



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Spring Term Issue 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term has gone very quickly with lots happening at Brookside. We hope you all have a good half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

20 mph consultation

There is currently a consultation about introducing 20 mph speed limits in Bicester. Further information and the consultation can be accessed using the link below.

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/bicester_informal_20mph2023



Parking on Bucknell Road

Thank you to parents who always park safely, legally and considerately when dropping off or collecting from the Bucknell Road. Sadly, I have received complaints from neighbours who have had their driveways blocked by parents and say they have been verbally abused when they have asked the driver to move the car. This makes crossing the road dangerous, reflects very badly on the school and gives us a bad reputation in the community. Please do not block driveways or park on single/double yellow lines. There is plenty of parking at the rear of the school in the Sports Centre car park that can be used for dropping off and collecting children. If you use the Bucknell Road you will need to park much further down the road where there is space for you to park legally.

Winter illnesses

We know many children have been unwell this winter due to winter illnesses. When your child is unwell please use the information on the website below which contains the most up to date information from the Government.

There are paper versions of this information available on the carousel in the school office.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings/how-long-should-you-keep-your-child-off-school-checklist-poster-text-version>

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children come into school in the correct uniform. A reminder that the uniform is school trousers or skirts. Leggings and jogging bottoms should not be worn to school and are not part of the uniform.

<https://www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk/school-uniform>

Athletics

Brookside sports team took part in the Bicester Partnership indoor athletics competition at Bicester Leisure Centre. The children competed in track and field events against other schools in the area. There were some very close races and some fantastic throwing and jumping on display. Overall, Brookside managed to finish 3rd out of 9 schools, which is a fantastic achievement. Perhaps some future Olympians?

Football Team

Brookside Boys' team took on the mighty King's Meadow School in their back yard. In difficult conditions, the boys took a 1-0 lead through Layton. Despite dominating play, the boys were pegged back and the game finished 1-1. Special mention to player of the match Freddie, who was excellent in defence.

Junior Citizens

Every year we are able to offer all our Year 6 pupils the chance to take part in the Junior Citizens programme. Run at Oxford Fire Station, the pupils experienced a range of health & safety scenarios where they had to decide what to do and make an emergency 999 call to call for help. An array of skills for life were learnt by the children and as always we give our thanks to members of the emergency services who lead the training.



Breakfast Club

Advanced notice that the price of breakfast club will rise to £3 per session after the Easter holidays. This is the first price rise for a long time and is due to rising costs.

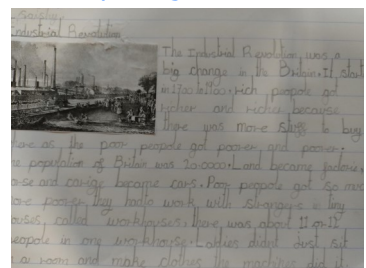
Webinars with the CAMHS Neurological Conditions Pathway

A few children in school are currently on the waiting list for support from the CAMHS NDC Pathway.

They are making some webinars available to parents. More information on this website - <https://www.oxpcf.org.uk/event>

Handwriting Hero

This week's superstar handwriting comes from Mia in Year 3 who will also be getting her pen licence. Excellent concentration and consistently setting herself high standards have been key in her earning this accolade.



FoBS

A big thank you to all members of FoBS for their hard work organising and running the disco this week.

For Parents - Assessing Smartphone Readiness

"Is my child old enough to have a phone?" It's a common, understandable question that we get from many parents, but it's also one that is very difficult to answer as there are so many factors involved. For younger children it's often peer pressure, with older children social isolation is very common. Often, advice has to be given particular to that child/family, rather than a one-size-fits-all solution.

The Institute for Digital Media and Child Development have put together some tip sheets for parents which are really useful.

There are 3 parts:

- Assessing readiness.
- Preparing for healthy use.
- What now?

You can view all the tip sheets [HERE](#).

Science Club - Bright Sparks Science

On Wednesday Nitro-Jen came in from Bright Sparks Science to undertake a science assembly based on forces. This was to show the children some of the activities the new science club will be looking at after half term. The club is parent paid for, running on Wednesdays after school until 4.20pm. Details have been sent out in an email and will be attached to the end of the newsletter.



EYFS Celebrate Chinese New Year

EYFS have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children made Chinese dragons and tasted Chinese food. The manager and team at Wah Hong, on the Market Square kindly donated and cooked us up a Chinese feast to help with our learning this week. We loved tasting noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls. Many thanks to everyone at Wah Hong for their generous support.

