



## Message from the Head of School,

Welcome to our March newsletter. We hope this newsletter will update you with news of past events and also alert you to things coming up.

The children have returned to school full of energy and ready to learn and we have lots of exciting opportunities coming up this month. We will be kicking off this month with World Book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> which is always a fabulous way to celebrate reading.

On the week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> we will be launching Move it March which encourages children to be active every day. We will also be marking International Women's day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and remembering Holi also on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We would like to wish all those celebrating Holi a wonderful day.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for Science Week on week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March when we will be welcoming visitors from Leicester University Science Faculty.

Please do keep an eye on our Twitter feed for pictures of these events.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March the school photographers will be in to take class photos.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school next week for parent consultations. Please remember that we will have the scholastic book fair present at these evenings.

## Happy World Book Day!

Today we are celebrating World book Day. It is always such a joy to see the children's costumes and we do appreciate all the effort you as parents put in- I know it's not always an easy task! However, we all know that the day is about so much more than dressing up. Reading remains central to all that we do at Brocks Hill. We want every child at Brocks Hill to have a real enjoyment of reading and books. If you would like further ideas about encouraging a love of reading at home please have a look at the following website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

## Rewards at Brocks Hill

Teachers are using a Beehive reward system in their classrooms. They reward points when children are demonstrating the 6Rs. You can check how many points your child has on Beehive.

Lunchtime staff, Mrs. Shilling, the office staff and Mr. Cass use house points as rewards. Your child has been allocated a house (Bosworth, Beaumanor, Foxton or Abbey). When children are seen going above and beyond at lunchtimes, walking through the corridors and at playtimes they may receive a house point. At the end of each term the winning house will receive a treat.

We are keen to promote excellent manners at lunchtime. As well as house points lunchtime staff will be observing which children consistently demonstrate wonderful behavior at lunchtime and inviting these children to sit at a special 'table of Awesomeness' at the end of each term.

## Lunchtimes

We have noticed some children not eating and throwing away large parts of their packed lunches. For this reason, we are asking children to take home anything they don't eat so that parents are aware.

## Birthdays

We know that birthdays are really special days for young children and that they often like to give a small gift to their friends to mark it. Please note that food items cannot be given out. This is due to medical needs in our school community.

Please be reminded that all requests for term time holidays will be unauthorised and may result in a fine being issued.

### REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR

- Positive wellbeing and support
- Positive attainment and outcomes
- Wider life chances and experiences



### Class assemblies this term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Class 2  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March Class 1

### Key Dates

7<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair  
7<sup>th</sup> March Parent's Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> March Class photos  
9<sup>th</sup> March Parent's Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> March – British Science week  
14<sup>th</sup> march Supporting your child's learning



## Sport's competitions

### Cross Country



Our year 3 and 4 Brockshill children did incredibly well in the Cross Country. Ten of our children have qualified for County Finals!



### Dodgeball



Brockshill children played so well in the Dodgeball competition and the children had so much fun.



### Basketball



Basketball Success at Gartree High School for our Year 5&6 team! Amazing skill, determination and teamwork. After finishing first the children will now compete in the next round! They will be playing at Morningside Arena where our very own Leicester Riders play. Incredibly proud of all our children

## Gymnastics



Wow! A big well done to our Year 5 and 6 children who competed in the Key Steps' gymnastics competition yesterday. Excellent control, movement and positioning was demonstrated by all!



## Book Fair



We are delighted to bring back to Brocks Hill, the Scholastic Book Fair.  
We will be open to purchase books and gift items during Parents' Evening:  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.20-5.30pm**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 4-7.20pm**

The book fair will once again be *cashless*, so come prepared with your payment details and using the following link

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1256658>

The commission we make from this book fair will help us stock our new library-so please visit and support our new school library

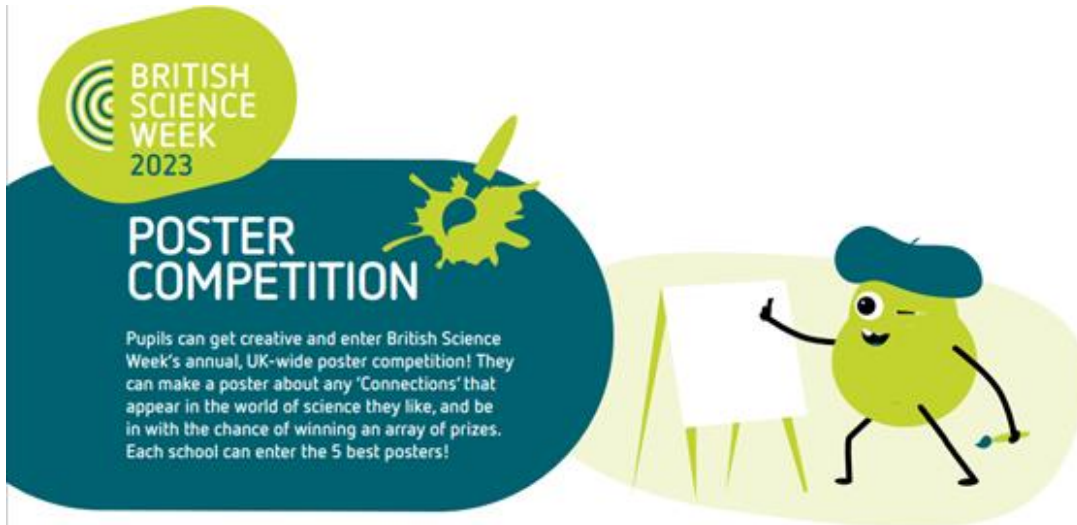


# Science Week 2023

## Kit list

Paper (A4 or A3)

Creative materials, such as:  
pens  
pencils  
scissors  
glue  
watercolours  
paints  
crayons  
felt  
thread  
wool  
foil  
clay  
string  
beads  
stamps  
foam  
pompoms



This year's theme is: CONNECTIONS

## Instructions

### 1. Research your poster

Get the pupils thinking about ideas to include in their poster. They could investigate and imagine 'connections' and everything that makes them special. Here are some ideas to help you get started:

- Ask your child about their experiences of connections – from learning about how their body parts are connected, to connecting with their classmates, teachers and family members to help them learn more about science. Has it helped them become stronger, braver, kinder or more accomplished?
- Is the world built on 'connections'? Why not think about connections in terms of family trees or the connection of animals or the connection between different seasons?
- Is there anyone that your child has connected with who inspired them? It doesn't have to be someone they know, it could be any role model! They could create a portrait that demonstrates this. Connections are everywhere.

### 2. Make your poster

Once your child has done their research, it's time to get creative. The poster must be:

- A4 or A3 size
- Pupils can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or use different materials such as paints, pencils, crayons and paper.
- Bought into school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- Handed to Mr Orton, with your name and class on it.

How were the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme

Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic

Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

A prize will be awarded for the most effective Key Stage 1 poster and the most effective Key Stage 2 poster.