



Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

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Last week we celebrated the Kings Coronation. Children learnt about the history of the coronation including looking at photos and paintings of the ceremony from the past 200 years.

They also created their own crowns and Nursery and Reception held a royal ball to celebrate; the children made bunting and came to school dressed in their finery. They walked up the red carpet into Nursery and celebrated in the hall with dancing and party games.



Year 6 have been completing their SATs tests this week. The children have displayed a fantastic attitude throughout showing maturity and resilience. The week was well balanced with the tests taking place in the morning followed by more creative project work and PE in the afternoon.

We all are extremely proud of their hard work and now they can look forward to the launch of the Business Enterprise project followed by a well deserved week of fun at Ghyll Head on 12th June! Well Done Year 6.



Next week, we are taking part in Living Streets Walk to School challenge!

Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using a fun and interactive wallchart and stickers in school to log their journeys.

Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week.

We would be grateful if you could support the children in this enterprise as far as you possibly can - even if it is just parking a little further away from school and walking part of the way.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for providing the activity packs that each class will be using to track their progress. Their support is always greatly appreciated!



This week in French has been our infamous Eurovision week and in our lessons children have been listening to some of this year's entries to the Eurovision Song Contest which takes place on Saturday 14th May in Liverpool.

Children have listened to several songs including entries from France of course, Spain, Moldova and the UK as well as others and have voted in true Eurovision style and have expressed opinions in French! Who will be this year's lucky winner? Tune in on Saturday on BBC @ 7pm to find out!

Madame Warrington

ATTENTION Nursery Parents!

PLEASE!

If your child will be joining our Reception class in September, we will be holding two parent information meetings on:

Monday 12th June at 5pm and
Tuesday 20th June at 9.30am

Please save the date as the meeting will provide you with lots of useful information as well as giving you the opportunity to ask the Reception team any questions.

Note: You only need to attend ONE meeting.



Cool Milk

Milk will be available for Nursery and Reception children from Tuesday 6th June.

Milk is free for under 5's and if you wish for them to have milk, please register and pay online via the following link:

www.coolmilk.com





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PTA Update

PTA Eco Team:

The next den day is **Saturday 20th**

May from 11am - 2pm. We will be focussing on DIY tasks at the



school allotment. We will be doing the usual gardening jobs but would be very grateful for help from anyone with DIY experience. Even if you cannot attend on the day, we would welcome offers of advice, tools and materials. You can contact us to offer help at brookburnallotment@gmail.com.



Brookburn open garden event will take place on **Saturday 24th June.**

We are calling for volunteers to help make the open

gardens event a fun family day for all! We are looking for gardeners, bakers and musicians to donate plants for the plant stall, bake cakes to sell and play music, all to raise funds for the PTA. We also need volunteers to sign up to take a couple of hours between 9 and 5 to help out on the day. It will be a fun event to be part of, so bring the kids and get them interested in gardening. You never know... they might get inspired to help out in your garden at home!

Sports Day T-shirts:

Don't forget that Sports Day t-shirt orders will close on the **24th of May.**

Remember, you can buy them through the PTA website for £8.50, of which a minimum of £5 will be a charitable donation.



Welly Walk

Please remember to donate your Welly Walk sponsorship money.



This can be handed in to the school office, paid via the PTA website, or donated straight into the PTA's charity bank account (details below). However you submit your donations, please remember to include your child's name(s) so that they are entered into the prize draw to win a pizza lunch with SLT! To be eligible to be entered into the draw, your donation needs to be made **by Friday 19th May**, as the pizza lunch will take place the following week.

Brookburn PTA Charity Bank Account Detail:
Brookburn Primary Parent Teacher Association
Account Number - 67226487
Sort Code - 08-92-99



Week ending:	Most Improved	High Score	Class of the Week
12th May	Evelyn D 3B	Seb W 2B	4A



Chorlton Young Musician is open to all pupils from Year 3 upwards. Children who wish to audition, need to send a short video to the Music teacher - Mx Philo - at Chorlton High School (c.philo@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk) by Monday 15th May please. Good Luck!

COMING UP NEXT!

15th - 19th May

Week 1 Menu

Walk to School Week

Mon 15th

Woodwind lesson (am)

Steel Pan lesson (pm)

Guitar lesson (pm)

Wed 17th

String lesson (am)

Y4 swimming (pm)

22nd - 26th May

Week 2 Menu

Mon 22nd

Woodwind lesson (am)

Steel Pan lesson (pm)

Guitar lesson (pm)

Wed 24th

String lesson (am)

Y4 swimming (pm)

Thu 25th

PTA Meeting 8.30pm

Fri 26th

Break up at normal

time for half term

Tuesday 6th June

Back to school

Term Dates

2022-2023

Fri 26 May

Break up normal time

Tues 6 Jun

Return to school

Friday 21 July

Break up 2 pm

NO After School Club

2023-2024

Autumn Term

Fri 1 Sep

Inset Day

Mon 4 Sep

Inset Day

Tue 5 Sep

School open to children

Fri 20 Oct

School closes for half-term

Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct

Half term holiday

Mon 30 Oct

Return to school

Fri 21 Dec

School closes at 2pm

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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: It tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'fall fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Rory Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Whistle*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4 Live and the TV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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