



Newsletter

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Farewell and Good Luck

As we come to the end of this year we will be saying farewell and good luck to

Mr Quibell (Year 5 teacher), Ms Braddock (Year 3 teacher), Ms Chaha (KS1 Teaching Assistant) and last but not least, Ms Gibson (Nursery Teaching Assistant).

Mr Quibell joined us two years ago and has been an absolute breath of fresh air. He has been an enthusiastic and committed member of the Brookburn Team and has thrown himself into everything, particularly up at Ghyll Head!

Mr Quibell will be moving back to Newcastle to work with a youth charity.

Ms Chahal also joined us two years ago with a particular passion in inclusive practice. She has now decided to pursue a new direction in a career in Occupational Therapy, which we all think she will be perfect for.

Ms Braddock has loved teaching her Year 3 class and has quickly become part of the Brookburn team. She has made the difficult decision to move to a school closer to home, which I am sure you will all agree will be better than spending hours on the M60.

Ms Gibson thankfully won't be moving far. She has secured a position in the Resource Provision at Barlow Hall which is an amazing opportunity for her. It also means she will still be working within our Trust.

I know you will all join me in thanking them for all their hard work and wishing them all the best in the future.

Jen Holden - Head of School



Introducing Miss Taylor - Year 6 Teacher

Hi everyone! My name is Miss Taylor, and I am thrilled to be joining the Brookburn community this September as one of the Year 6 teachers. I am most looking forward to meeting my new class and

getting to know all the friendly faces within the school community.

I grew up in Buxton and later moved to Sheffield, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Primary Education with QTS. After graduating, I worked as a class teacher in Sheffield for four years, teaching a mixed Year 5/6 class for three years and a Year 4 class for one year. Following that, I moved to Malaysia, where I have been teaching in a British International School for the past three years.

My decision to move to Malaysia was influenced by my childhood experiences of spending summers in the Philippines to visit my grandparents and other family members. I have always loved the culture, diversity and adventures which inspired me to see more of Asia and travel. This has been a wonderful experience, but I am now ready to move back to England to be closer to my family (I hope I can bring the sunny weather back with me!).

In my spare time, I love staying active by going to the gym, running and hiking. I am excited to enjoy a good walk around the park in England again without getting too sweaty and being terrified of the spiders in the jungle! I also enjoy socialising with friends and travelling to new countries to experience different cultures.

If you see me around the school in September, please feel free to say hi - I can't wait to meet you all. Enjoy the rest of your term and have the best summer holiday!



Staff Spotlight on... ..Miss Braddock

Hi there! I am one of the Year 3 teachers at Brookburn. After joining Brookburn in September 2023, I have had the pleasure of teaching 3SB and working alongside the fantastic staff in Lower Key Stage 2.



After completing my Masters in Primary Education, I was fortunate enough to work in multiple schools across Derbyshire before moving to be closer to my family.

I am a strong advocate for children's rights and I am delighted to be at a UNICEF school. I think the focus on children and their rights is fantastic. The empowerment I see everyday from our young minds is great to see, which is a credit to the teachers and the community here at Brookburn.

In my classroom, there is a strong focus on supporting children to be kind, independent and creative in everything they do. I truly believe that with patience and high expectations, all children are capable of achieving their goals.

In my spare time, I am an avid reader and love spending time in nature.

This is my last term here at Brookburn as I will be moving to a school closer to home.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and wish them every success in the future.



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Sandwell Charter Mark for Wellbeing



Mental health and wellbeing are important to everyone. When you feel good, it's easier to work and learn, and to enjoy spending time with family and friends.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Sandwell Charter Mark for Wellbeing. This award is presented in recognition of our whole school approach and commitment to supporting and developing the mental health and wellbeing of staff, pupils, and parents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the questionnaires and join focus groups. A huge team effort!

Jen Holden - Head of School



Football Trials

This week four pupils from Brookburn were invited to take part in the Manchester School Boys football squads.

The trials, held at Chorlton High, were a chance to be selected for a prestigious training group. JJ and Luca attended the Yr 6 trial and Joe and Finley will attend the Yr 5 trial.

Good luck to Finley and Joe and congratulations to JJ for being selected for the 2024 squad!

Mr Shurlock - PE Lead

Summer Music Evening

We celebrated the musical achievements of our children on Wednesday evening at our Summer Music Evening. There were performances from Rock Band, Woodwind, Guitar, Strings, and Steel Pans. We ended with our very own Chorlton Young Musician of the Year - Ned who played his winning piece on the piano.

We are so proud of the children who performed and thank all parents and carers that came to watch.



