

Newsletter No. 79 – February 2023

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#### Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope you had a wonderful half term break. It always amazes me how quickly the new year flies past. Winter is... almost over, it's lighter outside and hopefully there will be more sunny days ahead where the children can spend time outside on our wonderful grounds.

This term, children will be engaging in a wide range of exciting and challenging learning experiences, from exploring new concepts in science and math, to developing their creativity through art and music, and building their teamwork and leadership skills through sport and other activities. The teachers were busy planning and refining much of this on their INSET yesterday. There's a lot of exciting ideas and brilliant lessons planned.

I'm also really pleased that some of the content in this Newsletter has been written by the children. This is something we want to develop further in future newsletters.

A big thank you to everyone who returned your recent parental survey. I will be sharing this with you soon and letting you know what we will be doing to address any issues that came up as well as keep on doing what you tell us works.

Yours sincerely, Brian Walton

#### **Netball Match Reports**



Brookside netball team were outstanding in their first match of the 2022-2023 season; they wrote:

'We are very proud of ourselves after winning our first netball match, 14: 7 against Walton Primary. Our first quarter wasn't successful as we lost 3: 2 but working as a team, we managed to turn it around and win the 2nd quarter 5: 3. Continuing our fantastic team skills, resulted in a win with 14 goals scored against their 7. All of our players, played a vital part in winning the match on Tuesday 24th January.'

Brookside Netball Team.

#### 2nd Match Report - Brookside V St Benedict's

This week's match turned out to be a huge success by winning 18-0; we are really proud of ourselves! Despite having new team members, we had a good bond and worked together: dodging players, finding spaces and having a good shooting aim. We were all so supportive to our team and we are hoping to carry on our success throughout the season. We couldn't be more proud of ourselves.

#### 3rd Match Report - Brookside V Butleigh

Congratulations to the Brookside netball team for winning 8:3 against Butleigh on Monday. In the 1st quarter, we led 1-0 and the 2nd quarter finished 5:1. By the 3rd quarter, the score was 8:3 and the final quarter was also 8:3. We think we have some advantages: our height gives us good interceptions, good rotation of positions and we have great defending and shooting skills. We had to work hard, due to their quick speed and defence and we are trying to work on finding better space and getting in front of our players. The Brookside netball team would like to thank all the spectators for cheering us on. Well done Brookside - let's keep winning and make our school proud. Pictured right are the winning team against Butleigh: 8 - 3 (Feb 6th)



#### Football Match Report—Brookside v Millfield

Congratulations to the Brookside football team for trying their best in a game against Millfield on Thursday 9th February. Unfortunately, Millfield had a great defence so we lost 8-3. We tried our hardest, but we need to work on our spatial awareness, so we can get the ball down the pitch. We are thankful that our parents could take their time to support us.

Even though we lost, we are proud of our team and hope for better luck next time. The sport coaches were very supportive and gave us great coaching advice. The referee was fair and was supportive of both teams.

Well done to the girls' football team!



On March 21st, some dedicated and talented members of Year 6 and Choir Club will join children from other local schools to sing in Wells Cathedral with the Millfield Senior Choir as well as Bath .... (I will check the Choir again...)

Altogether, over 200 singers will join to sing a large-scale piece of music that celebrates the British Monarchy over the centuries. Part of the music will also feature in the Coronation of King Charles III shortly after the concert. Some of Brookside's children can be seen here in Millfield's concert hall (The Johnson Hall) with the composer Alexander L'Estrange and others from Baltonsborough, West Pennard, Butleigh and Millfield Prep during a workshop to develop their vocal skills and practise singing in a Community Choir.

We hope you will support our children and come to the concert in March and details to acquire tickets will become available soon.

Mrs Whatling



## What we've been up to recently ...







**In Early Years,** we enjoyed learning about measuring length and height in Maths. We use non-standard units e.g. cubes, lolly sticks or even our own feet to measure.

In Communication and Language, we shared the story of The Little Red Hen. We were able to create a story map using pictures and key words.

We painted pictures using water colours and explored mixing the colours and making new ones.

