



Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2024

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Staff spotlight on.....

Mr Sumner

Hi!

I am currently a Year 4 teacher and I am also responsible for coordinating our school's music.

I have been here at Brookburn for a very long time (I think it is 18 years now) and during that time I have seen so many wonderful students pass through. In this time I have taught years 3, 4, 5 and 6.



At Brookburn, we use the Charanga music scheme which has a developmental music curriculum from reception to year 6. In this, we listen and appraise music before learning much of the musical vocabulary to enrich our musical conversations. We then learn to sing the songs and play accompaniment on the glockenspiel.



We have a weekly singing assembly in the hall and the children have in class assemblies, during which they are exposed to a wide variety

of musical genres and styles from different points in history and from cultures all over the world. The range of study is based on the Model Music Curriculum.



Other music takes place in school too. Year 3 have whole class recorder lessons; visiting teachers teach guitar, woodwind, strings and steel pans; we have a new choir starting in the summer term; and I also run an after school rock band for the Year 6 children, giving them a chance to learn and perform classic and modern rock and pop songs.

Each year we celebrate much of the music we do in school with a summer performance in our hall for parents and carers



Brookburn Science Week 29th April - 3rd May 2024

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We are looking for any parents that work within the field of science to help us during our Science week, starting 29th April. Can you spare 15 - 20 minutes to come into school and talk to any year group explaining what you do? If you can. Please contact the school office or complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/w44VSBHgKhkBNyRf9> if you have any availability during the week (29th April to 3rd May - excluding 2nd May). Thank you in advance.

Dolphins Questionnaire

In order to plan for Dolphin's (before and after school care) provision in September 2024 and look at ways that the booking system can be improved, we would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the questionnaire by Friday 19th April.

<https://forms.gle/8iuYbQhTYWMxbXPX7>

Thank you for your support.



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Reminder! Please help us by completing the survey

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Th0brxTxqEKFMslE9GUWkr3WI5E-miBDrzMhK9oDLNJUMU1aMVAX-Tk9WSVIMQkM5QTcxQURIVjVRRi4u>

Thank you.

Parent Focus Group

Our next parent focus group is on **Tuesday 16th April at 9am** in the **Brookburn Training Room**. If you would like to attend, please email the school office by the end of March.

It's your opportunity to have a say on things like how information is shared with you, our high expectations and after school activities

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PTA Committee Volunteers Needed!



Monies raised by the PTA are so important for providing enrichment activities and resources for pupils at Brookburn. However, there are currently no PTA-led fundraising activities planned for the school year as there are no volunteers offering to fill the roles of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or Fundraising Lead.

We are holding a drop-in at school on **Friday 26th April at 9am**. Please come and join us to ask questions, register interest in joining our PTA and maybe help plan a few events for the summer. All are welcome regardless of how much or little help you can offer.



School Street Marshals Needed!

Can you help Brookburn's School Streets team on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday during school drop off or pick up? 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 20th April 11am-1pm



These volunteer sessions are a fun opportunity for families to meet up and help tidy 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 at www.brookburnpta.com



Upcoming Den and Allotment Family Days

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

Happy Retirement!



Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Poizer who, after 25 years at Brookburn, has chosen to start her retirement. Mrs Poizer will be spending her days with her family, looking after her grandchildren and travelling the world. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the many years she has cared for and supported the children at Brookburn and we wish her a very happy retirement.

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) Easter Vaccine Clinics

If you, or any member of your family, is not up to date with the MMR vaccine, there are a number of clinics taking place in the area over Easter:

Thursday 4th April 2024 12pm – 5pm
Warren Bruce Court, Warren Bruce Road, M17 1LB

Friday 5th April 2024 - 11am – 3pm
Norbrook Youth Centre Bordley Walk, Wythenshawe Manchester, M23 0AR

Friday 5th April 2024, 12pm – 5pm
Barlow Moor Community Association Ltd, 23 Mersey Bank Avenue, Manchester, M21 7NT

Wednesday 10th April, 2024 12pm – 2pm
Rusholme Children's Centre, Great Western Street, Rusholme, Manchester M14 4HA

Wednesday 10th April 2024 – 2pm – 4:30pm
Simpson Memorial Hall, 361 Moston Ln, Manchester M40 9NB

To book onto one of the MMR vaccination clinics please contact IntraHealth on 0333 358 3397, Option 1 Option 4, or you can drop in to any of the venues listed above.

If you need to know any more information about the vaccine and the diseases it protects against, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

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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 advice 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

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!

April

Mon 15th

Return to School
Reception vision and
hearing rechecks

Tue 16th

Class 5LQ trip
Year 3 trip
National offer day for
Reception places

Wed 17th

Class 5ED trip

Thu 18th

Mental Health
Awareness Workshop

Tue 23rd

Ghyll Head Parent
Meeting - 5.30-6.30pm

Wed 24th

Reception Trip

Thu 25th

Nursery trip
Exploring Anxiety
Workshop

Fri 26th

PTA Drop-in - 9am
Y5 Drama Workshop

Mon 29th - Fri 3May

Science Week

May

Thu 2nd

School closed
INSET day

Mon 6th

School closed
Bank holiday

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)

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

Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. We hope to you can make it.

Bravo Year 5!

Our Year 5 children have been working really hard over several weeks preparing to perform 'As You Like It' at the Blue Box Theatre at Chorlton High School.

On Wednesday, they had a full day of rehearsals followed by a performance for parents and carers in the evening.

They joined children from other primary schools in the area and it was **FANTASTIC!**

Well done Year 5 - your hard work really paid off!

Thanks to Mrs Jordan who co-ordinated the show.