

Brookside Academy Specialist Provision

Newsletter – Friday 27th January 2022



The Value we are focusing on this term is perseverance.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a wet and cold start to the year but the children at Brookside Specialist Provision have had a busy start to the term. This half term, alongside each child's personal targets, the children have been enjoying our theme about dragons. So far, the children have enjoyed listening to stories about dragons, making Faberge eggs and finding out about the Chinese New Year.

Dates for the diary



Our next coffee morning will be Wednesday 15th March from 10.30-12. This will be held in the community room. Please can you confirm your attendance via the school mailbox.

We would like to invite all of our Specialist Provision parents to join our creative afternoon on Thursday 23rd March at 2pm. This will be an opportunity to come into your child's class and join them with art and sensory activities.



Reminders



Children will continue to take part in Forest School activities every Tuesday and will go outside in all weathers. With this in mind, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (e.g. coats, hats, gloves, waterproofs) and footwear (e.g. wellies/shoes that can get muddy).



Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school as the children have PE every Monday.

Website for Specialist Provision

In the upcoming weeks, we will be updating the school website. This will provide information about our new curriculum and other useful information regarding our Specialist Provision. As part of our new curriculum, pupils will be supported to develop the characteristics that we have identified as important and effective features of learning. These Characteristics are:

Perseverance

Resilience

Independence

Determination

Engagement



Each term, we will focus on one of the characteristics. Class teachers will share the successes of the children/classes demonstrating these characteristics, with certificates. Our characteristic for this term is Perseverance.



Evidence For Learning

We are constantly striving to improve the quality and teaching of all of our learners and how we communicate and share this information. With this in mind, we have purchased a new app which can be used to upload the learning journey for individual children. Parents/Carers will also be able to view their child's learning journey from an app at home. The teachers are busy preparing this and when we are ready to launch, we will invite you in to share this with you. More details about this will follow shortly.

Acceptance and Awareness

Let's explore two amazing differences. Here is a link to some informative videos about the challenges and the strengths of these differences.

[Let's explore Autism](#)

[Let's Explore ADHD](#)