#### Year 1—Faberge Eggs & more

Our Art work has focused on Peter Faberge. The salt dough eggs we created have been lovingly decorated with paint and a small amount of glitter and we've also enjoyed making larger paper mâché eggs.

In our Science work we have finished looking at animals by studying the lifecycle of a frog and we have moved on to begin learning about ourselves and our bodies. We have labelled the external parts of our body and had a chat about what some of those parts do.



#### Year 2—Beebots, etc.

In Maths, we have been looking at groups and sharing, beginning to look at dividing.

We absolutely loved our computing unit, learning all about instructions or algorithm. We tried and tested algorithms with beebots and we even got to design our own mats, working on a theme.

Geography has allowed us to travel to a different continent – Africa. We have zoomed into a country called Zambia and a small village called Mugurameno. We have looked at how that village is different to Street and how they keep the wild animals out.

Listening skills have been our focus, learning to demonstrate this to the person who is talking to us. We even had a very successful go at problem solving scenarios that might happen upon the playground.



**Dolphins Class** have been busy learning about the water cycle in science. To help our understanding we made our own models to see it in action. First, some of the class acted out the parts of the water cycle for the rest of the class to guess. We had lots of fun playing this game!

Then, on a clear plastic bag, we drew pictures and labelled the parts of a water cycle. When we were finished, we added some water and taped them to the window. We have been fascinated to see evaporation, condensation and precipitation in action within the bags!





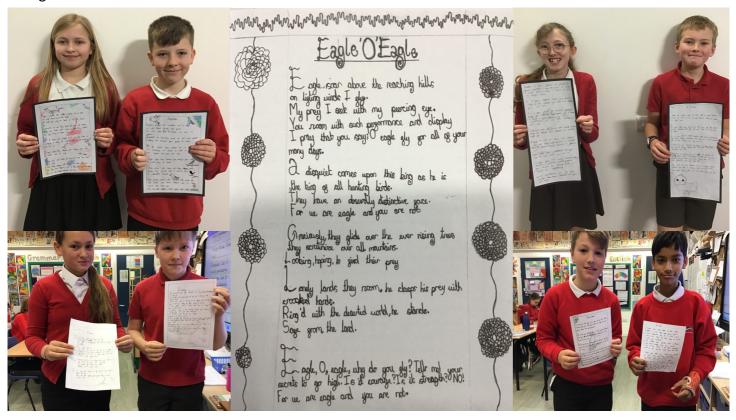


**Latin Club**—Year 6 and Year 5 children have been attending and learning more and more about the language and how it links with our own language and others. We learned that, just like French, nouns in Latin can be masculine or feminine!



#### Year 6—Breathtakingly Beautiful Poetry

Inspired by the beautiful book, 'The Lost Words' we conjured up our own free verse poems based on birds. Our poems included assonance, consonance, rhyme, rhythm, personification and was told from two perspectives: the listener and the bird. We performed our poems to the class and amazed our teachers with the quality of our writing. We have created watercolour paintings inspired by the artwork in the book, testing out our skills of adding texture and colour.



#### Real PE's Jump-ball

Year 6 had a very competitive Friday morning recently as they raced around the playground in a long distance relay to try and beat 5 other teams home! It was very loud, very exciting to watch and very tiring for the runners who gave their everything and then battled for supremacy in Real PE's Jump-ball; Koalas took on Pandas and there were some very serious tactics, instructions and some great skills on display...in the end, the teams were relatively even and so they will have to work very hard to outwit their opposition next time!



# Language Corner

#### Phrase of the Month

Welcome to the Language Corner! In each new edition, there will be a word or phrase in French to decode and explain. Emailed responses will win every pupil a house point and the best explanations will be rewarded with either a Gold Counter, Red Star or possibly a Ping Pong Ball and an appearance in the following Newsletter! The more that enter, the more your house will benefit. (Email Mrs Whatling at office@brooksideacademy.co.uk)

The third phrase of our new Language Corner is ...

