



Message from the Head of School,

It's hard to believe that we are at the start of February already. January has been a busy month at Brocks Hill and the children have had lots of exciting opportunities. As a school, we have marked Chinese/Lunar New Year and Martin Luther King Day. Both of these have continued to help our children develop a growing understanding of and respect for other cultures and faiths as well as knowing about significant individuals.

It has been wonderful to see our school attendance increase this term. We really appreciate your efforts in ensuring that your children are at school on time each day. We do recognise that there have been a lot of illnesses circulating this winter. As an extra precaution school has returned to an enhanced cleaning schedule where handles, switches and contact surfaces are cleaned more frequently throughout the day.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR

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



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

February brings with it, Children's Mental Health week.

This week runs from 6th -10th February and Brocks Hill will be marking it in various ways. We would like to invite parents into school on Friday afternoon from 2.45-3.15 to participate in some wellbeing activities with their children. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at this event. Please see the attached letter and resources from South Leicestershire Schools Sports Partnership.



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February

We will also be marking Safer internet Day at school on the 7th February. I'm sure like me, you are continually amazed by the things we can now do online, however, I'm sure you are also aware of the many dangers it can present to our children. Please have a look at this short film put together by the UK Safer Internet Centre. A brilliant one and a half minutes highlighting why the day is important, and how awareness of internet dangers is vital to the lives of your pupils. To take a look please follow the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rl_gZTQ9F7w

We are becoming aware of a number of our pupils using various social media apps such as Snapchat. We would like to highlight that Snap Chat is rated as an app for 13+. Please see NSPCC advice for further information. [Is Snapchat safe for my child](#)

Class assemblies this term

Foundation Stage	Tuesday 7th February
Class 1	Tuesday March 21st 2023
Class 2	Tuesday 28th February 2023
Class 5 & 6	Tuesday 14th March 2023

Key Dates

7th February – Safer Internet Day
6-10th Feb- Children's mental health week
17th February – Home Learning sharing day
15th February – Open Classrooms
3.30-4.15pm
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March
- Parent consultations.
2nd March – World book day
13th March – British Science week

Lost Property

In the school foyer there is a lot of lost property. If your child has lost a coat or a jumper please come and check if it is here.

A reminder to label all your child's property it can then hopefully be returned to your child.



Meet our UNICEF ambassadors!

Rights are something that do not have to be earned and you have them since birth. They give us power and we are able to speak up to challenge poor treatment from society. In school we have these rights met, for example watching Newsround is the right to information.

-Sharanya, Year 6

The UNICEF rights are a set of 54 articles that all children are entitled to. Even though the rights were established in 1945, they are still relevant today because children are still vulnerable to harm and in need of appropriate: education, food, water clothing and healthcare.

-Daniel, Year 6

I enjoy learning about our rights and how we use them in school. Children's rights were first established in 1945 and are celebrated every year as International Children's day.

-Kisha, Year 5



Every child has rights to protect them from violence and war. Some of the rights are: the right to food and drink, the right to education, the right to privacy and the right to information.

-Shivani, Year 4

The UNICEF rights are important because they protect all children from harm and the healthy development of children is important for the wellbeing of our world. Rights are important because they explain how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can access their rights.

-Eshal, Year 6

UNICEF is important because they keep children safe by providing vaccines and medicines against deadly diseases. They promote safe hygiene in different communities around the world. They ensure all children are vaccinated, educated and protected around the world. I think if they weren't around, children would have lots of problems around the world

Yusuf, Year 5

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Dodgeball Competition years 3 and 4

The years 3 and 4 have been taking part in a Dodgeball competition and have done incredibly well. Our reporter Hugo, who took part as well as reporting, said "We won 7 matches and only lost our first one last week. We have had an amazing time winning most of the matches. The team has worked so hard together.



Oadby Food Bank

www.oadbyfoodbank.org.uk



Who: We are here for you if you live in Oadby and are struggling to feed yourself or your family.

Where: Oadby Trinity Methodist Church, LE2 4LA. The entrance is from the car park behind M&S, and is next to Zeph's café.

When: Every other Friday 11.30 -12.30

Next dates: Fridays: 3rd and 17th February, 3rd, 17th and 31st March 2023

Need food more urgently? – We may be able to help.

Contact us: Text or call us on

0772 31 21 794



Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

February 2023

Space Hoppers Story Weaving Workshops



Curve Creative Practitioners at Curve, Chandni Mistry and Tamika Gore will lead you on a story weaving journey through space.

£3 per child, suitable for ages 4—11 yrs. Free for accompanying adults. All booking will be through [EventBrite](#) and the tickets will go on sale at 4pm on Monday 23rd January. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for details.

During February Half- Term we will be shooting into space with some splendid space themed events!

Monday 20th February	10.30am	Hinckley Library
Tuesday 21st February	2.30pm	Oadby Library
Wednesday 22nd February	10.30am	Broughton Astley Library
Wednesday 22nd February	2.30pm	Wigston Library

Curve Creative Practitioners at Curve, Chandni Mistry and Tamika Gore will come into the libraries and work with families to create their own out of this world adventures! Join us for an hour of space hopping fun as we travel the solar system and find stories on every planet in this interactive theatre workshop where families tell the stories of our solar system.

World Book Day

**Thursday 2nd March is
World Book Day 2023!**

Encouraging reading for pleasure and the opportunity for every child to have a book token. Find out more at <https://www.worldbookday.com/> There are online activities, resources, stickers and book recommendations. We would love you to share what you are doing on World Book Day. Just follow Leicestershire Libraries on social media and use the tags **#worldbookday** **#leicestershirelibraries**



Save the date!
2 March 2023

With a programme of exciting events, brand new activities for home and school, and our fantastic line-up of £1/£1.50 books - World Book Day 2023 is shaping up to be the best ever



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For Safer Internet Day the NSPCC have put together a pack of resources to help families to keep children safer online.

You can find the resources on the NSPCC website here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

International Women's Day

There are some amazing female writers from Cressida Cowell, Jaqueline Wilson, Rachel Bright and Skye McKenna to name a few as well as amazing female characters to inspire us all.

Take a look at some of the new titles we have in Leicestershire libraries and browse the [library catalogue](#) for more great titles!



Getting ready for School

You can use Leicestershire library services and pick up a library card for your child as part of getting ready for school! With lots of books for every type of reader you can share stories, learn something new and join in some of the events and activities at your local library. Find out where your local library is and more about joining the library www.leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries. For more information about getting ready for school in Leicestershire take a look at the webpage <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-years-and-childcare/school-readiness>



Meet Brocks Hill School Governors

We hope you agree that the monthly newsletters are an innovation helpful to all in the Brocks Hill community - to complete the picture we will be including a Governors' section. Sometimes to introduce governors, sometimes to keep you informed of our visits to school and always to remind you of our commitment to the school which is 100%.

As a Local Governing Body, we ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. We hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. As Brocks Hill is a member of the Lionheart Educational Trust matters such as Finance, HR and Property are handled centrally by the Trust, but with input and monitoring from our governing body. We have benefitted greatly from being a Lionheart member whilst also retaining our individuality.

This month we thought a reminder of the existing governors would be useful.

Diane Miller Community

Tom Matheson Community

Tasneem Dungarwalla Parent

Shanta Sinharoy Community

Shila Rawson Community

Cathryn Shilling Headteacher

Sally Wicken Executive Principal

Kate Quirk Teaching Staff

Deepa Odedra Support Staff

Cat Thornton Link Trustee

Michelle Wright Clerk

We currently have only one Parent Governor so a Parent Governor Election will be taking place/has just taken place – we look forward to welcoming a new governor to the fold.