Pancake Fun

As part of our learning about Shrove Tuesday, EYFS made pancakes. The children learnt about the ingredients you would need and whisked up a batter. Mrs Miller and Miss Carter were then tasked with cooking up over 48 pancakes in morning. All the EYFS children loved visiting the pancake café in the community room and are all hoping for more pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, next week. We used this recipe... [Perfect pancakes recipe | BBC Good Food](#) it has been road tested by four year olds and seemed to get the seal of approval. The children also practiced pancake flipping with cold pans and pancakes in the garden and there were some impressive moves. You may have even seen some flying pancakes if you were walking down the Bucknell Road this week!



Half Term Science

[A world of discovery with Science Oxford](#)

After the long month of January, spring is around the corner! Try something new this year and check out the family programme at the Science Oxford Centre. Open every Saturday, visit for family days over half term (February 10 & 17) with hands-on discovery in the Exploration Zone and nature trails in their woodland. Try out visual experiments at the Live Lab with 'Seeing Differently' – can you read an eye chart, unlock a box, find an object or make a cup of tea? Enjoy lunch or a cuppa and cake in our café.

Find out more [Family Days - Science Oxford](#)

They are also running different STEM courses.

[What's On - Latest Events & Clubs - Science Oxford](#)

Diary Dates

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February—Half-Term

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

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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

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.

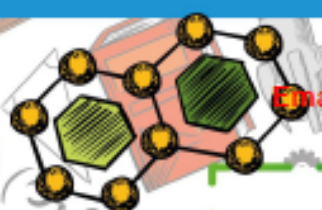
Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.

VEG: VEGETARIAN
VG: VEGAN

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



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL



Science Friction!

Science After School Club details

School: Brookside Primary School

Day & Time: Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm

Term Dates: 21-Feb 28-Feb 6-Mar
13-Mar 20-Mar 27-Mar

6 Week programme Cost: £50.50

Our after school clubs are both educationally rewarding and enormous fun for children. We present fundamental scientific principles by stealth, with each session offering a memorable mixture of inspiring demonstrations & stimulating hands-on activities — so much fun, that children don't even realise they're learning!

It's a balancing Act!

Can you balance on one leg? How does a see-saw balance? Come on a journey to examine how forces play a role in the universe, as you explore your centre of gravity and make a finger balancer to take home.

I'm Spinning around!

Let's encounter the centripetal forces that make us spin around or topple over. Find out why spinning is useful in a science laboratory and see how gyroscopes are used in smart phones and aircrafts. Can you make the best spinning top?

What goes up must come down!

Why do apples fall down? Why don't you fall off a rollercoaster ride? Discover the effects of gravity, friction and air resistance as you look into opposing forces and build your own rocket.

Super Structures!

Is your house shaped like an Octopus? We thought not! Find out what shapes make a structure stable, construct your own building and dome and see if they withstand our structural tests.

Phobic Physics!

Up to 60% of the human body is made from water, but not all chemicals like water. Some are scared or hydrophobic! Explore these interactions with common household chemicals and make science art along the way.

On the Move!

Energy is everywhere, transforming all the time. Spring into action and investigate how potential energy is converted to kinetic energy by exploring classic toys!

Register Now!

To register and pay for your child/children to attend the Brookside Primary School Science Club please go to this link:

<http://bit.ly/BrooksideSciT424> (case sensitive)

Or go to our website and click on the 'REGISTER HERE' banner

CLUBS WILL BE RUNNING UNLESS YOU ARE NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.

All registrations are handled by Active Network. Terms and Conditions apply.

We cannot accept childcare vouchers as payment.





NW Inventors:
Dance for Musical Theatre

Mon 12 - Wed 14 Feb 9am - 12pm

Join us this February half term to develop new skills in dance technique, picking up routines, and working as an ensemble. Have fun exploring acting through movement and learn Musical Theatre routines that will be shared with friends and family.

For ages 8-11

£50 for 3 half days

NW YouthLab:
Kathak Dance Masterclass

Mon 12 - Wed 14 Feb 10.30am - 4.30pm

A unique opportunity to explore the fast-growing dance form Kathak with the award-winning Amina Khayyam Dance Company. Participants will create new work to be performed as a curtain-raiser for the company's new work, *Story of One, Story of Many*, on 1 March 2024, as part of Dancin' Oxford's Spring Festival.

For ages 12-17

£75 for 3 days

Full Bursary Places Available - Email Abie on waltona@thenorthwall.com to apply