



Newsletter Date  
May 2024



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome to May!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are enjoying these brighter days and hopefully, some warmer weather.

May brings lots of exciting opportunities for our children, such as:

A Y1 school trip to the zoo, sports competitions, LEGO discovery sessions and more. I am sure you will join me in sending thanks to all the staff that work so hard to organise these events.

Please see upcoming dates for further information.

Attendance at Brocks Hill continues to improve and we thank you for your support with this. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised and are likely to incur a fine from the Local Authority. Being at school every day if children are well enough to do so, really does make a difference, both academically and socially. Congratulations to all in Class 10 for their excellent attendance last month.

### Attendance

Group	% Attend
RED	93.1
BLUE	92.1
Class 1	90.3
Class 2	92.1
Class 3	96.3
Class 4	91.3
Class 5	95.8
Class 6	94.3
Class 7	93.2
Class 8	87.7
Class 9	92.4
Class 10	97.4
Class 11	91.6
Class 12	93.5
Totals	92.9

### Key Dates

6th May Bank Holiday  
10th May Year 1 Zoo trip  
13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Year 6 will have their KS2 SATs exams  
16th May Special Harry Potter Meal  
17th May FoBHS AGM 9am  
17th May Class 2 Assembly 9.30  
27th May to 31st May Half Term  
3rd June School opens  
21st June Summer Fair  
25th June (am) Sports Day for FS, Y1 and Y2  
26th June (am) Sports Day (Y3 and Y4)  
26th June (pm) Sports Day (Y5 and Y6)

# Sports



Well done to the Boys football team for an amazing 3-0 win against Glenmere, earlier this month! We are all really proud of you!

## Other News

### Key Stage 2 SATS

Year 6 have their KS2 SATs exams from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16th May 2024. In order to help us to minimise noise and distractions near the Year 6 building, the following will happen:

- The gate closest to the Year 6 building will be kept locked at all times, you will need to enter and exit through the main gate.
- The Year 5 door will be locked until 10.30am. All Year 5 children will need to enter their classrooms from the Year 3&4 doors. Please ask them to line up in the play-ground with the Year 3&4 children and a member of staff will collect them.

### Sewing help required!

To sew bags for the foundation stage children. All materials will be provided, just sewing skills required. Please can you come into the office if you are able to help. This will be much appreciated, thank you.



# Eddie the Therapy Dog

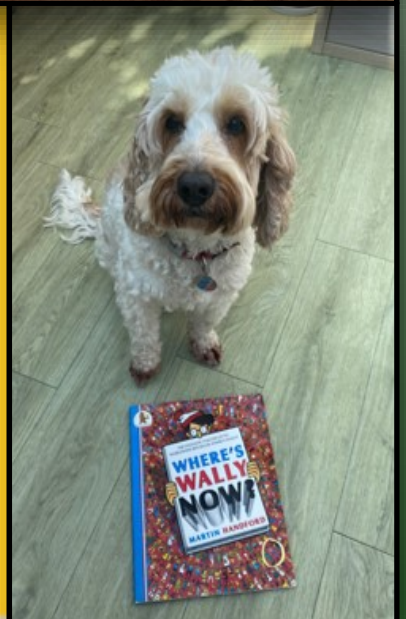


We had a visit from Eddie ,the Therapy dog ,and the children absolutely loved him! Animal-assisted therapy is known to lower anxiety and helps relaxation, by providing comfort, reduces loneliness, increases mental stimulation, and provides an escape - or a happy distraction!  
Thank you , Mrs Hurst, for bringing Eddie in.



## Read2Dogs

- 🐾 Helps improve literacy skills and wellbeing
- 🐾 Develops confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading
- 🐾 Dogs are non-judgemental and great listeners
- 🐾 Encourages positive social behaviours and enhances self-esteem







# **Trips and Events**



**Leicester Make Music Festival**



Year 2 have been to visit De Montfort Hall to attend the Leicester Make Music Festival 2024 . They had a wonderful day, enjoying the interactive concert , with an orchestra from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.



# **Bosworth Heritage centre**



Year 3 visited The Bosworth Heritage Centre, where they learnt about the Romans and Celts. 'Boudicca' talked about life in Celtic times. A Roman soldier led us in battle training and talked about why they invaded.



An archaeologist showed us some artefacts and what her job is. We also made some Roman coins.



## **Eid**



This month, we have celebrated Eid and Vaisakhi, and the children have enjoyed the wonderful activities and talking about how pupils have celebrated at home.



