



Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

A message from Jen Holden, Head of School

I just wanted to say thank you for the warm welcome you have given me and to let you know how much I am looking forward to getting to know both you and all your children over the coming year. It has been a fantastic start and as always it has been jam-packed with lots of exciting new opportunities and experiences for everyone.

Our 'Meet the Team' sessions were very popular and we were so pleased to see so many of you there. Hopefully you had all your questions answered and now have a picture of where your child is spending so much of their time. For those of you who were unable to make it, all the information has been sent via Parentmail and is available on the class pages on the school website and there will be plenty of opportunities in the future to come into school. I will keep you all updated with our priorities for the year but in the meantime if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to me. I can't quite believe how quickly four weeks have flown by!



Staff spotlight on Jayne Kennedy, Executive Headteacher at Brookburn and Barlow Hall Primary schools.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to join the Brookburn community and school this September. I have been welcomed by the children and families, how polite the children of Brookburn are.

I have worked in Manchester schools for over thirty years. The last seventeen years have been at Barlow Hall Primary school as Headteacher. I am very excited about the opportunity to build on the work of Ms Ferris and the staff team at Brookburn.

I love my job and I have worked in six different schools, Brookburn will be my seventh school. Beyond my job, I love to walk, often with my dog, Bella. I regularly visit Wales, one of my favourite places, the beaches are amazing. This may not be appealing to all, but I am a Manchester City season ticket holder and enjoy going to games, and yes, I did go when they were rubbish. I have two daughters, Mya and Betsy, that still keep me busy, even though they are now in their early twenties.



School Photographs Tuesday 4th October

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4th October 2022 to take individual and sibling photographs.

Parents wishing to have photographs with younger siblings not yet attending school will need to come into the school hall on Tuesday 4th October at 8.30am.

On school photo day, **Year 4** children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring a PE kit to change into. **Year 6** children will NOT be doing PE and should come into school in their normal school uniform, they will do PE on Wednesday 5th October instead and children should come into school in their PE kit on this day.

School Health

The school health team will be in school on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November to do the height and weight screening for children in **Year 6** and the height, weight, vision and hearing screening for children in **Reception**. Children in other year groups will not be screened.

Reception parents should complete the consent form for the vision and hearing screening and return to the class team or the school office.

The Intrahealth team will be in school on Tuesday 22nd November to administer the flu vaccine to children in Reception through to Year 6.

You must complete the form to consent or decline the vaccine.

Nursery children are not included in the school vaccine programme.

Please return all forms on Monday



Man City Raffle!

We have the fantastic prize of a Manchester City Shirt signed by City and Brazil goalkeeper, Edison Santana de Moraes, to go to the winning ticket holder of our forthcoming LINK Learning Trust raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the school office until Friday 14th October, at a cost of £1 each. The draw will take place on Monday 17th October. Good luck everyone!





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Morning Drop Off Reminders

Just a quick reminder of the morning routine to ensure all children are in class on time:

Gates to playground are open from 8.45am, unless accessing Dolphins.

Doors open 8.50am.

Doors close 9am prompt.

Gates will be closed just after 9am.

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher on the door in the morning, please ensure you arrive at 8.50am to ensure there is time to do this. Teachers need to be in their class teaching from 9am.

After School Collection Reminders

Children must be collected by someone aged 16 or over. Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk home from school on their own if the relevant form has been completed. Please make sure you inform the class team and the school office if you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child.



3rd October:

Flute/Clarinet (am)

Guitar (pm)

Steel Pans (pm)

4th October:

Individual Photographs

5th October:

Violin/Cello (am)

Year 4 swimming lessons

7th October:

Year 4 trip to Chester - please consent and pay via Parentpay.

10th October:

Flute/Clarinet (am)

Guitar (pm)

Steel Pans (pm)

It is with great pride that Brookburn were awarded the Bronze UNICEF award for being a Rights Respecting school. We feel so proud of all the effort that went into achieving this accolade.

