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Learning for Life

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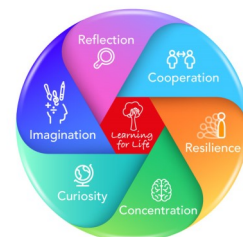
Dear Parents,

Your children may have told you that we have revised the learning powers and school rules at Brookside. Our new rules are very simple and clear for everyone to understand and follow—Ready Respectful Safe. We have also updated our learning powers. These are:

- Reflection
- Imagination
- Cooperation
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Concentration

We have linked these to the smile reward badge system and children will be awarded smiles for demonstrating good work/attitudes in the different learning powers. Children who produce work of an exceptional standard and/or have shown a determined effort will be sent a post-card to celebrate this from their teacher.

Thank you to Mrs Campbell (parent and governor) who kindly designed the school rules poster and learning power logos.



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all parents who came to the harvest assemblies last week. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful work and performances from our children. Your generous donations were sold at the end of the day and the remaining food has been taken to the Bicester Food Bank. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for taking this food to the food bank.

School Games Platinum Level

Congratulations to everyone at Brookside for achieving Platinum Level School Games Mark, one of the first schools in North Oxfordshire to achieve the top award.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

On achieving the award, Emma Jackson, School Games Organiser for North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership commented, "The enthusiasm for the School Games at Brookside Primary School is infectious; the children can't help but be inspired to take part in the array of activities and opportunities on offer."



Book Fair

From Monday next week (7th October) through to Friday, we will be hosting a book fair after school in the main hall. Please pop along and have a browse; there will be a range of book for all ages and abilities on sale at good prices.

Author visit

Classes CS & RM enjoyed a talk from visiting author, Thrasy Petropoulos on Monday. Thrasy has many years experience as a journalist and has recently published his first children's adventure novel: Max Panamax and the Western Key. It was great for the children to hear from a professional writer his thoughts about inspiration, planning, editing and perseverance when writing which are similar messages that we always try to share with the pupils.

Thrasy's book is available from Amazon.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/1986334562?pf_rd_p=330fbd82-d4fe-42e5-9c16-d4b886747c64&pf_rd_r=74DKB0RG8579DGTFXJP5

Parents' Evenings

Letters for parents' evenings are being sent home soon. These are on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October.



Christmas Productions

The dates and times of the Christmas productions are at the end of this newsletter.

Photographs

The photographer is coming back on Monday 7th October to take class CS photos. If your child was away on the original day they can also have their photo taken. Please let the school office know if you would like your child's photograph taken.

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance during the last two weeks.

	Week Beginning 23rd September	Week Beginning 30th September
Class BM	91%	86%
Class DF	99%	98%
Class CP	98%	98%
Class AW	95%	97%
Class LD	95%	96%
Class FH	91%	95%
Class CC	93%	93%
Class RM/TS	94%	97%
Class CS	94%	93%

Online Safety—Jessie & Friends: online safety education for 4-7s (ThinkUKnow)

Introducing the idea of a safer internet to younger children can be quite challenging. Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations from online safety specialist at the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

The videos follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. A storybook accompanies each episode, to help adults keep the conversation going with the children. Find the resources here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>

150th Birthday Celebrations and Victorian Day

The staff are looking forward to celebrating the 150th Birthday of the school. We know that many children are already preparing their costumes for the Victorian Day on Thursday 17th October. It is hoped that all children in school will dress up on this day. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you need any ideas. We look forward to welcoming parents and family members to the opening of the Xander Gallery Birthday Exhibition from 2.15pm on Thursday 17th October. The children will not be present at the opening of the gallery, but their work will be displayed for you to learn about the history of the school and the town of Bicester over the last 150 years.

150th Birthday Tea-Towel

The children have been working hard to design a tea-towel to mark the 150th Birthday of the School. We are hopeful that these will arrive in time to be sold at the celebration event on Thursday 17th October. There are two tea-towels, one for EYFS and KS1 and another for KS2. Thank you to FOBS for organising and to Mrs P Davies for spending hours sticking down all of the children onto the original art work. We hope that they will prove a wonderful memento for parents and pupils to keep for many years to come. We will inform parents of the final price when we have received them back from the printers.

Dates for your diary

Parents' Evenings	Monday 14th/Tuesday 15th October
Half Term	Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November
INSET Day	Monday 4th November (School Closed)
KS1 Christmas Production	Monday 9th December 1:30 p.m. Tuesday 10th December 1:30 p.m.
EYFS Christmas Production	Wednesday 11th December 9:30 a.m. Thursday 12th December 1:30 p.m.
KS2 Carol Concert	Wednesday 18th December 6:00 p.m.
End of Term	Thursday 19th December (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside