

Brocks Hill News



Newsletter Date July2024

I am always amazed how quickly the school year comes to an end. It has been a really eventful year with lots to celebrate, but what always makes me most proud is our pupils. They have made so much progress throughout the year, both academically and personally. I hope that when you receive their reports later this week you will see how much they have learned and developed. I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff that always go the extra mile for our pupils, ensuring they make all the progress they can. Thanks also to you our parent and carer community- we know that your involvement is the biggest factor in your child's success so please accept our thanks for your support. I look forward to seeing you during the final week of term as



We hope you all have a wonderful Summer break and are looking forward to seeing you all and, welcoming all the new children joining us at the start of the new academic year.

Start Date : Wednesday 28th August

the academic year draws to an end.

Group	% Attend
RED	94.8
BLUE	94.3
Class 1	94.5
Class 2	95.3
Class 3	96.8
Class 4	94.6
Class 5	96.1
Class 6	94.9
Class 7	95.5
Class 8	94.4
Class 9	95.5
Class 10	96.7
Class 11	96
Class 12	95.4
Totals	95.4



Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

Please don't:

- Block the road emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.

Key Stage 1 parents

Could you please send in spare items of clothing you no longer require, mainly jogging bottoms, shorts, t-shirts. And trousers. (ages 6-7 and 7-8 yrs) **Please call into the office before you bring any items in**

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.



Trips and Events

<u>Masjid Umar Mosque</u>

Year 2 visited the Masjid Umar Mosque where they had a great time exploring and learning







Year 2 have been busy making bread at Beauchamp College which they absolutely enjoyed doing.

Bread making







Meet the Wellbeing team



Pam Turner

Eddie the dog Sarah Hurst

Hi

we are the well being team and we are here to support children's emotional well being. We are passionate about supporting your children's journey through the school.

Children are comfortable to approach and discuss any concerns as we have an open door policy. We also have a well being club. Our special addition to the team is Eddie the therapy dog who comes in weekly to support children who may have anxieties.

We are also here to support you so please don't hesitate to contact us for a chat.



Sports News



Football

Saturday 8th June Cody and Kye represented the county in the ACES National Championships playing with their grass routes Team Aylestone Park FC. This was an invite only tournament for the best teams across the country. They Won the tournament crowning them the best team in the country while only conceding two goals in the whole tournament, both from free kicks and not open play. We could not be more proud of these two boys. Here are a few photos of them with their medals and trophy.





Some fantastic news Neha and Avneet played in the Oadby Granville U10 team and were crowned Leicestershire U10'B league champions! It was a scorcher of an afternoon and at many instances during the final league games showed resilience and the respect to bring the trophy home. Well Done girls!

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<u>Cricket</u>



Years 5 and 6 had an excellent day of Cricket for the Dynamos cricket competition.

Boxercise



Year 6 have really enjoyed the Boxercise sessions. Great to see their determination , balance and overall agility!



Athletics

As always our children showed determination, the 6Rs and excellent sportsmanship.













All the children had a wonderful Sports Day! We were very lucky with the weather. Well done to all the participants and our much valued helpers. It was great to see all the parents who came to support their children which made it very special.

















After a difficult and thorough competition, two of our Year 5 pupils made it through to the Lionheart Speaks competition at the Y theatre on Wednesday 26th June. Seren and Emily bravely stood on stage to deliver speeches they had written about an issue that was important to them. One of our Governors, Tom Matheson, who was watching said this...

'The thought and effort that they had put into them was evident, and the warm applause that they received was clear evidence of the audience's appreciation. I was really impressed by their steely nerves on the big stage on a hot and stuffy night! I hope that they came away from the event - and the run-up to it - with a newfound confidence in their abilities, and motivation to keep on speaking

out. They were brilliant representatives of Brocks Hill School and the Lionheart Trust.

Well done!!'

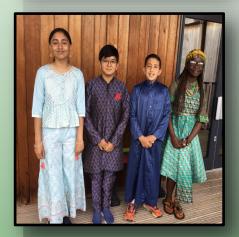






culture Day





How wonderful did all the children look on culture day! They absolutely loved sharing experiences, and stories of different cultures.

We counted more than 25 different countries represented in the school. This makes us feel so proud that we are able to celebrate our diverse Cultures and better understand the world we live in.











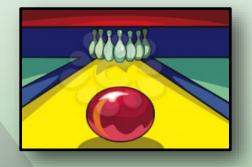


Its that time of year again where we have to say goodbye and good luck to our year 6 children. We wish them all the luck in their new schools and know they will continue to thrive as they progress.









Year 6 had a wonderful day bowling and visiting the Cinema, and to end this all an amazing disco!

