



Message from the Head of School,

I would like to begin by thanking our parent and carer community for another very successful year at Brocks Hill. Thank you for the support you have given your child, their teachers and the school in general- whether that's attending assemblies, supporting home learning, reading our emails and the endless list of other jobs you all do, it is appreciated.

The children have had a huge range of opportunities this year. Every child has had the opportunity to attend at least one school trip, Year 5 children had their residential trip, each year group has visited a different place of worship, 140 children have taken part in extra-curricular sports events, 183 pupils have attended before or after school clubs, each class has had at least one parent assembly and the children have learnt such a lot! Our children continue to demonstrate the 6Rs in all they do and are a credit to the school.

It makes me feel very proud to be Head of School at Brocks Hill and I hope that you feel a similar sense of pride that your child attends our school.

Soon we will bid a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We wish them all the very best in their new schools and hope they settle quickly, make lots of new friends and continue to make excellent progress in their learning.

We also say goodbye to some members of staff- Mrs Sheikh, Mr Hurst and Mrs Orton are all moving on to pastures new. We are immensely grateful for all they have done during their time at Brocks Hill and they will all be greatly missed. You can read more from then later on in this newsletter.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and that you enjoy quality family time together. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for a new academic year at the end of August.



BROCKS HILL NEWS

Parent/Grandparents/Carers volunteers

We are currently recruiting a team of parent volunteers. We are looking for people who may be able to assist with looking after our new library, general admin tasks, hearing children read, practicing times tables or other simple jobs as they arise.

If you are interested please speak to the office you would need to complete an application form, specify 2 referees and school would need to complete a DBS check.

Please note that we do not usually place parent volunteers in their child's class.

Transition morning

On Monday 11th, children will start the day in their new classes and will then move on to spend the morning and lunch times in their new classes.

Attendance

You will be aware that there has been a huge national and school push to improve school attendance after Covid 19. Thank you for your support with this. We are really pleased to say that our school attendance is now level with 2018-19 figures. Thank you!

We ask that you continue to refrain from taking your children on holiday during term time.

2023 SCHOOL GAMES



School Games SUCCESS!

What an amazing day of sport it was for our Year 6 Quicksticks team! Placing third in the Level 3 Leicestershire and Rutland School Games finals at Loughborough University. **OUTSTANDING** performance from the team.

Our Year 5 team had the **BEST** time at the 'Inspire Celebration Festival' which involved a carousel of activities involving skipping, trampolining and Disc Golf! What a **FUN** way to engage and celebrate physical activity.



2023 CULTURE DAY



Culture day at Brocks Hill has been a blast! This week, we took part in workshops about lots of different cultures and enjoyed learning about what is important to others. From Bhangra dancing to guacamole making, to flag decorating, we've had a great day so far! Our outfits are ready for the catwalk in the afternoon



STEP INTO THE NHS



Every year, our Brocks Hill pupils participate in the 'Step into the NHS' initiative, where we learn about all the types of roles within the NHS and which challenge gender stereotypes.

The children have an opportunity to enter a competition to show the NHS what they mean to us.

We are delighted to say that one of our pupils won the Regional competition for the East Midlands-well done Diasha!

We have also received certificates for an outstanding entry for 3 y6 pupils, Katy, Shiloh and Misbah.

We are very proud of the respect our children have for the NHS and how hard they work, each year, on their entries.

FAREWELLS



Saying goodbye is never simple and this has been one of the toughest decisions of my life.

I would like to say a huge Thank you to all the Staff, Pupils, Parents and Governors for making me feel like part of a wider family.

The last 10 years have gone by so quickly and I will treasure every moment. I have made some amazing friends through my journey at Brocks Hill Primary School. My years here have been memorable and working with you all has been a great experience. It's time for the next wonderful chapter in my life.

As I say goodbye, I think fondly of each of you and the roles you played in making my time at Brocks Hill more than just a job. You have all made it rewarding, fun, and a place that I will miss, always and forever.

Take every opportunity to achieve your dreams!

