



Brookvale Primary School Newsletter



Messages from Mr Day

Another week goes by and another week of incredible experiences for our children at Brookvale.

World Book Day

Thursday saw our children take part in a whole array of activities to celebrate World Book Day. Children eagerly arrived in school dressed in their comfiest pyjamas and were greeted by Brookvale staff, who had made an extra special effort with their costumes this year; we had a giant panda, Harry Potter, Fagin from Oliver Twist, Mr Bump, Thing 1 and 2 and Gandalf the Grey, just to name a few. It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us on Thursday to share a special story with the children—thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules. Throughout the morning, children worked to create 'books in a box,' where they had to recreate scenes from their favourite book. We were all very impressed with the creativity shown in the designs. Children were later visited by their 'guest' readers, with teachers changing classes to read children their favourite childhood stories, introducing the children to new and unfamiliar texts. The afternoon was rounded off with a fantastic book-based assembly led by Mrs Carill. Although once a year, World Book Day reminds us of the power books have in transporting us to unknown and magical worlds, sparking our creativity and inspiring us to dream big. Let's hold on to the excitement of Thursday and make everyday a day where we get lost in a great book. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Carill for organising the day's events and inspiring our children to become lifelong readers.

Year 6 Paris Residential

What a non-stop, whirlwind adventure our Year 6 children have had this week, as the embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Paris! Immersing themselves in the city's iconic and vibrant landmarks and culture, our children's first stop was to the magnificent Palace at Fontainebleau. Soon after, they scaled the dizzying heights of the Eiffel Tower, where they marveled at the panoramic views offered of old Paris. Next, children ascended to the picturesque Montmartre region, visiting the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur and taking time along the way to enjoy French crêpes. Excitement reached fever-pitch as the children visited the Stade de France and got to enter the players changing rooms. The highlight for many was the final day at Disneyland Paris. From the thrilling rides, to the magic of the Disney parade and the majestic evening fireworks, our children have, I'm sure, made memories that will last for a lifetime. Thank you to all the ATLP staff for taking such good care of our children during their trip but a special thanks goes to Miss Humphrey, who has been nothing short of exceptional.

Mr Day

Calendar Dates

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| 11/3/24 | 9.00-10.50am Year 2 & 5 open morning. Families are welcome to come and work in class alongside children. |
| 12/3/24 | 9.00-11.00am Brookvale Community Partners' Fayre Come into school, work alongside your child in class and then visit our stalls in the school hall. |
| 15/3/24 | 9.00am Year 2 class assembly. Families welcome to attend. |
| 15/3/24 | 11.30am Family lunch. Book your place through MCAS |
| 18/3/24 | 9.00-10.50am Year 3 & 4 open morning. Families are welcome to come and work in class alongside children. |
| 20/3/24 | 11.30am Easter Lunch for Zephaniah and Lewis House. Book you place through MCAS. |

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Weekly Attendance

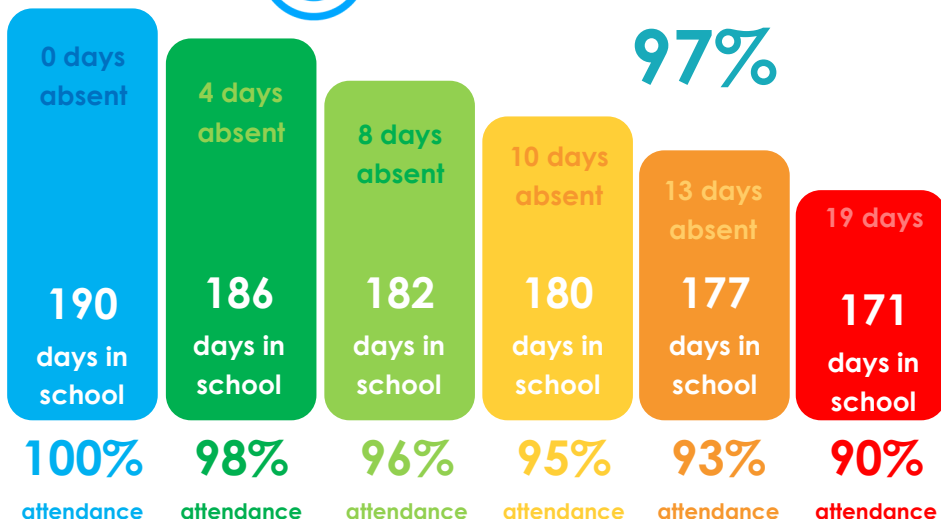


Week: 4/3/24 to 8/3/24	
Reception	82.00%
Year 1	94.33%
Year 2	97.67%
Year 3	99.35%
Year 4	97.33%
Year 5	94.52%
Year 6	96.67%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



Attendance Notices

Securing great attendance for all our pupils remains a key priority for us as we come towards our final term of the year. **Currently, we are in the top 10-20% of schools nationally for great attendance** (DfE Attendance Dashboard).

