



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

**Newsletter Summer Term Issue 7**

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21st July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another challenging year with national lockdowns and all schools closed to most children from January to March. More recently, some staff and classes at Brookside have had to self-isolate due to coronavirus or being a close contact. However, during this year we have tried to keep school life as normal as possible for the children whilst following the guidance to ensure the safety of children and staff.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all families have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to thank you for your support. I would like to thank every member of the school staff who have worked throughout the pandemic in school and providing remote learning at home.

We hope to be able to return to normal in September if it is safe to do so. If so, all children will start at 8:45 a.m. and finish at 3:00 p.m. We will confirm arrangements before the start of the new academic year.

Tomorrow is the last day and children will finish at the usual staggered times for their class at the end of the day.

We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September for the start of the new academic year.

## **Year 6 Leavers**

Year 6 enjoyed a fun day on Monday going to Bounce and Clip and Climb. We wish all of Year 6 good luck as they leave Brookside and get ready to join The Bicester School, The Cooper School and Whitelands Academy.

## **Staff News**

Thank you to Miss Naidu for her hard work during her time covering Mrs Cooper's maternity leave. The good news is that Miss Naidu will be staying on at Brookside during the autumn term teaching groups of children as part of our catch up provision. We wish Mrs Martin a very happy and enjoyable retirement after 21 years at Brookside. Thank you for your commitment to the children of Brookside during this time.

## **Transition Days**

Children enjoyed spending the day with their new teacher and teaching assistants on Tuesday.

## **Brookside SPOTY**

Well done to the following children for being awarded the Brookside sports personality of the year award. The award is given to someone in each class who has put 100% effort into their PE learning, acted as a role model to other children and for always applying their learning powers in PE and Sport.

EC – Millie T, VL – Jaxon

BM – Daniel M, LD – Sam M, CP – Leighton

AW - Jason, FH – Max, DD – Elsie

CN – Daisy, RM/TS – Eloise, CS – Filip

## **Sports Days**

What a fantastic week of sport we had last week at Brookside! Key Stage 1 kicked us off on Tuesday, followed by EYFS on Wednesday and Key Stage 2 rounded the week off on Thursday. It was so amazing to see the children enjoying themselves and taking part in every activity with a huge smile of their faces. Each class tried sports which required their concentration, cooperation and resilience and each class teacher chose a child to receive an award for each of these learning powers. Well done to these children!

The events also offered a competitive element in the races the children took part in. Well done to the children for a fantastic effort and we look forward to inviting you back next year to spectate and thank you for your understanding this year.

Mr Plumbe

## **'Seaside' Fun**

On Friday the children in Key Stage 1 had a fantastic afternoon taking part in their seaside celebration afternoon. The children spent the morning learning about Punch and Judy and then changed into their beach clothes for an afternoon of fun. Thank you to 'The Finest Catch' fish and chip shop for providing us with a delicious lunch. After our traditional seaside meal, cricket was played, frisbees were thrown and coconuts were knocked down! The afternoon ended with water games and an ice cream!

## **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 22nd July - End of Summer Term (school finishes at the usual staggered times)

Thursday 2nd September 2021—Start of the autumn term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside