



Newsletter Date
February 2025



Brocks Hill News

Welcome to our February newsletter! It is great to see the days becoming a little bit longer and signs of Spring slowly emerging.

January was a fantastic start to the year, with pupils settling back into their routines and engaging enthusiastically in their learning. I am particularly proud of the way our students have tackled new challenges and demonstrated resilience and creativity in their work.

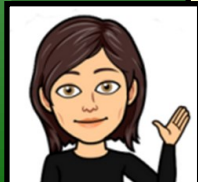
This month, we have lots of great opportunities. We begin this month with Children's Mental Health week from 3rd to 9th February. This year we're exploring our theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself where children will be encouraged to express their emotions and embrace self awareness . Further resources are available for families and can be found on Place2Be website <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Sport continues to be an exciting part of our curriculum with several more opportunities for our pupils to take part competitively against other schools. We know that children develop so many skills and experiences through these opportunities and we wish them every success.

Parents consultations are also scheduled for this month. You should have received booking details from the school office. We do encourage all parents to attend these evenings and know that it is always a great opportunity to look at your child's books and hear about the progress they are making.

I look forward to seeing you at school during this month!

Mrs Shilling



Important dates for this term

•3rd February to 7th	Children's Mental Health Week
•7th February	Class 3 Assembly
•7th February	Non uniform day (Dress to Express)
•11th February	Parent consultations
•12th February	Parent consultations
•14th February	Class 10 Assembly
•17th to 21st February	Half Term
•24th February	School opens
•March 5th to 11th	Book Fair
•March 7th	Class 2 Assembly
•24th March	Foundation Stage Farm trip
•28th March	Class 5 Assembly
•4th April	Class 8 Assembly
•11th April	School closes for Easter



Children's Mental Health Week



Place2Be Fundraiser via Superkind

This **Friday, 7th February 2025**, we will be supporting **Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week** by 'Dressing to Impress'

Your child can come to school, head to toe, in the colour of their choice.

Please donate a minimum of £2, using the link provided below, to help us reach our £500 target

<https://superkind.org/campaign/brocks-hill-primary-school-childrens-mental-health-week-dress-to-impress>

Wear an outfit that expresses you, whether it's a favourite outfit or something bright and wonderful. It could be a traditional dress that celebrates your culture or something that showcases a hobby!

Whatever your choice, lets make it fun!



Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

Please don't:

- **Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access**
- **Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance**
- **Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways**
- **Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction**

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.

Attendance

As you will be aware, schools are not able to authorise term time holidays. Changes were made by Leicestershire County Council to the Penalty Notice for unauthorised leave during term time. Please see guidance below. Any term time holidays will be subject to these new rules.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.

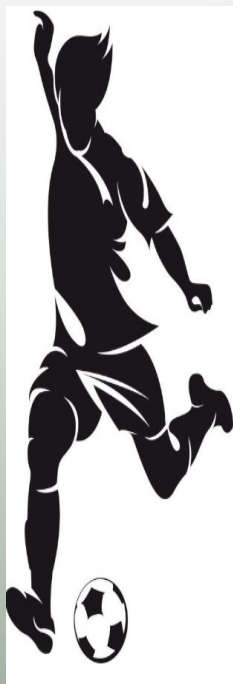


Its official! Brocks Hill are Move it Boom Champions for 2024!
A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting us and winning this national competition in partnership with @NHSuk, @moveitboom and @LHTrustLeics.



Well done and a huge thank you to all of you who ran at the LOROS Hospice reindeer run with us in December.

Years 5/6 football



Well done to our years 5 and 6
for taking part in the football
@LCFC and
@LCFC_Community finals.

They did amazingly
well and achieved a
3rd place!



We are so proud of you all!



Exclusive ticket offer with Leicestershire County Cricket Club

Thanks to our exclusive partnership with Leicestershire County Cricket Club, pupils can access a fantastic ticket offer ahead of the new season in 2025.

All Lionheart students can claim 1 Adult White Ball Pass and 1 Junior White Ball Pass for a combined **£50** (saving £130).

What's included

- All seven home Vitality Blast group stage fixtures.
- All three home Open Day Cup group stage fixtures (excluding the match at Kibworth).
- Priority access to a home Vitality Blast quarter-final (should the club qualify).
- Priority access to a home Vitality Blast semi-final (should the club qualify).
- Priority access and discount on selected non-matchday events at the Uptonsteel County Ground.

10% discount on club merchandise.

How to redeem

You can redeem one of three ways.

- Visit the club shop (Uptonsteel County Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, LE2 8EB)
- Phone 0116 283 2128

Email enquiries@leicestershireccc.co.uk

Parents/carers will need to supply:

- Child's name, school & date of birth.

Parent/carer's name, address, email address.

The deadline is **14th February**.



Years 5 and 6 Basketball Competition



Years 5 and 6 showed great skill and teamwork during the basketball competition @Gartreehigh.



Wellbeing Ambassadors



Our Wellbeing Ambassadors attended the @Islssp Conference today. They learnt a lot of new skills on how to support mental health in our school. They even met Filbert Fox!

Macbeth Workshop



Year 6 enjoyed the Macbeth workshop with Steve Skidmore. They had a great time role-playing and plotting against king Duncan!

Theatre Visit

Year 5 had an amazing time visiting the Curve Theatre to watch the magical West End production of THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE.

This will support their understanding of the book they will be reading in school.



Tabla Instrumental Tuition



Learn to Play Table with Bilu Neer who is one of the finest exponents of Indian classical music. A rare opportunity to learn under the banner of Leicestershire Music and develop your child's music skills through group tuition.

Suitable for Key stage 2 children. Please click on the link to register your interest :

<https://ukleicestershire.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1639#/Course/151/0/1297/1639signupSchoolID=1639#/Course/151/0/1297/1639>