At the end of February, the government announced its intention to increase fines for poor attendance from £60 to £80.

Whilst our primary aim is to work with families to support excellent attendance, we do need families to understand that we have a legal duty to follow Birmingham Council's 'Fast Track' proceedings where families are not actively supporting school's efforts to improve attendance.

Best chance of academic success and in later life.

Poor attendance - less likely to succeed academically/in later life.

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

This week's 100% attendance winners are:

Zack (Year 1)
Zoyah (Year 3)



You each win a new book.
Great job!

This week's Class Attendance Superstars:

Year 3
(99.35%)

You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

96.65%



Attendance Year-to-Date
96.41%

175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc.

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Weekly Awards

Superstars of the Week



Rec— Hussnain Ali
Rec— Willow Willmet
Year 1— Samuel Islam
Year 1 – Wren Howard
Year 2— Andrei State
Year 2— Rawaa Abdulrazik
Year 3— Mohammed Hussein
Year 3— Oliver Hryniuk
Year 4— Ibraheem Hussain
Year 4— Aaryan Menaj
Year 5—Jamil Myers
Year 5—Wuraola Adenekan
Year 6— Abdulmalik Olalere
Year 6— Zainab Haroon

Readers of the Week



Rec— Milan Hernandez
Year 1— Joelle Bailey
Year 2— Aarav Verma
Year 3— Kevin Foca
Year 4— Inaya Idrissou

Year 5—Brian Bobo-Pepple
Year 6— Unaysah Kazeem



TT Rockstars

Most Correct Answers

Hashim Salim—Year 5 (4227)
Tyres Archer— Year 6 (3299)
Alex Enukei—Year 4 (2657)

Whole School Leaderboard

Number 1: Heidi Wilkins—Year 2

Number 2: Abdullah Ali —Year

Number 3: Victoria Darlak—Year 3

Number 4: Leah Astle-Fletcher—
Year 6

Number 5: Haadi Rizwan –Year 2



Reading Plus Competition

After a nail-biting five weeks of taking part in this year's 'Reading Plus New Year's Challenge,' the results are in...

1st place

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43.7 Average Reading Lessons

You have won a £200 Amazon voucher



Brookvale finished in 1st place .

What an incredible achievement for our children and school! To reward their fantastic effort, Reading Plus are awarding children a £200 Amazon voucher. The school council will consult with classes to decide how the children would like to spend their prize money. A huge well done to our children and to all the schools that took part.

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News Items



Road Safety



We are aware that a small number of parents are continuing to drive down Mallard Drive during drop off and collection times.

Please remember, Birmingham Council have designated Mallard Drive as a pedestrian zone between 8.15-9.00am and 3.00-3.45pm each day. Cars without permits accessing Mallard Drive during this time could be fined by Birmingham Council.

We would ask that drivers prioritise the safety of our children and families by parking on North Park Road and making the 1-minute walk to school.

Community Partners' Fayre

We are looking forward to welcoming our families into school for our first ever, 'Brookvale Partners' Fayre' on **Tuesday 12th March, 9.00-11.00am.**

The Children's Society



Family members will work alongside children in class before visiting a great selection of supportive services in our school hall.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March, 3.30-6.00pm.**

Please book a 10 minute appointment through your MCAS platform.

You will receive a report card on 15th March, outlining your child's strengths and areas for development.



We would encourage families to bring children along to these appointments to develop their sense of ownership for their learning and progress.

For staff workload and wellbeing, we are unable to offer appointments outside of these times.

Easter Bonnet Parade

It's that time of year again; the daffodils are out, the weather is becoming warmer and a certain bunny is gathering lots of chocolate eggs. It can only mean one thing—it's time for our Easter Bonnet Parade.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be tasked with making a beautiful Easter Bonnet, at home, adorned with spring flowers, eggs, chicks in nests—be as creative as you like.

KS1 families are welcome to attend our bonnet parade, **Friday 22nd March, 11.00-11.30am.**

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded to children in each year group.

We can't wait to see your designs.

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Parental Safeguarding

Safeguarding from Online Harm: 'MyLoL' (From National Online Safety)



Please be advised, the app 'MyLoL' could potentially put children at significant risk of harm from grooming and sexual exploitation.

Please read the below information to help safeguard your child.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION 13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRNACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

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Our Week In Pictures

Check out our social media on X (@BPS B23)



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