Meet our School Chef

Dear all,

I am Brookburn's new Catering Manager and it has so far been an absolute pleasure cooking lots of new recipes and meals for the children. I have worked in a number of different schools across Manchester over the past 15 years so I know what it's like feeding lots of hungry children.

I am so pleased to see the children enjoying my food. I love seeing their faces when they see their favourites on the menu and all the favourable comments when they enjoy their lunch.

I am looking forward to continuing to add new recipes to our menu for all the children to enjoy.

Chef Julie



Food Bank Collection

Our Rights Respecting Councillors are collecting donations for the food bank, 'Emmeline's Pantry'.

Please donate food (store cupboard items i.e. tinned and dried food) to school

between Friday 28th June and Friday 5th July.

Donations can be given to your child's class teacher or can be left in the school office.

All food collected will be taken to the food bank on Monday 8th July.

Thank you in advance for your support



Year 6 Business Enterprise

The excitement has been building all week in anticipation of the Year 6 Enterprise Market Day.

After weeks of planning, designing and making their products, today the year 6 children set up their stalls and sold their items to raise funds for a charity of their choice.

Which will be the winning team? All will be revealed in the next newsletter - watch this space!

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COMING UP
NEXT!

July

1st-5th

Week 1 Menu

Mon 1st

PTA Extraordinary
General Meeting
Bowling Green Pub
8.30pm

Tue 2nd

Y3 / 4 Sports Day
2pm

Rock Band Assembly
9.10am-9.25am

(parents/carers of Rock
Band invited to watch)

Thu 4th

School Closed to
Children - Polling Day

Fri 5th

Class photos -

Please note change of
date!

Mon 8th

Kennedy Cup Football
Match Brookburn V
Barlow Hall

Tue 9th

Y5/6 Sports Day

Wed 10th

Transition Morning for
children

Open Classroom for
parents

Thu 11th

Y1 Trip to Whitworth Art
Gallery

Fri 12th

Reports go out to
parents

Sports Celebration
Assembly

Children come to
school dressed in
house colours

Summer Fair
3.30pm-6pm

Term Dates

2023-2024

Summer Term

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
to school

Fri 13 Feb

School closes at 3.25pm
for spring half term

Mon 24th

Children return to school

Fri 4th Apr

School closes at 2pm
for Easter holiday

No after school clubs

Tue 22 Apr

Children return to school



Well done to our early years and key stage 1 children that took part in their sports days recently and thank you to those who were able to come and watch. Our next sports days are shown below:

Year 3/4

Tuesday 2nd July - 2.00-3.25pm

Year 5/6

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

Sports Celebration Assembly

Friday 12th July

Just for children (sorry no parents/carers)
children to come to school wearing their house
colours this day



Measles continues to be a focus with cases still occurring in Manchester. You can protect your child by having the MMR vaccine available at your GP and some pharmacies, the most local one being KPS Pharmacy, 521 Wilbraham Road.

BIG COMEDY SHOP

AGES 6-12!

SUMMER HOLIDAY COMEDY CLUBS!

Book for ANY number of days:
Every Wednesday and/or Thursday from 31st July to 29th August 2024

IMPROV GAMES AND SKETCHES

Stretford Public Hall, M32 0LG

10:30am-3:30pm

£35 per child per day (+ small transaction fee)

10% discount for siblings!

Enquiries: info@bigcomedyschool.com

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PTA News!

Summer Fair Tickets Now On Sale!

Tickets for the summer fair are on sale now at www.brookburnpta.com.

Request for Donations

We are still gratefully receiving donations for the pre-loved sale and the tombola. Please drop off books, uniform, dressing up clothes or good quality toys at 41 High Lane, M21 9DL.

Any bottles (toiletries, booze, soft drinks), vouchers, or new toys can be brought to 8 The Meade, M21 8FA. Feel free to leave items in the porch.



PTA Raffle

Tickets for this year's raffle are on sale from the school office from 1 July, as well as at the fair. Tickets are £1 a ticket/£5 a book and you can use cash or card.

Just take a look at the list of the wonderful prizes donated by our local community.

Don't miss your chance to win!

School Streets

The school leadership and PTA have been invited to a meeting with Manchester Council on 1st July to learn about the evaluation for the School Streets trial at Brookburn.



PTA EGM - 1st July at 8.30pm in the Bowling Green - Please join us

The PTA will be voting in a new committee at an EGM on 1st July at 8:30pm held at The Bowling Green Pub. Please come by to vote and meet new committee members. Your PTA needs you!

Email hello@brookburnpta.com for more info.

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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, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

GAMBLING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!

ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online, an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0800 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



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