#### À tout à l'heure!

What does it mean? When might you say it? How might you respond? What else can you tell me about it? Congratulations to the winner of the second competition who came up with a terrific answer and won

themselves another Gold Counter!



Some of you have heard about Duolingo. Well done to the children who are making great progress using Duolingo. Some of you are using a parent's name and/or email address, so please let me know if this includes you.

Duolingo is a FREE language learning tool that uses a gamified format to learn a language! To improve your French, try Duolingo at home; a fantastic online platform to improve your French. It teaches you four types of language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening, through bite-size lessons (anything from 2-10 minutes) that are like games, where you can earn points, points!

If you are interested in joining my online Duolingo class and improving your French, please click the link below (Ctrl+Click to follow link) and start playing!

#### www.duolingo.com/classroom/fzcuna

Work towards becoming the "Linguist of the Month" and receive a certificate in the Celebration Assembly, or simply earn house points!

If you want to find out more about Duolingo, click on the links below.

https://www.techlearning.com/how-to/what-is-duolingo-and-how-does-it-work-tips-and-tricks

https://blog.duolingo.com/duolingo-101-how-to-learn-a-language-on-duolingo/#gettingstartedonduolingo

I look forward to receiving your 'Phrase of the Month' entries.

Mrs Whatling

#### Dates for your Diary—Spring Term 2:

01.03.23 Early Years & Year 6 Weight and Height checks

01.03.23 Rev. Ana Lawrence visiting Years 4 and 5

**02.03.23** Years 5 & 6 watching Matilda at Strode Theatre

10.03.23 Open Afternoon for Years 3 to 6, 14:30-15:15

15.03.23 Specialist Provision Coffee Morning 10:30-11:30

15.03.23 Early Years' Curriculum Evening 17:45-18:30

17.03.23 Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

17.03.23 Open Afternoon for Years 1 and 2, 14:45-15:15

22.03.23 Rev. Ana Lawrence visiting Toucans Class

22.03.23 Rev. Ana Lawrence, delivering a Whole School Easter Assembly

23.03.23 Specialist Provision Creative Afternoon 14:00-15:00

23.03.23 Year 6 SATs & Okehampton meeting for Parents 15:30-16:30

24.03.23 Key Stage 2 French Activity Afternoon

27.03.23 Year 1 visit to Puxton Park

**27.03.23** Spring Governors' Awards Assembly 14:40-15:10

29.03.23 School Parents' Evening (video appointments) 15:30-18:30

30.03.23 School Parents' Evening (video appointments) 15:30-18:30

**03 to 14.04.23** Easter Holidays



Please check the School Calendar on our Website for further events throughout the year: https://www.brooksideacademy.co.uk/calendar/



#### Street Corps

Brookside Academy Brooks Road Street Somerset BA16 OPR

Dear Brookside Acodemy

On behalf of The Salvation Army Street Corps, I'd like to convey our huge thanks to all at Brookside Academy for your awesome cash donation of £381.91. Please find attached your receipt. Donations such as this are very much valued and help us continue our mission to our local community; at the moment we're experiencing high levels of demand for our foodbank, so this money is very gratefully received to help with that.

Many thanks to everyone for the super effort and generosity  $\cdot$  it's with donations like yours that The Salvation Army is able to continue its work in this community.

With every blessing.

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Helen Stevens

#### **Privacy Notice Reminder**

The Academy's Privacy
Notice for Pupils and
Parents is available to
view under the 'Policies'
area of our website:
https://
www.brooksideacademy.
co.uk/policies/

This notice explains the data collected by the Academy, why it is collected and your rights over this data.

#### **Brookside Sports Timetable 2022-2023**

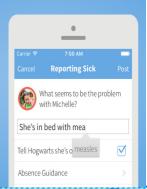
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 -10.30	Specialist Provision x 4 slots	Year 3	Nursery	Coaches Planning	Enrichment
	(9.00-9.45)				
10.30-12.00	(9.45-10.30)	Year 1	Nursery	Year 2	Enrichment
	(10.30-11.15) (11.15-12pm)				
Lunch	Lunch Clubs	Lunch Clubs	Lunch Clubs	Lunch Clubs	Lunch Clubs
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1.30- 3.00	Early Years	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Enrichment
	1.5				

We have a new, safer system for reporting your child's absence due to illness

It's called Studybugs.

