



Newsletter Date
01 March 2024

Brocks Hill News



Head Teacher's message

February has certainly sped by, hasn't it? I hope that you had a well-deserved rest over half term. The children have come back to school with lots of energy and a real thirst for learning. We have had a busy month at school with disability awareness week, Safer internet day, wellbeing week and Chinese/Lunar New Year celebrations, LGBTQ+ history month. There is more detail on these events further in this newsletter.

We have also had exciting school trips to The Space centre, the Synagogue, Gurdwara, Bosworth Battlefield. Children gain such a lot from these experiences and we are so grateful for your support, financially and physically allowing these events to happen. You will be aware that organising school trips requires a huge amount of work from school staff and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for this.

This term is a short one and as a school we have lots to fit in to a quite limited time. Please can you support us by ensuring your child is at school on time each day so that we can cover all the learning teachers have worked hard to prepare this term.

I hope you are aware of 'Move it March' and helping your child reach their active milestones. We know the importance of being active for children and how it impacts on improving physical and mental health. Please check book bags if you have not seen the flyer!

Wishing you a very happy March!

Mrs Shilling

Key Dates

March

- 6th - FoBHs Coffee Morning
- 7th - World Book day –dress up
- 8th - Class 5 assembly
- 11th –SEN coffee morning
- Ramadan starts
- 11th/12th Book fair
- 15th - Class 7/8 assembly
- Red Nose day -dress for joy
- 18th – FS Farm trip
- 22nd March – school art exhibition

Why is it important to be on time every day?

It is so important to understand the value of good time-keeping from the early years of school. This ensures that your child gets as much from their day as possible. Time management is linked to future prospects and opportunities; children do well when they have a routine.

- Ensure a routine for bedtime/ morning
- Prepare for the morning the night before
- Packed lunches can be ready night before
- Allow time for traffic delays

Attendance

Year Group	%
Year R	96.5
Year 1	95.7
Year 2	94.3
Year 3	96.9
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	96
Year 6	97.2
Totals	96.1

Minutes Matter

Vital information on the day is given to children every morning and which helps them prepare for the day.

Lost minutes per day	days of learning lost over a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Trips and Events



Happy New Year! To all those who have celebrated the Chinese New Year



Space Centre

Year 5 had an exciting day at the National Space Centre, learning about space science and Astronomy



Temple



Year 4 have visited the temple and year 1 have been to a Synagogue and were able to learn key aspects of different religions

Synagogue



Bosworth Battlefield



As part of their Tudors topic year 4 have had a fantastic time on their visit to the Bosworth Battlefield





BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK

8-17 March 2024



POSTER COMPETITION

Children can get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the **theme of 'Time'**. We will then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes.

INSTRUCTIONS

Encourage children to think about TIME – what it means to them and how it relates to the science they've learnt about – to come up with ideas to include in their poster. Here are some points and questions to get you going:

- ⇒ Get children to think about their own time – how do they spend it? At home, out playing in the park, arts and crafts, learning at school?
- ⇒ What about time in the world, and beyond? How do we measure time – seconds, days, seasons, centuries? What about time in space?
- ⇒ Are there any scientists they know of whose work relates to time? What about time travel in films, TV and music?

MAKE YOUR POSTER

Once they've done their thinking, it's time for children to get creative! Posters must be A4 or A3 in size. Children can use popup pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.



SEND YOUR POSTER

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme, how well they have been made or drawn and how engaging they are.

Once your child has completed their poster, please bring into school and hand to **Mr Orton**.

Posters must be submitted before **Monday 18th March 2024**.

For more information please follow the link

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>



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POSTER COMPETITION

LAST YEARS WINNERS:



PIC-COLLAGE



HOW WERE THEY 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 – don't be afraid to think outside the box
- ♦ **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.



Oral Health NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

HOW TO BRUSH TEETH CORRECTLY

- Guide your child's hand so they can feel the correct movement.
- Use a mirror to help your child see exactly where the brush is cleaning their teeth.
- Make tooth brushing as fun as possible by using an egg timer to time it for about 2 minutes.
- Use short, back-and-forth brushing motions to clean the outside and inside surfaces of the teeth, as well as the chewing surfaces and inside the surface of the front teeth.
- Spit out after brushing and don't rinse - if you rinse, the fluoride won't work as well. **Source: NHS**



Did you know?

Teeth are the only part of the human body that can't repair themselves. They are coated in enamel, which is not a living tissue. Tooth enamel is the hardest part of the entire body; even harder than bone!



WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD VISIT THE DENTIST?

NHS dental care for all children under 18. You should take your child to the dentist as soon as possible. You should take them regularly, usually every 6 months. Oral B has lots of great tips and advice to make your child's visit to the dentist stress free. Find out more [here!](#)



British Society of
Paediatric Dentistry

BSPD has some great videos all about the dentist & looking after your teeth, starring Dr Ranj and Hey Duggee [here!](#)

LIMIT THE SUGAR!

Making simple, everyday swaps and reducing the amount of sugar children are having, on a regular basis, will provide long-term benefits to their oral health and lowering the risk of childhood obesity and diabetes in later life."

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among children and teenagers, despite being entirely preventable. On average, a five-year old child in England has between three and four decayed teeth. **Source; Oral Health Foundation**



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4life

Change4Life have a lots of information on healthy food swaps to help cut down on the amount of sugar consumed. Check it out [here](#)


**Move
it
March**

IS BACK FOR 2024!

Key March dates

- International Women's Day- 8th
- Nutrition & Hydration Week- 11th-17th
- World Sleep day-15th
- World Oral Health Day -20th

Move it March is our biggest ever physical activity programme! The project aims to encourage children and young people, across South Leicestershire, to become more physically active and increase the number of children achieving the recommended guidelines of at least 60 minutes of exercise every day.

Last year, **12,651** participants in South Leicestershire took part and moved for a total of **3,739,500** active minutes!

How many active minutes can you achieve this March? Whether it is a walk, a game of tennis or dancing, it all counts!

For more information, click [here!](#)

#MOVEITMARCH2024



LET'S GET SOCIAL



Congratulations Year 6 2022-2023!



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5 February 2024

Dear Mrs Wicken,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessment last year.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 90 per cent of your pupil reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, writing and mathematics, Brocks Hill Primary School is in the top 2 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

D. Hinds

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools