



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half term of the academic year has gone by quickly. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and the children enjoy the time away from school. A reminder that it is an INSET day on Monday 30th October and the school is closed to children. Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Tag Rugby

Two teams of year 5 and 6 children took part in the Bicester Tag Rugby tournament. Both teams displayed some tremendous skill and demonstrated fantastic cooperation and teamwork. One of the teams managed to finish runners up which is a fantastic achievement. Thanks to Mr Harrison for taking the children to this tournament.

New Lunch Menu

There is a new menu starting after half term and a copy can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our [website](#).

Residential Trip to Wales

The children in Year 6 who went to Abernant Lake in Wales had a great time taking part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Thank you to Mr Simpson, Mrs Cooper and Mr Harrison for leading this residential visit.

World Mental Health Day

It was great to see so many pupils wearing clothes which make them feel happy. Special mention to Arla, Elijah, Kiyomi, Paige, Allyssia and Kameron who all designed their own t-shirts with a mental health message. They are now on display in the Xander Gallery and can be visited during Parent Consultations. Thank you to you all for your donations to the Food Bank and Hygiene bank. Mrs Swinburn (HSLW) and Mr Watt dropped your donations in earlier this week and they were pleased to receive 125kg from Brookside. Five bags for life of hygiene products were also collected by the Hygiene Bank.

Parents' Evening

An email was sent out this week with information and a link to the booking system. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty logging in or booking an appointment.

Friends of Brookside School.

Thank you to all of the FoBS committee who organised and ran the Halloween disco this week. It was lovely to see the children having so much fun and there were some brilliant costumes.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion after half term by selling their Poppy Appeal items. We have paper poppies which are available for a minimum donation of 20p. We also have a range of colourful items which are available. There are poppy shaped reflectors or zip pulls for a suggested donation of 50p. There are also silicone wrist bands for a donation of £1 each or snap band rules for a donation of £1.50 each. Year 6 pupils will bring round the items for children to buy during the afternoons of the first week back. Where possible, pupils should try and bring the correct donation amount into school. Thank you for helping us raise lots of money for The Royal British Legion who support our Armed Forces Community.



Cycle Training

Well done to Riley, Isabella, Edward, Karla, Jacob, Jun and Kameron who took part in cycle training this week. Thank you to Miss Sadie for leading this training and to Mrs Jenkins, Mr Stewart, Mrs Elliott, Mr Ashcroft and Mrs Dyer for also volunteering their time to enable our children to gain this invaluable life skill.



Football report

Yesterday, a group of our Year 5 girls attended the football tournament at TBS where they played several matches against other local primary schools. All of the girls performed extremely well demonstrating excellent fair play, great communication skills and passion for the game! We are so proud of the way all of the girls participated; a special mention to our goal scorers Paige B., Betsy, Paige E., Clara and Rosie. A huge well done to all of the girls, you represented Brookside really well. Thank you to Miss Wise for managing the team.



Bicester Food Bank and Hygiene Bank

Bicester Food Bank is open Monday to Saturday 10am until midday. Should you need to access their support please speak to someone in school or the school office and a voucher can be provided.

We are also working with Bicester Hygiene Bank and have a range of items. If you are finding it tricky to get these important items then either let us know what you are struggling to obtain or pop into the entrance hall where there are some items.

Xander Gallery

When you visit the school for your child's parent consultation, please take a moment to go to the Xander Gallery. The staff have put together a display of work which was completed during the European Day of Languages. It was great celebrating languages spoken in Europe and particularly the languages spoken by children at Brookside. Thank you to Miss Spearman for organising this day.

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd October—27th October Half Term

Monday 30th October—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November—Parents' Evenings

EYFS Christmas Production Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December 9:30 a.m.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 1:30 p.m.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Thursday 14th December 5:00 p.m.

FoBS Christmas Bazaar Thursday 14th December 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Best wishes, Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE October 30th, November 20th, December 11th, January 15th, February 5th, March 4th, March 25th April 29th, May 20th

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

WEEK TWO November 6th, November 27th, December 18th, January 22nd, February 19th, March 11th, April 15th, May 6th

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

WEEK THREE November 13th, December 4th, January 8th, January 29th, February 26th, March 18th, April 22nd, May 13th

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

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.

KEY:
V VEGETARIAN
VG VEGAN

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL

NEW!
Opening
Jan 2024



**YOUR CHILD'S
WEEKLY DOSE OF
STEM!**



For 8 to 13 year olds



The Engineering Skills Academy,
11 Wedgwood Road, Bicester, OX26 4UL



90min session with 3 times to choose from

DETAILS

Saturday STEM Club is a new venture by The Engineering Trust. As a charity we champion engineering to young people, promote engineering as a career pathway and celebrate people in engineering.



Our Club

Designed for 8-13 year olds who have an interest in STEM. Kids are enrolled into either our Juniors (8-10 years) or Seniors (11-13 years). Sessions run for 11 weeks during term time with kids exploring and completing fun STEM projects. Our aim is to link what they do during the sessions with real life STEM subjects.

£165 per child per term.

Each term consists of 11 x 90 minute sessions on Saturdays. Sessions are repeated 3 times a day, so it is advisable to only attend for 1 session per Saturday.

Places are booked per term with payment split into 4, the first at the time of booking then 3 subscription payments spread throughout the term your child attends.



Dates and Times

Session 1: 9:00am - 10:30am

Session 2: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Session 3: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Both junior and senior sessions available during each time slot.

More Info. & How To Book

www.satstemclub.org



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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