## **Vaisakhi**



# **Meet the Admin Team**



**Mrs Ferzana Farooq**  
**Admin Assistant/LSA**

**Mrs Nicola Browell**  
**Office Manager**

**Mrs Sharmila Rattu**  
**Admin Assistant**

Hello,

As the first point of contact we like to greet all our parents, children and visitors with a warm welcome and a smile. It is a very busy office and no two days are the same. Please feel free to come in if you have concerns or any questions or just even a chat. We are a friendly bunch!

## Home Learning

We are keen to collect parent voice on home learning as this was an area several parents highlighted on the recent parent survey. However, we realise that not all parents completed this survey so we would like to obtain a more representative view.

Currently, we expect all children to read each day, learn weekly spelling lists and times tables if age appropriate and complete any work teachers may direct them towards.

We are keen that children have time to pursue other interests and have time to play. For this reason we developed our Learning Log which is crammed full of optional suggestions for fun activities.

Please share your thoughts on this survey so we can collate all parents views by clicking on the following link. Thank you for your support.

[\*\*Please click here\*\*](#)

# Internet Safety

## NEWSLETTER

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### POSITIVES OF THE INTERNET

Being online is an integral part of life today.

The internet can be a great resource for young people. It offers a wealth of information and helps build on their knowledge and understanding.

Playing fun games can support young people's learning skills, concentration, creativity, problem solving and memory.

Screen time allows young people to connect with friends and maintain a social connection.

Increasingly, homework is now online based, so it's important that young people are confident in using computers and have the skills to allow them to access information.



### Did you know?

Young people between the ages of 7 and 16 spend an average of 3hrs and 48 minutes online each day. That's an average of over **26 hours each week!**

Source: Childwise via BBC website

### STAYING SAFE ONLINE

It's important to understand what young people are doing online.

Agree rules and boundaries, be clear on what your child can and can't do online. Agree times that they can go online during the week.

Stay involved, start a conversation by asking them about the sites, apps and games they use regularly. It helps you to identify any potential risks.

Encourage your child to use their device in a communal area to allow you to keep an eye on what they are accessing. Set parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor and report.

CLICK THE LOGOS FOR MORE  
TIPS & ADVICE ON  
STAYING SAFE ONLINE!

**NSPCC**

 UK Safer Internet Centre

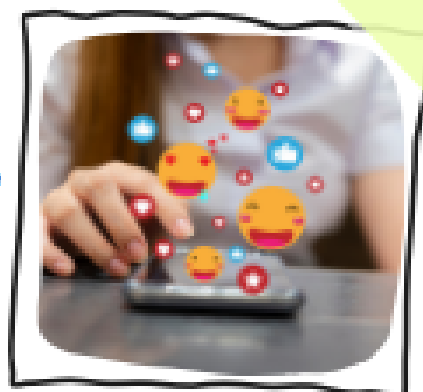
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INTERNETMATTERS.ORG HAVE LOTS OF TIPS TO STAY SAFE [HERE!](https://www.internetmatters.org)



# SOCIAL MEDIA

Children and young people use lots of different social media apps. The most popular being TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram. There are lots of benefits to social networking. It helps to keep young people connected to friends and family. They can also learn things from making slime, learning dance routines and gaming tips. However, there are risks associated with social media use that you should be aware of to ensure your child is safe whilst using it.



- Oversharing: Children and young people can sometimes feel pressure to overshare online
- Sharing their location
- Talking to people they don't know
- Sending or receiving inappropriate content
- Unrealistic sense of body image or reality
- Obsessive focus on likes and comments
- Cyber bullying



## Did you know?

According to a 2022 study, **51%** of young people in the UK used **TikTok**, making the short-video sharing platform the most popular social media among users aged between 4 and 18 years.

Source: Statista.com

## Key May dates

- National Walking Month
- Screen Free Week  
6-12th May
- National Children's Day  
12th May
- Mental Health Awareness  
Week- 13-19 May



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## ONLINE ADDICTION

Spending time on social media and playing video games are a normal part of life for young people, but for some there is a risk of spending too much time online which can lead to an unhealthy addiction. Signs to be aware of include:

- Showing little or no interest in other activities outside of the house
- Becoming tired and irritable
- Showing signs of anxiety or depression
- Falling behind at school or failing to complete homework
- Not spending as much time with friends
- Not paying attention to things such as personal hygiene and eating proper meals

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS AND WOULD LIKE SOME GUIDANCE OR ADVICE ON HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD, CLICK THE LOGOS FOR INFORMATION.



LET'S GET SOCIAL

