



# Brookvale Primary School

## Newsletter



### Messages from Leadership

Another amazing week!

We have started the week with great enthusiasm. Our pupils are enjoying the topics they are learning and I have spent some time looking at the learning that our pupils have produced in their books, and the outcomes are fantastic. Thank you to all staff for always going above and beyond in ensuring the learning expectations are maintained. This term is packed with interesting trips and topics so parents and carers, please remember to take note of the important dates in the school calendar so that all of our children work towards becoming global citizens for the future.

To all our parents and carers, thank you all for being so friendly and welcoming.

**Mrs Adolphe**

It has been a wonderful last week in school for me. As you know, I begin my maternity leave today to go and have my little girl. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the children, families and community for all the support you have given me over my pregnancy. I can't believe how fast the time has gone. I will still be a familiar face around school as I'll be visiting to see everyone and introduce Baby Johnston number 2 to the Brookvale community. I will be returning to Brookvale after my maternity leave and I already look forward to seeing you all when I return in April 2025.

This week has seen some wonderful activities taking place with Reception going on their 'Spring Walk' to see the first signs of spring this year. Furthermore, Year 6 have completed some Mock SATs this week and their progress in the last half term has been astounding. We are all very proud of the children and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish over the next few weeks. If you get a chance over the weekend, have a look at our X platform to see the Choir's singing from their rehearsal on Tuesday and the singing assembly from Wednesday- the children are fantastic.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing you over the coming months when I come to Brookvale to visit.

**Mrs Johnston**

### Calendar Dates

- 22/4/24** Payment closes for Y3 Stonehenge Trip
- 23/4/24** Parent Workshop with Anita Soni for Reception to Year 5. Time to meet with Anita for a wellbeing workshop and then time in class with your child. It's an event not to be missed!
- 01/05/24** Reception Class Assembly 9am-9.30am Families are invited to attend

# Weekly Attendance



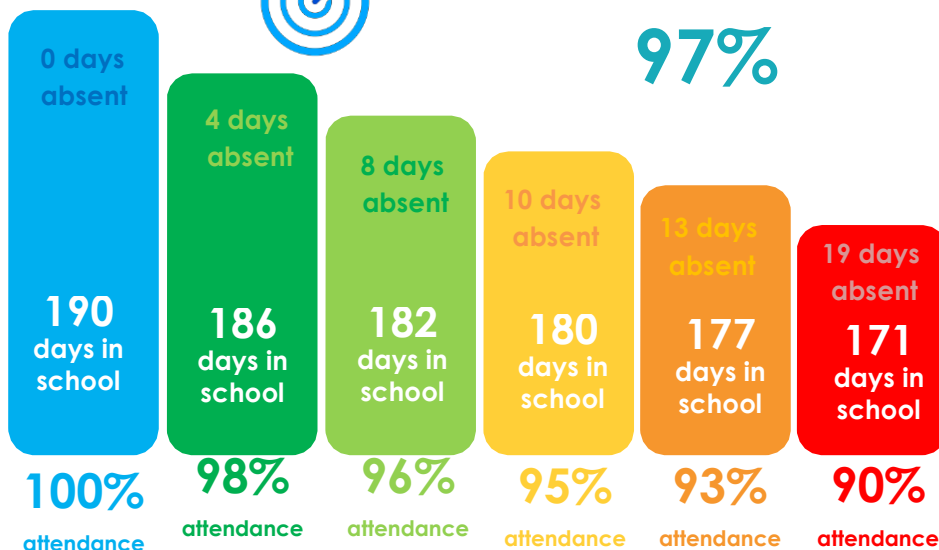
Week: 15/4/2024 to 19/4/2024

Reception	92.31%
Year 1	97.79%
Year 2	98.52%
Year 3	95.02%
Year 4	84.67%
Year 5	89.72%
Year 6	98.89%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



## Attendance Notices

A huge thank you to all the families and children who are prioritising great school attendance. We are slowly heading towards our whole school target of 97%, so keep it up.