Please sign up on studybugs.com or download the free Studybugs ap

studybugs.com





We use email and text as our main means of communicating with parents and carers. If you have not provided us with an up-to-date email address or mobile phone number, please do so. You may be missing out on important information.





#### Brookside Academy Terms and Holidays 2022/2023 Academic Year

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Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day for School and Nursery
	Inset Day for School only

# Term dates summary: Term 1: 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days) Term 2: 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days) Term 3: 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days) Term 4: 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days) Term 5: 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days) Term 6: 05 June – 21July 2023 (35 days) TOTAL = 195

#### Bank and public holidays 2022/23

Christmas Day Bank Holiday Boxing Day Bank Holiday New Year's Day Holiday Good Friday Easter Monday 27 December 2022\* 26 December 2022 02 January 2023\* 07 April 2023 10 April 2023 May Day Bank Holiday 01 May 2023

Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III 08 May 2023

Spring Bank Holiday 29 May 2023

Summer Bank Holiday 28 August 2023

Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

#### Absence from School

Attendance at school is vital to your child's learning and development.

Children's progress will be affected if they are absent.

We have a statutory obligation to investigate any child's attendance that falls **below 90%** or **below the 10 session absence threshold** (10 or more half day absences within a 12-week period). Evidence of medical appointments, e.g. Doctor's/hospital/Dentist appointment cards/letters, etc., is required.

If your child is ill, please notify us before 9.00am via the **Studybugs** app, which is available to download from:

#### studybugs.com.

Please inform the school beforehand if your child has to attend an appointment.

We are not able to authorise holidays in term time..

Children who arrive or leave school during the day **must** be signed in or out at the Academy office.

#### **Free School Meals**

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:



- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related)
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

Only the benefits listed above qualify for free school meals. If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Non-Benefit related additional eligibility criteria:

Children of families who don't receive these benefits may also qualify for free school meals if the family's annual household income is no higher than the following:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children.

And the parent or carer meets any of the following criteria:

- you are a Zambrano or Chen carer
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- you hold a British National (Overseas) BN(O) passport
- you are a spousal visa, work visa or student visa holder
- you have no immigration status.

Please phone the Children and Young People's Team on 0300 123 2224 for advice.

Children must be in school all day and they will be provided with a meal at lunchtime which is paid for by the school.

It is the responsibility of the parents or carers to register their entitlement and request free school meals for their children.

Children in nursery do not qualify for a free meal until they start school, but applications will be processed so that when your child starts school, you will already be notified whether they qualify for a free school meal or not.

Forms are available from the Brookside Academy Office or apply online at: https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/

### Uniform Reminder

The school uniform is very simple and reasonably priced. We expect the children to wear it: White or red shirt/blouse or polo shirt, Brookside sweatshirt or cardigan (a plain, low-cost, red sweatshirt or cardigan is

acceptable), grey or black skirt or trousers/shorts, red & white summer dress, black shoes. PE kit is red t-shirt and black shorts and warm joggers and trainers for the Winter. A warm, waterproof coat in wet/cold weather. Hair should be natural in colour and not of an extreme style (Mohicans, skinheads, or tramlines, are not acceptable). Every child should have a book bag and a PE bag. We give each new Early Years child a book bag before they start school. Sweatshirts, cardigans, PE kit and book bags can be ordered via the 'Uniform' link on the Academy Website.

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED – PLEASE.** Parents/carers will receive a text reminder if their child isn't wearing the correct uniform.

Thank you to everyone who has checked/updated their school children's Data Collection and Parental Consents on the SIMS Parent App. Please can we ask that all parents complete this as soon as possible. Thank you!

#### **SIMS Parent App**

We have a convenient way for you to access, review and request changes to the data held on you and your children, as well as see key term dates and other information. You are able to access our new SIMS Parent app and website at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What will you find in SIMS Parent:

- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button.
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.
- Access to update Parental Consents for your child.
- Your child's attendance data.
- Your child's end of year report will be available here at the end of the Summer term 2023.