This year's UNICEF class representatives have now been announced and will be working towards obtaining the Silver award for the school.

We shall keep you posted with updates and the fabulous UNICEF work that will be going on throughout school. Please do ask your child about their favourite Right and why!

Miss Kingsford - Unicef Lead



Autumn Term

Thu 20 Oct - Break up normal time

Mon 31 Oct - Return to school

Fri 16 December - **Break up 2 pm**

NO After School Club

Spring Term

Tues 3 Jan – Return to school

Fri 17 Feb – Break up normal time

Mon 27 Feb – Return to school

Fri 31 Mar – **Break-up 2 pm**

NO After School Club

Summer Term

Fri 17 April – Return to school

Mon 1 May – School closed Bank Hol

Thu 4 May School closed – Polling Day

Fri 26 May – Break up normal time

Tues 6 Jun – Return to school

Friday 21 July **Break up 2 pm**

NO After School Club



Well done to the following TTRock Stars!

Mr Shurlock - Maths Lead

Week ending:	Most Improved	Highest Score
23 rd September	Martha 4B	Molly 3A
30 th September	Arran 4A	Jonas 5B



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We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible.

Mr Shurlock - PE Lead

Bike to school week

Thanks to those that ditched the car and cycled or scooted to school this week for 'Bike to School' week. We always have a great turnout of cyclists and this week was no exception. We hope you also managed to utilise the free 'Bike Surgery' we arranged with Ceracycloan. They were certainly kept very busy and it's reassuring to know that our children will be cycling safely!

Mrs Connaughton - Eco Lead



PTA Update

Playground: The new playground equipment is nearly ready to play on - the culmination of 3+ years of PTA fundraising! We hope the children are as excited as we are!

Your PTA needs YOU! Turnout to the AGM this week was low (thanks to those who were able to come) and the key positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were not elected. The future of the PTA is in jeopardy without enough volunteers. This means no discos, Christmas or summer events, Welly Walks, sports day t-shirts and no funding for the things that enrich school life such as the den and allotment or new playground equipment. Some parent volunteers have decided to hold a "brainstorm" session next Friday before school pick up - location TBC. Please join if you can! Or contact hello@brookburnpta.com with any offers of help or suggestions. Thank you.

"MOTHERLOAD" FILM SCREENING @ THE EDGE - SAT 22nd OCT 6pm

Tickets are on sale now for the PTA screening of award winning documentary MOTHERLOAD - www.edgetheatre.co.uk/motherload/. The film uses the cargo bike as the vehicle for exploring parenthood in this digital age of climate change and captures a new mother's quest to understand the increasing isolation and disconnection of modern life, its planetary impact, and how cargo bikes could be an antidote. All ages welcome.

PTA LOTTERY - please keep playing! The lottery is the main steady income source for the PTA (allowing us to fund big projects like the playground). The more people play, the greater the weekly prize money for the lucky Brookburn winner! Since the lottery launched at the end of June, 13 players from Brookburn have won over £250 in prizes and two lucky parents have won twice! You don't have to be a member of the school community to play either - grandparents, friends and neighbours can join (remember there is the chance of winning £25k every week as well as the weekly Brookburn winner). Go to yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search 'Brookburn' to play. Also, each ticket you buy between now and Sat 29 October 2022 gives you an extra chance to win an amazing prize - family tickets to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and to Harry Potter & The Cursed Child theatre show in London.

Now that the PTA AGM has been held, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelly Gore and Rachel Gutteridge. They have worked tirelessly for the PTA and have achieved so much which has a direct impact on the experiences of all the children and their families at Brookburn. We are so grateful for all their hard work, time, innovation and dedication. The school has and continues to benefit from the amazing fundraising that has happened during their time as co-chairs.

Thank you from Jen Holden (Head of School), Beth Hulse (Deputy Headteacher) and the whole school community. As we look forward, we hope that our parent community will continue to support school through the PTA. The fundraising really is vital for our school and the events bring our community together. If anyone can offer any time at all to help, it would be very much appreciated.

