

Brookdale Primary School's Weekly Newsletter

Online Safety

With Omegle shutting down, Monkey has risen to fill the top spot. Randomly matching users for 15-second chats, the platform's developers claim to have created a dynamic online space for people to make new connections.

Despite these innocuous-sounding intentions, Monkey has been criticised for moderation which may not be comprehensive enough to defend against the obvious dangers that unregulated, random video calls pose to the younger element of the site's userbase. <u>This guide</u> tells trusted adults what they need to know about Monkey.

Stars of the Week

Pre School - Florence Rose F2 - Jack Earnshaw Year 1 - Matilda Woods Year 2 - Oliver Hopkinson-Jones Year 3 - Charles Robinson Year 4 - Jacob Humphreys Year 5 - Noah Hewitt Year 6 - Ben Atkinson

Attendance

attendance at school Good is very important. If you are not here, you can't learn! We always aim to have an attendance percentage of 100%! The table below shows you the attendance percentage this week:

F2	95.5
Year 1	90.3
Year 2	98.1
Year 3	93.9
Year 4	96.9
Year 5	95.9
Year 6	97.1
Whole School	95.4

Golden Table Awards

F2 - Lilia Threlfall Year 1 - Elliot Stronghill Year 2 - Toby Chesters Year 3 - Agatha Schorah Year 4 - Lucy Cross Year 5 - Austin Smith Year 6 - Ted Allen



School Values and Growth Mindset Awards Pre School - Sydney Funnell F2 - Eva Campbell Year 1 - Isaac Dickaty Year 2 - Leo Sell Year 3 - Sienna Campbell Year 4 - Henry Allen Year 5 - Frankie McKeown Year 6 - Florence Cookson

Next School Week

Wednesday 14th February

- Y5 and Y6 Chess Club 3.15 \mbox{pm} 4.15 \mbox{pm}
- KS1 Gymnastics Club 3.15 pm 4.15pm
- Year 3 & 4 Football match at Castleway 4.00pm 5.00pm

Thursday 15th February

Last day of term - Acorns open as usual

Friday 16th February INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS



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Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have celebrated, Children's Mental Health Week at Brookdale, designed to raise awareness the importance of looking after our mental, as well as physical, health and that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the



UK. All classes have participated in different ways with Years 5 and 6 benefiting from sessions with a solution-focused hypnotherapist who explained to the children how their brains work and why we respond to things in certain ways. They were also given solutions to calm their minds when they have certain feelings and even ended with a calming relaxation period—useful skills that they can use for the rest of their lives!

Year 4 children enjoyed doing some mindfulness colouring to calming music and looking at how being kind can help our mental health. The teachers have also been leaving little messages unique to each child to show their kindness.

Find more info about how families can support this work here: https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/

NSPCC—Speak Out, Stay Safe!

On Monday and Tuesday, as part of our Children's Mental Health Week, Mrs Knapton led Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies for KS1 (Monday) and KS2 (Tuesday). The assemblies complemented our PSHE & RSE Curriculum, linked to our <u>Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy</u>, written by School Council and supported children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. They children were reminded that they have the right to:

- speak out and be taken seriously
- be kept safe
- get help when they need it



More information about the Speak Out, Stay Safe programme can be found here, along with ideas for activities that you can do at home to support the messages shared in school.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/

MyMaths.co.uk

Changes to Maths Homework

Following a review of our Maths Homework systems which included speaking to children about their experiences of using the programme and teachers about the impact it is having on pupils' learning in the classroom, we have taken the decision to move away from Mathletics.

After half term, in Years 2 to 6, children will now use a programme called <u>MyMaths</u>. Teachers will show the children in school how to use this and give them the appropriate log in details when necessary—these will also be shared with parents by class teachers in the most appropriate way for each year group.

In Year 1, children will also be introduced to MyMaths as describe above, however some weeks, their homework may take the form of a game for you to play at home which will reinforce the skills that they have been learning in class. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions once the change has take place. You can find info for parents about the programme here.



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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day which takes place each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

Mr Darbyshire, our Computing lead, delivered assemblies for the different age groups on Tuesday to discuss internet safety at an ageappropriate level however, we encourage everyone - including parents and caregivers - to ensure that this matter remains a high priority in your homes at all times!

You can find useful resources to use at home on our <u>school website under</u> <u>the Safeguarding Tab</u>. There are also further resources to be found at:

https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources





