

Brocks Hill News

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is November already. The days are certainly drawing in and it feels like winter is fast approaching.

October was a busy month, and we were pleased to mark Black History Month at Brocks Hill. This annual celebration gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. This year the theme of Black History Month was reclaiming Narratives and as a school we focused on showcasing stories of Black history and culture.

We have also celebrated Diwali at school, and it was great to see so many children wearing their celebration clothes for the day. We were very disappointed to not be able to offer a special Diwali meal on this occasion but as I am sure you will understand, food allergies must take priority. I hope that those of you celebrating Diwali have had a wonderful time marking this special occasion with family and friends.

It was great to be able to welcome so many of you into school for parent consultations before half term. I hope you found this a useful opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher and hear how they were getting on in their new year groups. Thank you for your commitment to attending these events as we know parent support has a direct impact on children's progress.

Thank you also for supporting our book fair and we are pleased to announce that school raised £500 in commission which we can spend on new titles for our library.

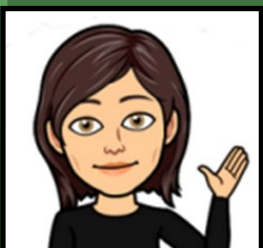
Earlier this month Year 2 visited Warwick castle and continued their learning about this period in History. More of that later in the newsletter.

Year 1 have also had a toy workshop where they were able to play with and explore toys from the past.

We have been able to celebrate lots of sporting success from our older pupils in Y5 and 6, where they became area champions in football and now face all the other winning schools in Leicestershire in championships later this term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating our team and thanking all the staff that enabled this to happen.

We look forward to November and the events that it will bring. Important dates are later in this newsletter.

Please do make a note of these.



Important dates for this term

4th November	Foundation stage Let's Talk Workshop 9AM/5PM
5th November	Special Bonfire lunch
11th Nov ember	Anti Bullying week
12th November	Odd Socks Day
13-15th November	Year 5 Residential
15th November	Children in Need – wear something spotty
15th November	Class 11 Assembly
20th November	Open classrooms 9-9.30am (Years 1 to 6 only)
28th November	Immunisation Day
29th November	Staff inset day <u>school closed</u>
6th December	Foundation Stage Church Visit
6th December	Class 12 Assembly
11th /12th December	Foundation Stage performances
13th December	Class 9 Assembly
13th December	FoBHS Christmas Fair
18th / 19th December	Year 1 and Year 2 performances

CAN YOU GET ANY CLOSER?



The closer you park, the more you risk.

No parking near school gates. No excuses.



We've noticed an increase in vehicles parking on pavements and across driveways. This not only obstructs pedestrian access but can also create hazards for other drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, stopping in the middle of the road for drop-offs can lead to dangerous situations for our children and other road users.

Please help us keep our streets safe by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Do not park on pavements: This ensures safe **passage** for pedestrians, especially for those with pushchairs or mobility aids.
- Avoid blocking driveways: Be considerate of our neighbours and ensure their access is not impeded.
- Do not stop in the middle of the road: Please pull into designated drop-off zones or parking areas to ensure a smooth flow of traffic and enhance safety for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our community safe. Together, we can create a more secure environment for our children.

Attendance

As you will be aware, schools are not able to authorise term time holidays. I need to inform you of changes made by Leicestershire County Council to the Penalty Notice regarding unauthorised leave during term time. These changes come into force on **Monday 19th August**. Please see guidance below. Any term time holidays after this date will be subject to these new rules.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

Attendance

It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at school. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on pupils' performance. Brocks Hill is committed to providing all pupils with the best start in life and works hard to ensure that all children attend school regularly. We are committed to achieving our school attendance target of 96%.

Attending school on regular basis is the key to you child doing well at school and will set them up with a good routine for later in life and the working world. It also gives them the opportunity to:

- Make lots of friends and feel included
- Learn new things and develop many skills
- Increase confidence and self esteem
- Improve social skills and develop lifelong habits
- Achieve their full potential and fulfil aspirations

Every single day a pupil is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

We know that pupils will become ill from time to time but please do not keep children off for longer than necessary. Recent advice from Government's Chief Medical Officer states 'It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.'

Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for further information.

Trips and Events



Warwick Castle
Year 2 had a wonderful time at Warwick Castle exploring the grounds and seeing the magnificent birds. They also had a lot of fun playing in the playground with Zog!



World Mental Health Day

#HelloYellow



Thank you for supporting Hello Yellow day for World Mental Health Day. This wonderful sea of yellow brightened up the whole school in support of Young Minds UK .



