

# BROOKDALE BULLET

Brookdale Primary School's Weekly Newsletter

#### **HEADTEACHER MESSAGE**

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term at Brookdale.

Myself and the staff are looking forward to continuing to work with our families to provide the very best care, support and challenge for our children this year and beyond.



Please be reminded that should you ever have any questions, queries or concerns, you can contact your child's class staff, the school office or myself directly and we will support you as much as we can.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out a parent feedback survey to gain an understanding of what our parent community feels we are doing well and any questions or concerns you wish to share with us. I would be grateful if you could take the time to respond so that we can work together to make our school the very best it can be for the children in our care.

Have a great 2024!

Kate Ball (Headteacher)

### **Online Safety**

From using them for communication, work, shopping and entertainment, devices such as smartphones, laptops and the rest are now deeply ingrained into modern society. Small wonder, then, that young people - who've grown up surrounded by such gadgets - can sometimes struggle to put them down, switch them off or keep themselves occupied without them.

While limiting our screen time may require a great deal of restraint, the effort can be rewarded with significant benefits to our physical and mental health. This guide has simple tips for helping to manage the amount of screen time in your household - encouraging the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment.

#### **Attendance**



Good attendance at school is very Wednesday 17th January 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	97.1
Year 1	96
Year 2	97.5
Year 3	92.3
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	94.1
Whole School	95.5

#### **Next School Week**

- Y5 and 6 Chess Club 3.15 pm 4.15pm
- KS1 Gymnastics Club 3.15 pm 4.15pm

#### Friday 19th January

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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#### Birkenhead Football

Development

At Birkenhead High School (Sports Hall)

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Starting on Monday 29th January 2024
In association with First Kick Football

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Accus parents, Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at Birkenhead High School Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to wo with children. The structure for the course is FUN through Football, building confidence for total beginners and moving c more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quick than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports ha

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previous attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Botton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £5.83 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £40 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the session

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practic with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

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ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final weel.

of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, St Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as high response is expected.

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### Can You Help?

As part of our continued efforts to raise the standards of Literacy in school, we are hoping to encourage some of our parents or other family members to come into school and help pupils with their reading.

Reading regularly to an adult has been shown to significantly increase the rate of progress that children can make with their reading. As there are many parents, grandparents and carers who bring your children to school, we are hoping that there would be some who would enjoy coming into school to listen to some children read.

Typically, the sessions would mean working one-to-one with two or three children, spending time with each child talking about the book that they are reading and listening to them read. You would work with the same children each week, getting to know them and watching them progress.

Ideally, you would be able to come into school three times per week per week but if you could only manage twice, we would still be very grateful. New volunteers will receive training from Mrs Jones who runs our SRP Reading Programme.

For safeguarding reasons, all volunteers must have enhanced DBS clearance in order to work with our children.

If you (or anyone you know) would like to volunteer, or would like more information, please contact Mrs Jones via the school office (0151 677 5170 or schooloffice@brookdale.wirral.sch.uk)





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#### **New Year, New Start**

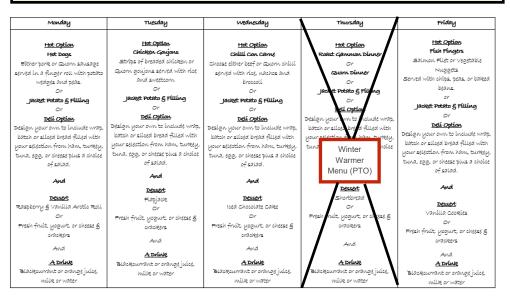
We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has:

- ⇒ Plain black school shoes
- ⇒ Grey or white socks
- ⇒ A coat in school every day
- $\Rightarrow$  A water bottle in school every day
- ⇒ A full PE kit (plain white T-shirt & black / navy shorts)
- ⇒ Long hair tied back
- ⇒ No nail varnish
- ⇒ No jewellery (if earrings must be worn, small, plain studs only)



# **BROOKDALE BISTRO**

**Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning Monday 15th January** 



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

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# Winter Warmer

## Thursday 18th January

<u>Main</u>

Pork sausage & sweet tomato bake

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Quorn sausage & sweet tomato bake
Served with crispy potato slices & green beans

**Dessert** 

Chocolate pudding & hot chocolate sauce

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Fresh fruit

**Drinks** 

Orange/Apple juice

