



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half-term break and enjoyed the time away from school.

Timeline and World map

We have installed a timeline and World map in the Brook Building. This is to help develop children's awareness of the past and the World they live in. All children see these daily and teachers will also use them as part of their lessons.



Parents' Evenings

This half term parent/teacher meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. You will receive an email next week with further details and a link to the booking form.

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) – Understanding your Child's Fears and Worries Workshop

You should all have received an email on Wednesday concerning a workshop being run on 14th March 2024. Please see this email or posters around school for more information and the booking link.

Hygiene Bank

We continue to be grateful for the support of the Bicester Hygiene Bank. We now have a larger collection of items available in the school office for those who are struggling to afford basic hygiene items. Please come to the school office to get anything if you need it. It is available at all times that the school office is open. Thank you the volunteers from the Bicester Hygiene Bank for continuing to support the Brookside School community.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

We will be supporting the work of Comic Relief through marking Red Nose Day again this year. We have red noses available from the school office for £2 each and welcome all children and staff to dress 'red to toe' on Friday 15th March for a minimum donation of £1. The most creative or home made Red Nose Day outfits will win a prize in each phase of the school.



World Book Day & Book Fair

One of our favourite days at Brookside is almost upon us: World Book Day will be celebrated by the staff and students on Friday 8th March (note the official day is Thursday 7th) and as in previous years we are asking all pupils to come dressed to school as their favourite book character. During the day the children will be engaging in a series of fun activities centred around a love of reading for pleasure. There will be a few prize vouchers up for grabs for the best dressed children. Everyone will also be given a £1 book token which can be spent at the school book fair that will be running straight after school in the dinner hall from Thursday 7th March until Tuesday 12th March. As usual, a large percentage of all the proceeds raised at the book fair are given to the school to spend on new books for classrooms and the library.

Children at risk of fuel poverty

We have been asked to share the information below by Oxfordshire County Council.

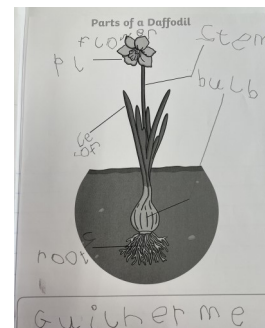
We will have more information, available from the carousel in the school office, in the next couple of weeks.

Reduce your energy bills with the Home Upgrade Grant from Oxfordshire County Council. Targeting off-gas-grid, energy-inefficient homes, this initiative offers free home energy improvements from insulation to solar panels. Funding is limited so early application is advised. Check your eligibility and apply at welcomethewarmth.org.uk

Get your home winter-ready today!

Handwriting Hero

Guilherme in reception has worked so hard on his handwriting this week, especially writing all the letters in his name and concentrating on his presentation. Well done, Guilherme.



Multiplication Workshops

A reminder that Miss Wise will be running workshops about multiplication tables for parents of children in year 2, year 3 and year 4 on Tuesday 27th February 9:00 a.m. and Monday 4th March 4:30 p.m. If you would like to attend please contact the school office.

Drama Workshop

EYFS and KS1 were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of The Wonderful Wild West and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Brookside Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 12th March. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March - Parents' Evenings

Thursday 28th March—Last day of term

Monday 15th April—Summer term starts

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May— Half-Term

Monday 3rd June—INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Tuesday 23rd July—End of academic year

Wednesday 24th July—INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education,
Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Confidence Building Fun

Try a Free Drama Class

— This is a fab class!
It was mentioned at
Katie's parents' evening
that her confidence
in class seems to
have grown so I am
delighted. Jane Spurgeon



Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Brookside Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 12th March.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **BRKS120324** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

Here are some of the nearest Perform classes to the school:

Perform Bicester (0.7 miles) Wednesdays at 4.15pm	West Bicester Community Centre Bowmont Square, OX26 2GJ
Perform Oxford (10.1 miles) Saturdays at 9.30am	Marston United Reformed Church 352 Marston Road, OX3 0JB
Perform Oxford (11.5 miles) Wednesdays at 4pm	West Oxford Community Centre Botley Road, OX2 0BT
Perform Abingdon (16.2 miles) Saturdays at 9.30am	The Northcourt Centre Northcourt Rd, OX14 1NS
Perform Abingdon (16.2 miles) Thursdays at 4pm	The Northcourt Centre Northcourt Rd, OX14 1NS

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
TOGETHER

WEEK ONE February 5th, March 4th, March 25th, April 29th, May 20th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Mixed Pepper Pizza (V, EF)</p> <p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Baked Beans</p> <p>Pear & Chocolate Brownie (V)</p>	<p>Cheeseburger Pasta Bake (EF)</p> <p>Fruity Vegetable Curry (VG, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Fluffy Rice, Broccoli & Peas</p> <p>Lemon Crumble Shortbread (V, DF)</p>	<p>Roast British Loins of Pork (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Roast Quorn (V, GF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese and Leek & Onion Wraps (V, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy</p> <p>Curly Cabbage & Carrots</p> <p>Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie (DF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake (V, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Apple Flapjack (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p>Golden Fish Fingers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Vegetable Spring Roll (VG)</p> <p>Honey Roast Ham & Cucumber Bap (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Strawberry Iced Smoothie (V, EF, DF, GF)</p>

WEEK TWO February 19th, March 11th, April 15th, May 6th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Rustic Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, FF)</p> <p>Veggie Nugget Wrap (VG)</p> <p>Baton Carrots & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF) with Mandarins</p>	<p>Moorish Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (GF)</p> <p>Tasty Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (V, DF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (V, EF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Cauliflower & Peas</p> <p>Cranberry & Oat Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p>Pork Bangers (EF)</p> <p>Veggie Bangers (VG)</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Couscous Salad (V, DF, EF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Creamy Chicken Mayo Wrap (EF, DF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Iced Cinnamon Swirl (V, DF, EF) With Raisins</p>	<p>Crispy Bubble Battered Fish (DF, EF)</p> <p>Mild Veggie Samosas (VG)</p> <p>Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad (D, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Peaches</p>

WEEK THREE January 29th, February 26th, March 13th, April 22nd, May 13th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Pineapple & Sweetcorn Pizza (V, EF)</p> <p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (EF, V)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Boston Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans</p> <p>Lemon & Honey Drizzle Cake with Melon (V)</p>	<p>Turkey & Vegetable Meatloaf (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Pasta (V, EF)</p> <p>Cheese Pinwheel (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage & Peas</p> <p>Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Salmon & Cucumber Pasta Pot (DF, EF)</p> <p>Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Tuna Pasta Bake (EF)</p> <p>Chunky Bean & Veggie Chili (VG, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Broccoli & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Rhubarb & Apple Crumble (V, DF, EF) with Custard (V, GF, EF)</p>	<p>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Roll (VG)</p> <p>Honey Roast Ham & Tomato Bap (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Orange & Mango Iced Smoothie (V, GF, EF, DF)</p>

Available daily – Natural yogurt, fresh fruit, fresh bread, salad bar and lots of fresh water!

Allergy advice - all our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts, gluten and other ingredients are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have an allergy, please let us know before ordering. Full allergen information is available from your school. Any fish we serve will vary depending on availability.

We only select fish from sustainable sources.

Suitable for vegetarians or vegetarian option available.

Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.

VEG: VEGETARIAN
VG: VEGAN

EF: EGG FREE
DF: DAIRY FREE
GF: GLUTEN FREE



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