If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to this information for all your children, from the same app. (Please note that this App is not available for our Nursery parents, as their children's records are held on a separate system; please contact the Academy Office if you would like to make changes to the personal information we hold for Nursery children.)



## SIMS PARENT APP

A GUIDE FOR NEW USERS

#### A COMPLETE GUIDE ON HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: You will receive an email from noreply@sims.co.uk, click ACCEPT INVITE.

Step 2: The Activate Your Account screen is displayed. The Invitation Code field is already filled with the unique code from your email. Enter your email address as Username and click the Next button.

Step 3: Confirm your identity by entering the date of birth of one of your children at Brookside (in the format dd/mm/yyyy).

Step 4: At the 'Create a Strong Password' screen, create a password for the new account you are creating and click the Next button.

Step 5: Once your account has been created, you will receive an email at the email address you registered. Click the Verify My Email button.

Step 6: Click the Sign In button on the screen confirming your email address has been validated.

Step 7: At the Register your account for SIMS Products screen, enter your newly created username (i.e. your email address) and password, then click the Sign in button.

Step 8: The first time you use your SIMS ID account, you will be prompted to Set Security Questions.

Answer all three security questions, then click the Save and Continue button to launch your SIMS Online Service.



#### Welcome to Brookside Academy

Thank you for visiting us; we are looking forward to working with you.

In order to provide the best learning environment possible, schools across Street are committed to the wellbeing of all members of our community, this includes children, parents / carers and staff. We expect all staff and visitors to treat children and colleagues with the courtesy and respect they would expect to receive themselves. In addition, it is important that adults should set a good example to children at all times.

#### We expect all visitors to

- Respect the caring ethos at each school
- To follow all safeguarding guidelines
- To approach members of staff for assistance with any issues in an appropriate manner.
- To work with the school in the correction of child's actions, especially where it has, or could lead to, conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour

#### Unacceptable conduct includes

- Verbal abuse which includes swearing and shouting
- Any form, or threat of, violence
- Aggression
- Harassment
- Derogatory comments linked to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristic
- Possessing, abusing, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances on the school site
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, texts, phone messages or letters to anyone within the school community
- · Disruptive behaviour which interferes with areas such as classrooms or office areas
- Using social networking sites to single out individuals, bully or to distribute untruthful or malicious information or comments

In the event that these expectations are not met visitors may be asked to:

- Stop and consider changing their actions
- Leave the school site
- · Refrain from contacting members of staff

In the event of serious of persistent breaches of these expectations we may:

- Send parents a legally approved warning letter
- Withdraw permission for visitors to enter the school premises.
- In the case of bullying, untruthful or malicious comments on social networking sites, the schools
  may request that the comments are deleted. The governing bodies and individuals in liaison with
  their professional associations may also consider legal action.

This code is supported by our Governing Body and all schools in Street.

All staff and visitors have the right to work in a safe environment without fear of intimidation, abuse or assault.



#### **PhoneSmart**



The PhoneSmart Licence is a fun, interactive course for children who have received their first phone, to help them learn 'how to stay safe and be kind online, and to encourage them to use their phones for good, not hate.'

Children participate by watching episodes, interacting with characters and answering quiz questions. Completing each episode earns a sticker. Collecting all 5 stickers finishes the course and earns their PhoneSmart Licence. Gaining their licence also gives them the chance to win a PS5!

The licence is organised by EE, with Internet Matters and other leading organisations, but is open to users of any network. Find full details, to see if the PhoneSmart licence is right for your family at: https://eephonesmart.co.uk



Tonsillitis

Slapped cheek

or scan the QR code or visit

https://qrco.de/minfec.

Head lice



A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

7480 635 515



# Discover your Community

FEBRUARY 25 2023 11 AM - 3 PM

A gathering of community groups supporting Street residents.

Find out what help and support is available and maybe even sign up to volunteer!

Scan the QR
Code for more
info and to
book tickets



