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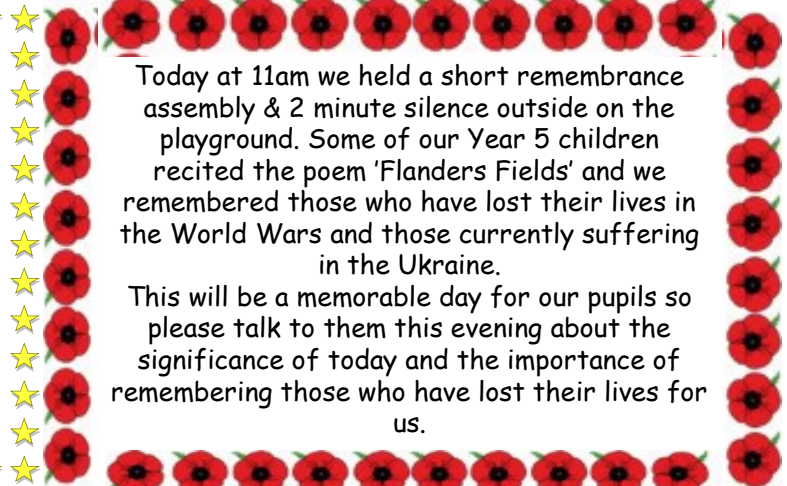
Friday 18th
November

Be

SPOTACULAR

and wear something spotty for children in need!

£1 donation payable via Parent Pay



Today at 11am we held a short remembrance assembly & 2 minute silence outside on the playground. Some of our Year 5 children recited the poem 'Flanders Fields' and we remembered those who have lost their lives in the World Wars and those currently suffering in the Ukraine.

This will be a memorable day for our pupils so please talk to them this evening about the significance of today and the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives for us.



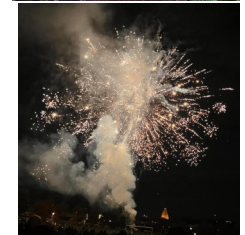
Brook Festival of light

Once again, thank you to all those that attended our firework evening - we raised just over an amazing £1400! The school council will be meeting next week to discuss how they would like to spend it.

We also wanted to say a huge thank you for the lovely messages and emails that we received about the event. They really do mean so much and make all the hard work worthwhile.

One member of our Brook family wrote:

'This was my 1st time attending an event at the school and I was very impressed by the obvious commitment by everyone involved to make it fun for the children and adults alike. I also felt there was a great sense of community which is so important in these uncertain times'.



Household support fund

We have been allocated some extra funding to support families & children experiencing financial difficulties. It is an extremely difficult time at the moment with the cost of living crisis & the strain of Christmas, we recognise that many of our families may be struggling. Please don't be embarrassed - we're here to help!

If this money isn't spent, we will have to hand it back to the local authority to support others so if it will help, please ask! Your request will be confidential & treated with respect & dignity.

HAF funding

The (HAF) holiday activities and food programme has provided support to children in receipt of free school meals through holiday periods. With the winter holidays fast approaching, we just wanted to send a reminder regarding the HAF provision for this period. Dudley has a wide range of activities on offer, from Santa hunts at the Black County Living Museum to festive yoga and winter wonderlands! All activities have food provided and are completely free. Families will be able to book activities from the 1st December.

If you believe you may be eligible for the HAF programme, as you entitled to free school meals but you didn't manage to register or if you struggled with the booking system, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Dudley team by email at info@dudleycvs.org.uk.



Holiday
Activities
and Food
Programme

CONGRATULATIONS!

Yesterday we held a celebration assembly to congratulate our new Head & Deputy Head boy's and girl's!

Head boy : Jack

Head girl : Amber

Deputy head boy : David

Deputy head girl : Emily

Congratulations and well done!

Can you help?



Brook Buddies are asking for donations for mugs - filled or empty, that they can use for the Christmas market!

They are also asking for role play / dressing up costumes!

If you have any mugs or costumes that you are able to donate, please either drop them to Buddies before or after school or bring them to the front office.

Thanks in advance - your help is really appreciated!



Online platforms

We have a variety of online platforms that your child can access at home including Google Classroom, TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed, Purple Mash and Number bots. Please check your child's reading record as their passwords should be at the back.



Google Classroom

wrap
up
warm

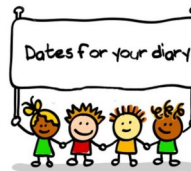


As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your children come to school in an appropriate coat, cardigan/jumper / fleece and maybe a hat, scarf and gloves!

