



# Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Spring Term Issue 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy spring term at Brookside and the children have been working hard on their learning. Next Thursday is the last day of the term before the holiday. We hope you have a good break and enjoy the time off. The summer term starts on Monday 15th April and we look forward to seeing you then.

## Staff News

Mrs Chapman will be leaving Brookside next week after a year working in Key Stage 2. Miss Heydon is also leaving to start a new job as a home school link worker. Thank you to Mrs Chapman and Miss Heydon for their hard work at Brookside. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Duncan back to Brookside next week after her maternity leave.

## Comic Relief

Thank you for your generosity last week supporting Red Nose Day. At Brookside we raised just under £300 in donations and a further £400 in red nose sales towards Comic Relief.

## Health of babies and children in Oxfordshire

Oxford Health have made available a new website to support you with ensuring your child is healthy at home and in school. Please refer to it for more information. <https://www.oxfordshire-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/>

## Football reports

Brookside Girls took on the mighty St Edburgs in a league game at Brookside. The girls came flying out of the blocks and overpowered St Edburgs, scoring two goals through Rosie. An outstanding performance saw the match end in a 5-0 win for Brookside with further goals from Maisie and Paige.

The year 3/4 Brookside girls took part in the Bicester Schools football festival. Some fantastic skills were on the display and the girls showed great determination and cooperation. The girls managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the book fair. Through purchasing a new book for your child you have helped us to achieve nearly £200 in commission for the school to spend on new books for classrooms.

## Year 6 SATS revision books

A reminder to parents in Year 6 to please encourage the children to carry on completing the revision schedule over the Easter break and to use the answers to help them see how well they are doing.

Thank you so much for getting the pupils to bring their books in for checking each week. For this last week before Easter please could the books be brought in on Thursday as we are not here of course on the Friday.



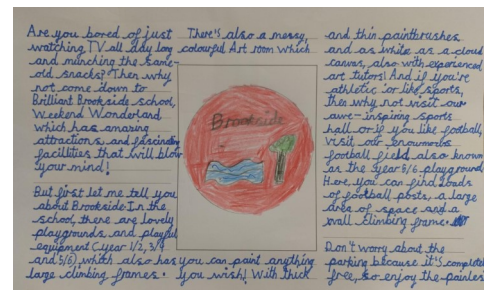
## Science Week

The whole school had a great time celebrating Great British Science week last week. We all took part in the Big Science Share which promoted pupil led investigation through Science Oxford. All children undertook an experiment where they could choose to manipulate parts or all of it; from the research question and implementation to recording and presentation. The Science Council will judge the best experiment after

Easter and that team will go to the Science Oxford Centre to present their experiment. Sadly, the Planetarium had to be cancelled however it will be rebooked for later in the year. Thank you to all those children who sent in photos of them doing science at home!

## Handwriting Hero

This week we are showcasing Dhruv in Year 4 who has just earned his pen licence for his excellent presentation.



## Happy Puzzle Company

Last Friday, the children all enjoyed a visit from the Happy Puzzle Company where they were able to try out lots of new games that challenged their thinking skills and required some patience. It was great to see everyone cooperating with one another and working really effectively in teams.



## Lunchboxes – nut free

Please do not send your child to school with any food items which contain nuts (this includes anything made by Nutella) as there are some children and staff who are allergic to nuts.

## Brookside School Exhibition

As many of you know we have an exhibition in the Bicester Building which includes photographs of the school and school life from the opening of the school over 150 years ago. This has recently been refreshed and there are some new photos which document the last few years of school. Next time you are in school please have a look at this exhibition. Thank you to Sally James (previously a TA at Brookside and now a grandma at Brookside) for putting this display up for the children and school community to enjoy.

## Memorial Garden for Miss James

You may have noticed a new garden which has been built on the Y5/6 playground. This is to be named the Miss James Memorial Garden and will be officially opened with members of Miss James' family at a special assembly after Easter. Should you have any spare shrubs or plants in your garden which you think would be suitable for the garden then please pass them to Mr Armand, ideally before the Easter break.

## Bicester Hygiene Bank

A reminder that should you be unable to afford basic hygiene items please come to the school office where a range of hygiene items are available for those in need. If you shop in Bicester Tesco please take a moment this April to support the Bicester Hygiene Bank as they will be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts blue token scheme. It would be great if all Brookside parents and grandparents could support this worthwhile local charity.

## Safeguarding during Easter

A reminder that should you have any concerns about a child during the Easter holidays then you should contact Oxfordshire MASH on 0345 050 7666 or in an emergency the Police on 999.

## Wellbeing in Bicester – the Bicester West Health Route

Now that the weather has improved it is a great time to get out and about with your children. We are lucky that the Bicester West health route passes close to school. The blue line represents a circular 5k Health Route. Complete the full route and you will have undertaken approximately 7000 steps. The Health Routes are funded by NHS England and are part of the Bicester Healthy New Town Programme. More information is available on Facebook – follow Healthy Bicester.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 28th March—Last day of term (3:15 p.m. usual finish time)

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



«e» REAL KINGDOMS «e»  
ADVENTURES



# FAMILY FUN DAY



SCAN ME



at

Hill End

Sat 20th April

10 am to 2 pm

Activities included :

- safe action archery
- axe throwing
- meet the baby dragon
- Viking map quest
- spear and shield practice
- explore ancient settlement

Fun for children of all ages!

