



Newsletter

5th October 2018

Engineers in the making

This week has been a week of technology and engineering as the children in KS1 and KS2 participated in some LEGO workshops. The children created their own robots and used algorithms to make them move. They have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, as you can see from their faces! Thank you to Mrs Norman for arranging these fun, interactive sessions.



Rights Respecting Award

As you may already be aware, we are working towards our bronze 'rights respecting schools award'.

The Award recognises

a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

This week, following some very impressive 'rights respecting' manifestos, the UNICEF councillors have been elected. Well done, we are so proud of you!

KS1 welcomed some more **mystery readers** this week. Reading has never been so much fun! Thank you for your support with this project. We can't wait to see who the next mystery reader will be!



If you would like a copy of digital parenting magazine, please pick one up from the main reception area.



We are so excited that a Spaceman will be visiting Year 2 on Tuesday 16th October. We have asked for a contribution of £4.50 for this and would be grateful if you could pay this via Parentpay as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 4 also have an exciting day planned on 16th October as they will be visiting Bramhall Hall as part of their topic on Tudors, please consent to your child attending and make payment for this trip via Parentpay. Thank you.

31st October is the deadline for secondary school applications.

For more details please visit https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions

Nursery have been touch counting and learning phonics in a fun way with a jolly phonics song!

Fun phonics has also been the theme in **Reception** where they have been making words with conkers and touching each others chins whilst trying blend the sounds "CH" "I" and "N".



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Attendance Awards w/e 28th September

Punctuality w/e 28th September



Y1A - 99.8%

Y2A - 99.7%

Rec 1 - 99.3%

Y5B - 99.7%

Y6B - 99.3%

Y3B - 99%



18 late arrivals, to school this week.

Please ensure your child is in school for 8.50am

PTA News

If you are able to volunteer to help with some essential **den maintenance** at the end of October please email friendsofbrookburn@gmail.com. All help gratefully received - many hands make light work as they say!

Thank you for the donations of plastic bottle tops, we have quite a collection so far but still need plenty more so please keep them coming!

Thursday was the PTA KS2 **Film Night**. Children watched the film Coco whilst tucking in to popcorn, drinks and hot dogs.

What a difference the new screen and PA system made to the whole cinema experience! Thanks once again for supporting this and all the other events that have allowed the PTA to donate funds to purchase such items, it is much appreciated.

The **Halloween disco** takes place on 18 October, please refer to the letter on our website: <https://brookburn.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/halloween-disco-2018-pta-letter.pdf>, as the format is slightly different this time. Places at the disco must be made in advance and by 12th October via Parentpay. Face painting is one of the activities on offer this year and you will automatically give consent to this when paying online; if you do NOT want your child to have their face painted, please contact the school office. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

October

12th - Y6 talk from Manchester Fire Service
16th - Y2 visit from astronaut
16th - Y4 Trip to Bramhall Hall
16th - SEN Coffee Morning
18th PTA Halloween Disco
18th LINK LT Pay committee meeting
19th - Break up for half term.
22nd-26th - half term break
29th - School re-opens for Autumn term
29th - Nasal Flu Vaccination
31st - Deadline for High School Applications.

November

12th-16th - Anti Bullying week
14th - Child Measurement Programme
16th - Children in Need
19th - Parents Evening (until 6pm)
20th - Parents Evening (until 7pm)
29th - Y1/2 Christmas Play

December

5th Nursery Christmas Singalong
6th Reception Christmas Production
7th PTA Winter Fair
13th Y3/4 Christmas Production (9.30am & 2pm)
18th Y5/6 Christmas Production (9.30am & 2pm)
13th LINK LT Trust Meeting
20th Brookburn's Got Talent
20th Senior Citizen's Christmas Party (2pm)

Dolphins News

A quick reminder to all parents to make sure they tell us if their child will not be attending a session at Dolphins. It is a very busy time of the day at registration and the more knowledge we have of the pupils whereabouts the smoother the transition from school to club can be.

We have had some terrific fun this week making a simple but effective version of 'slime'. Just mixing the right amount of cornflour with water creates a peculiar substance that is solid when squeezed but liquifies upon release. Lots of fun and easy to wash off mess was created and it's fair to say everyone enjoyed it!

We have also been enjoying creating amazing paper monsters and planes with a very creative origami book. The children have been following instructions from a set of books, the younger ones with adult supervision, and managed to create the most fascinating things - we have hung up the best examples on our creativity display if you are interested in seeing what they have achieved.

