtrEL9fg](https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/advice.page?id=uptXtrEL9fg)



INSET DAY (Polling Day)

Thursday 2nd May

A reminder that school is closed to
children on Thursday 2nd May as this is an INSET
day. On this day, school will be
used as a polling station. Don't
forget you need photo ID in order
to vote!



Digital Workshops for Parents

Manchester Primary Schools are totally committed
to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students.
As part of this, we are running a workshop
dedicated to helping parents understand the risks
their children face in their online lives and the
practical things parents can do to help.

Date: Monday 17th June

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Online:

[https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_uOkpqlA1QmSJj7RrNAbxow](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uOkpqlA1QmSJj7RrNAbxow)

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The Place2Be website has a range of parenting support and information including practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour on a wide range of topics from sibling rivalry, to anxiety and battleground mealtimes to building secure relationships and a whole host more of valuable support. To find out more please go to: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, facts and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MISSING ITEMS**

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their product despite payments being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed seller, it can be quite difficult to get back.
- SCAMMERS AND PHISHING**

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include contacting strangers on the app once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the deal and payment outside of the app, before the system is no longer protected by the buyer protection team. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.
- DATA MISUSE**

Apps of all kinds frequently collect user data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Social networking apps have been widely criticised for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.
- FAKES OR REPLICAS**

It's certainly not unheard of for poor quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These abhorrent sales are sometimes aided by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of 'bargain' is high, and even for a fraction of its stated price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.
- SLOW REFUNDS**

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.
- MISLEADING DESCRIPTION**

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP**

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app in which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Each regulator can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.
- CHECK REVIEWS**

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying on any online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.
- BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS**

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and unless no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as requesting the names of the sender. Report any suspicious phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.
- KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER**

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping item, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep it copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future issues (that it never arises). When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sulthorn is an online safety consultant at @Cyberkeweenaw, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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