Sports News



A Huge well done to years 5 and 6 Pokemon Cup Winners who won the Tournament without losing a game!



Cross Country success for our talented year 5s. A huge thank you to Mr Moore and Miss Patel for making this happen.

Congratulations to our year 3 cross country runners. What excellent skill, determination and resilience. We couldn't be prouder of you all!



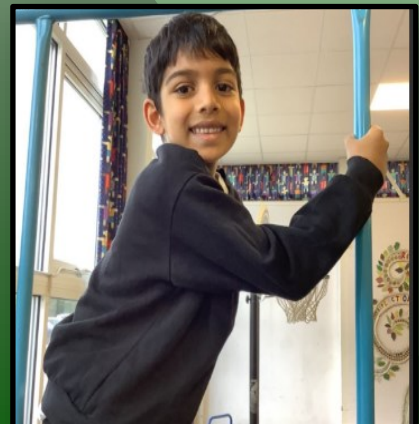
Sports News



Meet our new years 5 and 6 Sports Ambassadors for 2024. They have attended a conference at Wigston Academy to learn about their new role. We can't wait to see what new incentives and exciting plans they have for this year!



Class 3 have really enjoyed their Gymnastics unit this term. The children have worked hard to explore movement, space and shape.





Wishing all our friends and families a very happy Diwali and hope you all enjoy the festivities of this wonderful time of year!

THE HARBOROUGH MONSTER TRAIL



The South Leicestershire School Sport Partnership, with the support of the Harborough District Council and Active Together Harborough, are delighted to announce that we have created the Harborough Monster Trail. The programme is funded by the UKSPF and will form part of the 'Harborough on the Move' programme. The aim of the trail is to encourage children and families to be active during half term, Halloween and the autumn. The Monster Trail starts on Monday 21st October and finishes on Friday 29th November.

20 monsters are hidden across parks and green spaces in Lutterworth, Harborough, Kibworth & Smeeton and Broughton Astley for you to find. There are prizes on offer for finding the monsters in each area, find out more [here!](#)



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day takes place on Thursday 10th October 2024. The theme this year is, "It is time to prioritise mental health in the workplace" If you or a colleague require additional help and support, there is lots of help available. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Key Dates

- WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - 10TH OCT
- INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH
- BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- DYSLLEXIA WEEK 7TH - 23RD OCT
- RECYCLE WEEK - 26TH - 29TH OCT
- WORLD FOOD DAY - 16TH OCT

Stay Active for less!

Click [here](#) to find helpful resources and information for your family to stay active for less.

Look out for our guide to local walking routes and beautiful green spaces South Leicestershire has to offer.



LET'S GET SOCIAL!



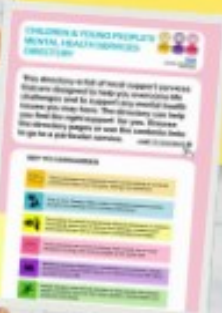
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Learning that inspires, motivates and empowers for every child



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Supporting South Leicestershire Schools to provide opportunities for all young people

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Children & Young People's Mental Health Services Directory. This directory is full of local support services that are designed to help you overcome life challenges and support any mental health issues you may have.
Find out more [here](#).



Click here →

ACTIVE LEICESTERSHIRE

YOUNG PEOPLE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT HARDSHIP FUND

The fund will support young people from Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, in the greatest financial need, to overcome economic constraints and access physical activity and sport as a participant, official, coach, volunteer or talented sportsperson. Young people should be aged 21 years or under on 31st March 2025, or up to the age of 25 years for young people with SEND.

active-together.org/fundingfinder/1812

ROUND 1 DEADLINE: OCTOBER 6TH 2024

ROUND 2 DEADLINE: MARCH 2ND 2025



GET UP MOVING

Local Inclusive Football Clubs!
Click the logos to find out more!

Local Area Co-ordinators work in communities across Leicestershire to help improve health, wellbeing and resilience of the people who live there. Find details of your local Co-ordinator [for here](#)



Kibworth Town Football Club are running Disability Football sessions on a Monday evening for 5-11 year olds!
Contact kelsey@kibworth.football for more information.



ACTIVE MUMS CLUB
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Free Buggy Walks

Walk with us at these locations across Leicestershire:

- Bouskell Park, Blaby
- Everards Meadow, Enderby
- Lutterworth Sports Centre
- Mosssdale Meadows, Braunstone
- Welland Park, Market Harborough

For more info on days and times have a look at our Instagram or Facebook.

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