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BROOKDALE BULLETIN

Brookdale Primary School's Weekly Newsletter

Developing Positive Self Esteem in our Children

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week and each class spent time out each day to discuss how to keep ourselves mentally healthy; One aspect explored was selfesteem. Self esteem is key to children's mental health and happiness—something we strive hard at Brookdale to promote. Research demonstrates a strong connection between high self esteem and positive outcomes in life, such as good social relationships, academic and employment success, a good sense of wellbeing and great coping skills. **Children with high self esteem will often be:**

• confident

- able to make mistakes and try again
- proud of what they do and believe in themselves
- feel liked and accepted
- managing better at school, at home and with friendships

Children with low self esteem can often

- have low confidence and can doubt themselves
- worry they are not as good as other kids
- focus on when they fail rather than when they succeed
- be self-critical and hard on themselves
- give up on things, become withdrawn and avoid school



Because life doesn't come with a manual



It can be common for children and young people to struggle with their self esteem. For more ways to help them please take a look at the Family Toolbox Website (click here) which includes useful links, videos and ideas for how to help as a parent.

Is My Child Too III for School?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about <u>managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK</u>. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

You can find more useful guidance for parents on this NHS link which details many common childhood illnesses and whether children would ordinarily be advised to remain off school: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/</u>



Good attendance at school is very important. If you are not here, you can't learn! We aim to have an attendance percentage of 98% or above.

The table below shows you the attendance percentage this week:

F2	96.7
Year 1	96.7
Year 2	89.3
Year 3	94.8
Year 4	95.3
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	95.5
Whole School	94.8

Next School Week

Monday 27th February

• School re-opens to pupils

Tuesday 28th February

• Keep children at home if possible; childcare only provided due to industrial action

Wednesday 1st March

- Cross Country Practice 3.15pm-4.15pm
- Year 5 & 6 Chess Club 3.15pm-4.15pm

Thursday 2nd March

• Arrowe Park Cross Country Race - 4.00pm-5.30pm

Friday 3rd March

• Celebration assembly - 2:35 pm Parents of children who have been notified that they are receiving awards are invited to attend.

BPS Vision Statement

'Inspiring, engaging and nurturing our children to achieve and flourish as citizens of today and the future.'



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Charity Work

Our wonderful teaching assistant, Miss Edwards, has been 'roping' some of the staff and children into her newest personal challenge whilst also raising money for Cancer Research.

You can enjoy a video of her skipping here and can also read more about her story and donate to her cause through this link:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/helens-skipping-challenge-giving-page-591







Click here to go to our website for the full 3-week menu

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