For more details text  
07830084877



A vibrant, hand-drawn illustration of a woodland scene. The background is a large tree with green leaves and brown branches. In the center, a peacock with a blue body and a large, multi-colored crest is perched on a branch. To its right, a brown owl with large green eyes sits on a branch. Below the owl, a small brown and white deer looks out. In the foreground, a large, golden, woven basket sits on the ground. A path leads through the trees, with silhouettes of a family walking. The ground is covered with many small blue bell-shaped flowers and a single green dragonfly. The overall style is whimsical and artistic.

*Spring Fair*

Woodland Crafts at

# HARCOURT ARBORETUM

**27 April 2024**

Opens 10am, last entry 3pm



Scan the QR code for tickets  
Book your car parking in advance  
or Park & Ride from Redbridge



**Mental Health Support Team**

# PARENT SURVEY



It is important to us to hear your views; please take 5 minutes to complete this survey on how we can best support you and your family with your child's mental health.

**<https://forms.office.com/e/xmj8F06cM5>**

Please be assured that all data collected will remain anonymous.

Please complete by: 29th March  
For Parents and Carers to complete  
Takes 5 minutes to complete

WEDNESDAY 3RD  
APRIL  
11AM TO 3PM

JOIN OUR  
CHARITY  
FUNDRAISER

GARTH PARK  
BICESTER

IN AID OF THE BICESTER BABY BANK  
EASTER  
EGG HUNT



Hunt: £2 per person (up to 12 years)  
Pay as you go zorbing (5+ years)

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# FREE

## Coding Club Open Day



### Special Offer

All attendees will  
receive £10 off a  
FUZE Workshop  
in April

**Drop-in** anytime between **10am and 3pm** on  
**Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

If your child is interested in video games or computers, chances are they'll love our coding and gaming workshops!

*For open day drop-in sessions children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.*

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## **FUZE Coding Workshops are for everyone!**

They're fun, educational,  
inclusive and teach  
valuable problem-solving  
skills.

### **Next holiday club workshops:**

April - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th and 10th  
9am - 3.30pm

### **After-school clubs:**

Every Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm - 6.30pm

For information and to book visit [fuze.co.uk](https://fuze.co.uk)  
or email [contact@fuze.co.uk](mailto:contact@fuze.co.uk)

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# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
TOGETHER

## WEEK ONE February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Mixed Pepper Pizza</b> (V, EF)</p> <p><b>Classic Margherita Pizza</b> (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p><b>Rainbow Pasta Salad</b> (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p>Pear &amp; Chocolate Brownie (V)</p>	<p><b>Cheeseburger Pasta Bake</b> (EF)</p> <p><b>Fruity Vegetable Curry</b> (VG, GF)</p> <p><b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo</b> (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Fluffy Rice, Broccoli &amp; Peas</p> <p>Lemon Crumble Shortbread (V, DF)</p>	<p><b>Roast British Loyn of Pork</b> (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Roast Quorn</b> (V, GF)</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese and Leek and Onion Wraps</b> (V, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Roast Potatoes &amp; Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy</p> <p>Curly Cabbage &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p><b>Chicken &amp; Sweetcorn Pie</b> (DF)</p> <p><b>Broccoli &amp; Cheese Pasta Bake</b> (V, EF)</p> <p><b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)</p> <p>Green Beans &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Apple Flapjack (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p><b>Golden Fish Fingers</b> (DF, EF)</p> <p><b>Crispy Vegetable Spring Roll</b> (VG)</p> <p><b>Honey Roast Ham &amp; Cucumber Bap</b> (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 19<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Rustic Tomato &amp; Vegetable Pasta</b> (VG)</p> <p><b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese &amp; Coleslaw</b> (V, GF, FF)</p> <p><b>Veggie Nugget Wrap</b> (VG)</p> <p>Baton Carrots &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p>Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF) with Mandarins</p>	<p><b>Moorish Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce</b> (GF)</p> <p><b>Tasty Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce</b> (V, DF)</p> <p><b>Cheddar Cheese &amp; Cucumber Bap</b> (V, EF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Cauliflower &amp; Peas</p> <p>Cranberry &amp; Oat Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p><b>Pork Bangers</b> (EF)</p> <p><b>Veggie Bangers</b> (VG)</p> <p><b>Roasted Vegetable Couscous Salad</b> (V, DF, EF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Fruit Salad</p>	<p><b>Mac 'n' Cheese</b> (V, EF)</p> <p><b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)</p> <p><b>Creamy Chicken Mayo Wrap</b> (EF, DF)</p> <p>Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p>Iced Cinnamon Swirl (V, DF, EF) With Raisins</p>	<p><b>Crispy Bubble Battered Fish</b> (DF, EF)</p> <p><b>Mild Veggie Samosas</b> (VG)</p> <p><b>Tuna &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta Salad</b> (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 29<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>

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