Ofsted Parent View

We have now been back in school for two weeks and would like to say a huge thank you to all our pupils and parents for making a great start. We are keen to hear your views about school and would love you to share your positive comments with Ofsted. If you can spare 5 minutes, please complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire at the following website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Monday 5th December

9am—Year 2 & 2pm—Year 1
KS1 Christmas crafts

Wednesday 7th December

9:30 & 2pm

Reception nativity - Please see further details

Thursday 8th December

4pm—6pm

Christmas market

Friday 9th December

9:30am

Butterflies Christmas story

Monday 12th December

2pm

KS2 Christmas performance @ Wordsley church

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Thursday 15th December

Reindeer run!

Friday 16th December

Christmas parties!

Pupil achievements!



We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements and often tell you about things that our children out of school.

Today Mr Allen visited Year 5 to find Riley and his amazing DT project!

Year 5 have been learning about bridges and with the help of his Dad he has constructed his own drawbridge with lifting mechanism! He was even able to explain it all in detail. Well done!



Did you know you can raise money for our school just by doing your normal shopping?! So every time you shop, you can support our school—it really is that simple!

Just visit:

[Fundraising | Charity Fundraising Online | Easyfundraising](#)

to create an account and start the fundraising today!

Thousands of retailers will donate for free including...

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| ✓ Tesco | ✓ Argos | ✓ Sky |
| ✓ Boots | ✓ Just Eat | ✓ Currys |

Anti bullying week

Anti-Bullying week will take place from the 14th to 18th November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. **We would like to invite all children to wear odd socks on Monday to start our conversations about bullying and raise awareness.**

Unfortunately, Bullying does happen and whilst we would love to say that it doesn't exist at Brook, we know that it does, but we really want to do all that we can to stop it.

Bullying is a deliberate act which happens **repeatedly over time** to cause distress solely in order to give a feeling of power, status or other gratification to the bully. It can range from ostracising, name-calling, teasing, threats and extortion, through to physical assault on persons and/or their property. It is not a standalone incident, which can be dealt with swiftly.

Actions

We believe that bullies are not bad, but the behaviour they exhibit is not acceptable and we often have to put support in place to help the bully understand this. Bullying, either physical, verbal or cyber (mobile phones/social network websites), in or outside of the school grounds, will not be tolerated. It is everyone's responsibility to aim to prevent occurrences of bullying and to deal with any incidents quickly and effectively. It is also important that parents and children understand exactly what bullying is, to ensure when real incidents are reported, they can be dealt with effectively. It is vitally important that teachers listen to and act upon information given by children and/or parents.

If you believe that your child is being bullied...

Please reach out! We are here to help!

In the first instance, please raise your concerns with the class teacher so that they can put actions in place. If the problem persists, in line with our complaints policy you will be directed to the phase leader and then to a member of the Senior Leadership team so that a plan can be put in place.

Next week, we will be talking to the children about bullying and what they should do if they feel they are being bullied.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!



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Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... 6AH

Well done!

1ZH	Seth
1CR	Luna
2HD	Bethany
2EB	Isla
3WH	James
3RT	Eli
4AC	Samuel
4LF	Joseph
5C	Charlie
5HI	Amelia
6HT	Mieszko
6AH	Rhys

Attendance %
w/c 31/10/2022

4LF were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1ZH & 2HD were the highest in KS1.

Rec SD	94.64%
Rec H/W	98.97%
1CR	95.67%
1ZH	99.33%
2EB	95%
2HD	99.33%
3RT	95.60%
3W/H	96.25%
4AC	94%
4LF	98.62%
5C	97%
5HI	98.33%
6AH	94.48%
6HT	95%
School Total	96.68%
Target	96+%

PE at Brook



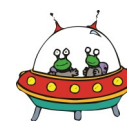
You may be aware that we have a new sports coach working with us this year, his name is Mr Benjamin! He has lots of ideas to help us keep our children active and informed about sport. He has organised a **WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKE**:

SWEEPSTAKE

As the World Cup is around the corner, each class have been given a football team from the World Cup. They will be decorating their classes, learning some information about the countries and supporting them during the competition. The winning class will be receiving a reward when it is all over. **GOOD LUCK!** Please speak to your child about their country!



Another initiative is **THE ALIEN CHALLENGE!**



Aliens have arrived at Brook Primary and they want you to know all about Sports! Mr Benjamin is challenging all children in KS2 to design a poster about their favourite sport and explain the rules, what equipment is used and their favourite team/players. The best posters will go up on our new PE board in the hall. Please encourage your child to get involved.



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.



Advanced notice of closure:
Thursday 8th December due to our Brook Christmas Market