Lots of love and best wishes
Parveen Sheikh

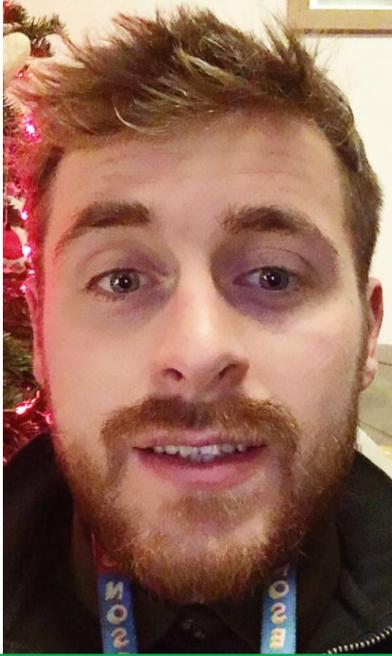


I have had the most wonderful time at Brocks hill Primary School, over the past 71/2 years, getting to know the children and their families. I will miss you all greatly.

I look forward to hearing about the children's progress and how well they are all doing in the future.

Best wishes
Charlotte Orton

FAREWELLS



I have really enjoyed the last two years at Brocks Hill Primary School. I have been made to feel very welcome here and I will miss all the children and staff.

**Take care
Joshua Hurst**



Excited pupils were treated to a very special VIP opening of their new library on Tuesday 4th July, when children's author, Steve Skidmore, and Mayor of Oadby and Wigston, Rosemarie Adams, cut the ribbon to declare it officially open!

With a dark and under-utilised computer room having been transformed into the bright new library space it was definitely an occasion to celebrate. Jointly funded by Brocks Hill Primary School and Lionheart Educational Trust, both school staff and the Trust Estates Team had spent many hours developing a library that could become central to the school.

Reading is an integral part Brocks Hill Primary, so it was important to Head of School, Mrs Shilling, and Deputy Head, Mrs Street, that the pupils' library space was improved. While resources have always been strong, the former open space library was positioned on a busy corridor, therefore, not creating that quiet space that enables a child to 'get lost' in a good book.

The new library – open to every year group – is bright, colourful and enticing, with a recommendation wall and topical inspiration tree providing suggestions for good reads to pupils. Having taken pupil voice into consideration too, the library books are categorised by genre, as well as year group, and delighted school staff have seen a huge increase in library usage and borrowed books as a result.

Immediately after the library opening, which also welcomed Chair of Governors, Diane Miller, the whole school were treated to an assembly with local author, Steve Skidmore, who brought along his first exercise book to show the children.



If your child enjoyed Steve's assembly you may be interested in following this link to his website. <https://steveskidmore.net>

WATER SAFETY

Leicestershire Youth & Justice Service are currently working on raising awareness for children and young people to stay safe around open water. Please follow and share our social media profiles to see what content we are currently sharing on this topic.

Facebook: Leicestershire Youth & Justice Service

Instagram: @Leicestershire Youth

In the last 5 years, 39% of all UK drownings occurred in June, July and August. This is why it's so important to raise as much awareness as possible right now.

We know that on a hot day, it might seem like a great idea to cool down in open water to young people. However, swimming is prohibited in the canal and river trusts, and this is for good reason. There are too many risks such as:

Depth perception

Hidden dangers under the water

Cold temperatures

Disease

For further helpful information please see below:

- [Water safety for teenagers and young people](#)
- [Summer water safety](#)
- [Water Safety](#)
- [Water Safety Advice](#)

SUMMER HEALTH

Health for Kids!

NHS
Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Health

Feelings

Illness

Getting Help

Games

A fun and interactive resource
for learning about health



www.healthforkids.co.uk

health for kids

Psst! Parents!

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can
get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/grownups

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ChatHealth

Text a public health nurse (school nurse)
for confidential advice and support:

Leicester City

07520 615381

Leicestershire & Rutland

07520 615382

Or scan the
QR code to
start a chat:



All text is confidential however we might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday including bank holidays. If you need help before you hear back from us call your nearest Walk-in Centre, GP or call 111. In an emergency call 999. Our text number does not receive voice calls or 1800 picture messages. To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to the number. Message your number.

OADBY FOOD BANK

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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 (Evening by prior arrangement if you are working or training).

Next dates: Fridays: 9th and 23rd June, 7th and 21st July and 4th and 18th August 2023

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

Contact us: Text or call us on

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