



Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

Reminder! International Day Thursday 16th February

A reminder that International Day takes place on Thursday 16th February. Children have the opportunity to dress up in the colours of a flag, in traditional dress or as a famous person from another country (please no football kits).



INTRODUCING We are pleased to introduce Mrs Ikin-Tomkinson, our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator who will be starting after half term. She is a very experienced SENCo and will be a fantastic addition to the Brookburn Team. Please come over and introduce yourselves to her when you see her out in the playground as I know she is really looking forward to getting to know you all.

Mrs Holden



On Tuesday 7th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day.

All year groups engaged in important discussions and activities about how to keep safe online. There were three main rules to remember whenever we are surfing the web:



If you would like to continue these conversations at home, we recommend casting an eye over the Childnet resources - advice for 4 - 11 year olds

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/4-11-year-olds>

Miss Kingsford



Fancy a little Spring clean of your child's bookshelves?! Can you donate any unwanted books? Please bring any books (fiction or non-fiction) aged Nursery to Year 6 into school next Wednesday, 15th Feb. Your child's pre-loved books will find lots of bookworms at Brookburn!



Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week was the theme of our assemblies this week. The theme of the week is 'Let's Connect'.

In our KS1 assembly, we thought about lego pieces and how they connect together to make something wonderful. We discussed how we are all connected and how we help each other. A great story to illustrate this is 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson.



In our KS2 assembly we talked about the importance of feeling connected and how we form connections with others. We read the poem 'Together' by Matt Goodfellow

Mrs Owen



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COMING UP NEXT!

13th -17th Feb

Week 3 Menu

13th Feb

Woodwind lessons (am)

Guitar lessons (pm)

Steel Pan lessons (pm)

14th Feb

Roberts Bakery visiting Year 6

15th Feb

Strings lessons (am)

Roberts bakery visiting Year 6

16th Feb

School Streets Road Closure

International Day

PTA Meeting 8pm

17th Feb

School closes at normal time for half term break

27th Feb

Return to school

27th Feb-3rd Mar



CHORLTON WINTER SHOWDOWN

27 JANUARY - 28 FEBRUARY 2023

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *



Week ending:	Most Improved	Highest Score	Class of the Week
3rd February	Evelyn D 3B	Holly M 4A	6B
10th February	Seb C 3B	Jonas 5B	4A & 6B



Language Angels App

The app is now live and children are now able to access all of the free interactive games and karaoke videos to help them practise their French outside of the classroom and it is so much FUN!

Simply look for the Language Angels App by visiting the Apple App Store (android version will be available next week) and log on using the following details:-

Username: la2023app

Password: la2023app

Please note the App is completely safe for children and there is no way for your child to contact or interact with anybody else. I really hope your child enjoys using it.

Merci et bon weekend!

Madame Warrington



Please find below the dates of the year 3/4 class assemblies

3A (Mrs Connaughton)

Tuesday 14th March

3B (Miss Kingsford)

Thursday 9th March

4A (Ms Faulder)

Friday 24th March

4B (Mr Sumner)

Thursday 30th March

All assemblies start at 9.15am and last around 30mins



We will be holding parents evenings in March as follows:

Tuesday 21st March (face to face)

3.40pm - 7pm

Thursday 23rd March (video call)

3.40pm - 6pm.

More information about how to book will be sent next week.

Term Dates

Spring Term

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

Mon 8 May

School closed Bank Hol

Fri 26 May

Break up normal time

Tues 6 Jun

Return to school

Friday 21 July

Break up 2 pm

NO After School Club



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February Half Term Activities

MCRactive are offering a variety of activities over February Half Term in Manchester. To book your child's space: Sign up for an MCRactive Go account: <https://www.mcractive.com/>. Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity'. Families on benefit-related free school meals are eligible for a free place and a free meal - if you are eligible, please use the code sent by email to book or call the school office.



LOADS

TO DO

Loads to Do have pulled together a fantastic list of fun-packed activities so you don't have to go searching. There's everything from family events, arts and crafts and children's theatre shows to activity trails, outdoor events and sports activities. You'll find free activities at local libraries and free swimming sessions at many leisure centres too. Visit the website: <https://loadstodo.co.uk/guides/schoolhols/>

Online Safety Parent Workshop

Join our Online Safety Parent Workshop with child safety specialist Katherine Howard on Monday 27th February from 6.00-7.00pm. Learn more about how to keep your child safe in their online world. Katherine will also introduce you to free online resources and our parental control app. Click the link to join the webinar https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ivfMbhX9TO-dFgF6y4LPnA

Parents Reading and phonics Meeting (Reception – Year 2)

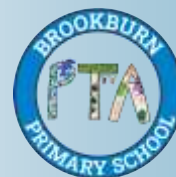
27th February at 9.15am – 10am and repeated at **5pm – 5.45pm**, we will be leading a meeting on our reading rational and our new phonics scheme, which is important for early reading. This will be in the training room which is at the back of the school, down the cobbled lane. The meeting will allow you to understand our new phonics scheme in more detail and how this can be implemented to support your child at home. We will also be discussing the importance of the new decodable books. Our new phonics scheme also supports writing and how children learn to spell so we will include information about this as well.

You will need to book your place on one of the meetings via Parentmail -more info to follow shortly! We look forward to seeing you there!



Mrs Conlon and Miss Garvey

PTA Update



PTA Meeting Reminder: 16th Feb @ 8pm.

Don't forget, the next PTA meeting takes place on Thursday 16th February at 8pm, online over Teams. Everyone is welcome to join. A reminder email containing joining instructions and the meeting agenda will be sent on the morning of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



PTA Fundraising Update

We are delighted to announce that the PTA's winter fundraising activity, which included the Christmas Disco, Santa's visit to Nursery and sales via Cauliflower Cards, has raised **OVER £2,500!** Brookburn PTA is a registered Charity, which exists to enhance the learning and social experience of all children at the school, by funding additional equipment and activities. This would not be possible without the VERY GENEROUS donations of time and money from everyone who gets involved in fundraising events and activity - that includes pupils, volunteers, teachers, staff and parents/carers. **THANK YOU** from the PTA Committee!



Watch this space for information about our upcoming events: we've got the annual Welly Walk (for the kids) and a Pub Quiz (for the grown ups).

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING
Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION
This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a censoring message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT
It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS
Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be "pinged" with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS
Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT
Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE
If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING
In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS
Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS
Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

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

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