Just before the Easter holiday, Mr Day launched our next attendance competition, 'The Brookvale Blue'. The first class to achieve 100% attendance for the week (and therefore be coloured blue), will be rewarded with a movie afternoon, complete with sweets, popcorn and ice-cream.

Which class will be attendance superstars and win 'The Brookvale Blue'?

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:

Phoebe (Year 1)  
Brian (Year 5)

You each win a new book.  
Great job!



This week's Class Attendance Superstars:

Year 6  
(98.89%)

You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

92.31%



Attendance Year-to-Date  
92.02%



175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc.

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## Superstars of the Week



**Rec—Aysha Ahmed**  
**Rec-Nicholas-Daniel Cirstea**  
**Year 1– Faith Farnell**  
**Year 1 – Kaelen Reid**  
**Year 2– Darvi Ullas**  
**Year 2- Tahseen Miah**  
**Year 3— Penny Earls**  
**Year 3— Ali Shazad**  
**Year 4— Kayne Walker**  
**Year 4 Armand Tikamda**  
**Year 5—Angelle Adeji**  
**Year 5—Siniyah Malcom**  
**Year 6— Aliza Ahmed**  
**Year 6- Abdulmalek Olalere**

## Readers of the Week

**Rec— Kyeiss Durrell-Johnson**

**Year 1—Kathrine Odunuga**

**Year 2– Aneesah Tanai**

**Year 3— Naila Cherumalayil**

**Year 4—Aryaan Menaj**

**Year 5— Zunairah Bukhari**

**Year 6—Sam Dodd**



## TT Rockstars

### Rock Status

**Noraleigh Hooper – Breakthrough Artist**

**Aryaan Menaj – Rock Star**

### Most Improved Players

**Number 1: Abdullah Ali- Year 2**

**Number 2: Haadi Rizwan – Year 2**

**Number 3: Zaydan Hanson – Year 4**

**Number 4: Kayne Walker- Year 4**

**Number 5: Armand Tikamda- Year 4**

## Reading Plus Competition

A huge congratulations to the below readers for your Reading Plus awards for words read (1000s)

### Year 6

**Reuben Wilkins – 500K**

**Alayna Ali – 350K**

### Year 4

**Alex Enukei- 250K**



## Reception to Year 5 parents Child & Parent/Carer Wellbeing Workshop

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we are welcoming all Reception to Year 5 parents and carers into school for a Child & Parent/Carer Wellbeing Workshop. As part of the event, all visitors will also be able to attend a fascinating talk and workshop led by child psychologist Dr. Anita Soni, who is returning to Brookvale to deliver her session on Cementing Bonds with Children.

This exciting double-header event will commence at 9:00am and run through until 10:30am, complete with refreshments for all visitors. It represents a fantastic opportunity to create unforgettable memories with your child, working together on an engaging and creative task in their classroom, whilst also having access to a talk from one of the country's leading experts on child psychology.

We look forward to welcoming all Reception to Year 5 Parents and Carers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April! Year 6 will not be taking part in this event, due to their continued preparation for the SATS examinations, although Year 6 will have an exciting parent/child event post-SATS, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, to celebrate all of their hard work!



## Your PTFA needs you!



### What is the PTFA?

A group of people including parents, teachers and friends of the school who help to organise events to fund raise for the school.

### What are the aims of the PTFA?

To raise funds to buy things that will benefit the children, that the school could not otherwise afford, to organise social events for the children, parents and their friends, to foster community relationships.

### Who can belong to the PTFA?

Anyone who has children at the school or who works at Brookvale.

### How can we find out more?

PTFA meetings are held regularly throughout the year and newcomers are always welcome. It would be wonderful to see some new families there who can help support our amazing PTFA at our next meeting (date to be arranged).



# Parental Safeguarding

## Smartphone Safety Tips (From National Online Safety)



### Top Tips for...

# MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

#### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

#### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

#### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

#### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

#### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

#### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

#### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

#### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

#### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

#### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

#### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

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# Our Week In Pictures

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

