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Brookvale Primary School Newsletter



Sending congratulations to Mrs Johnstone as she has welcomed a beautiful healthy girl, another wonderful addition to her family and the Brookvale team. We wish her all the best as she embraces this special time.

The children of Brookvale continue to work exceptionally hard. The year 6's are hard at work revising for the SATs which will take place week beginning the 13th May. We appreciate all the year 6 team do to ensure each child gets the best outcomes. Every single pupil is working hard and truly showing a growth mind-set in all areas of their learning.

Thank you year 6 team!

We want to thank the reception team for a magical performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. They performed an excellent assembly for parents and carers. The reading and narrating was spot on, clear and concise. The acting impeccable, and the stage presence was everything! Thank you reception you truly have brought the best out in the children and brought smiles to all our faces.

KS2 learned about Nelson Mandela in assembly and some of the children created phenomenal and moving diversity poems. Please see our twitter page for these.

Mrs Adolphe

Calendar Dates

06.05.24	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY
07.05.24	School open for all children
08.05.24	Class Photos (NO pre-school children)
13.05.24— 16.05.24	Y6 SATs
17.05.24	Y5 Class Assembly Y6 Go to Drayton Manor

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Weekly Attendance



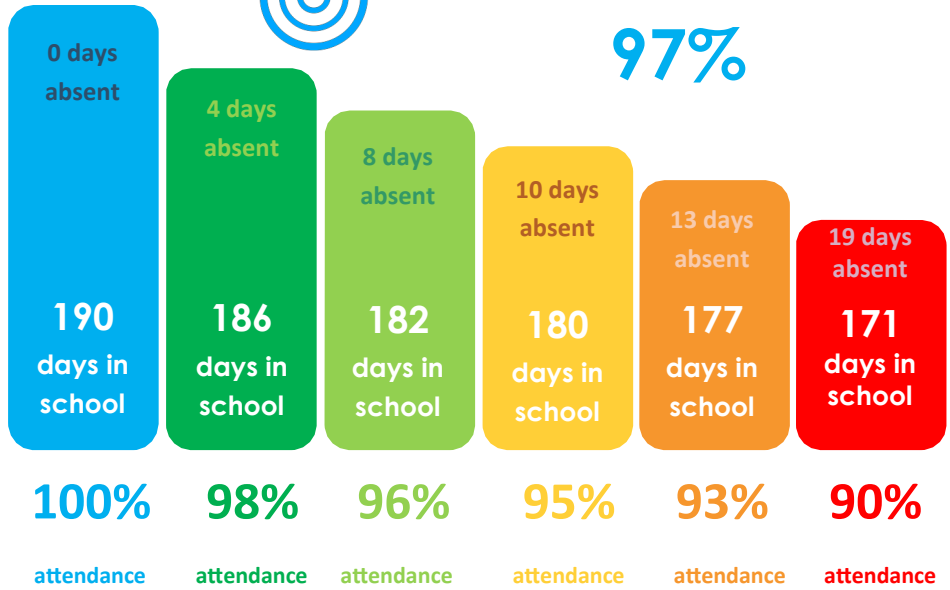
22/04/2024 to 26/04/2024

Reception	93.16%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	95.97%
Year 4	97.44%
Year 5	98.05%
Year 6	94.33%



Our School Attendance Target is

97%



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:
Mila & Aryaan



You each win a new book.
Great Job!



This week's Class Attendance Superstars

Year 2

You get extra playtime!

Attendance This Week

96.71%



Attendance Year-to-Date
95.74%

175 days off school per year.

Use this time for holidays, appointments etc

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Superstars of the Week

Rec—Megija Nesterova
Aaliyah Nicholls
Year 1—Cheyanna Jeffers
Joelle Bailey
Year 2—Abdullah Ali
Olivia Bond
Year 3—Patrick Michalowski
Emma Ndreca
Year 4—Zaydan Hanson
Caitlin Moss
Year 5—Malia Morgan
Adam Mustafa
Year 6—Rae Smith
Isaac Clayton



Readers of the Week

Rec—Safiyah Qasim
Year 1—Talha Ali
Year 2—Farzana Ali
Year 3—Darja Melnika
Year 4—Ella Bond
Year 5—Zaroon Rizwan
Year 6—Kiera Donahue



TT Rockstars

Tsahji Beckford

Top 5 studio speed

Ashiya Rawlins
Aneesah Tanai
Aarav Verma
Zack Mohammed
Caitlin Moss



Reading Plus Competition

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

Year 3—Penny Earls 554,222
Year 4—Essa Abdul Zaman 494,536
Year 5—Eli Boyd Douglas 409,539
Year 6—Ansh Mahay 1,003,504



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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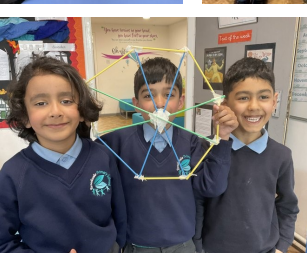
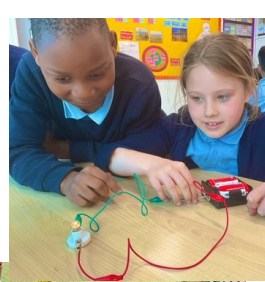
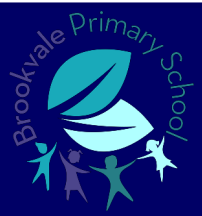
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Our Week In Pictures

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