

Newsletter

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Can you help?

Back in December, we received the devastating news that one of our Year one pupils had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. We are pleased to report that he is currently bravely fighting and receiving the treatment that he needs to battle this disease.

He was very poorly when he was diagnosed and his cancer was very aggressive. For this reason, he will need a stem cell transplant in the next few months. He is currently having very intensive chemotherapy to get rid of as much of this disease as possible, but will need a transplant to stop it from returning.

Could you help by joining the Stem Cell & Bone Marrow registry. It's really quick and easy to join and all you need to do in the first instance is send off a swab from your cheek once you have received the kit. If you were a match for someone and were asked to be their donor, the procedure for donating your stem cells is straight forward and you'd continue with your everyday life afterwards. For the person receiving this transplant, it's literally lifesaving. You could potentially save someone's life. ❤️

Here are a few registries that you can join with:

<https://www.dkms.org.uk> (aged 17-55)

<https://www.anthonynolan.org/> (aged 16-30)

<https://www.bbmr.co.uk/joining-the-register/>

(you need to be registered to donate blood first)

Each registry has specific health criteria and list medical conditions that might prevent you from donating. Check their website for this information. Once registered, the organisation will contact you if you are a match for someone who needs stem cells or bone marrow.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

We will be celebrating
World Book Day on
Thursday 7th March!

We would love for our
children to be involved and
encourage them to dress
up as their favourite book
character.

We understand that this can be an extra
expense, so do not expect you to go out
and purchase an outfit; homemade ones are
welcomed!

Happy Retirement

We would like to wish
Mrs Bowater a very
happy and well deserved
retirement as she leaves
us today after almost 14
years!

We would like to thank
her for all her hard work
over the years!



We're wearing red for

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity



Thank You

Thank you for all those who got involved and donated to the Midlands Air Ambulance today! We will share the total amount raised as soon as the numbers are in!

We happily raised £104 when the Air Ambulance helipod came to visit us a couple of weeks ago and the children had a fantastic time exploring the pod and learning some valuable life saving skills!

If you'd like to get more involved and raise more much needed funds as well as getting the chance to show off your artistic skills then check out our in-school competition below!

This half term why not **design a poster** with information all about the essential life saving service the **Midlands Air Ambulance Charity** offer to encourage other people to donate to this worthy cause.

There will be a **£1 entrance fee** (all proceeds to the air ambulance) and the winner will not only receive a prize, but their poster will be displayed on the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity website as well as in the school foyer, on the school Facebook page and hopefully in local libraries!

All entries to be handed to the front office or class teachers by Wednesday 21st February with the winner to be announced the end of that week. Good luck everyone!



Wellbeing Corner

How to tackle anxiety—just say STOP!

Anxious thoughts are a common problem for parents and children alike - arising from school, work, relationships and uncertainty about the future. When these thoughts become frequent fixtures in the mind, it can lead to unhelpful coping mechanisms - like changing food habits, tantrums, or avoiding worrying situations - and even depression.

- If you recognise an anxious thought, interrupt it and command it to stop!
- Be firm and shout it in your head: STOP!
- Interrupting this thought is important, as we're stopping it from developing into a spiral of negative thinking and further anxiety.
- It's okay if the thought comes back. Interrupt it again!
- The more you practice this, the easier it will be and the longer the gaps between having these anxious thoughts.

Try this technique yourself, or, if your child is struggling with anxiety, you



Basket Ball Competition

Yesterday, Thursday 8th February, 11 pupils from Year Five and Year

Six took part in an interschool competition at Bramford Primary School. All schools played to a very high standard and the competition was strong. Ms. Tsang was very proud of the resilience show by all pupils at Brook who not only demonstrated our school values but showed great sportsmanship too. Well done to all players!





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Dudley Council needs new foster carers - have you got what it takes?

Fostering in Dudley offers a rewarding career, training, guidance and 24 hour support 365 days a year

Visit our website for more information and drop-in session dates

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call 01384 815833

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Dudley Fostering offers a rewarding career. 24 hour support, training and guidance 365 days a year

Dudley Council's fostering service is looking for new foster carers to provide homes for looked after children in the borough.

It's easy to find out more on our website www.fosteringindudley.org.uk or we're always happy to have a chat over the phone or at one of our drop in sessions.

The team is interested in hearing from anyone who has an interest in fostering children of any age, but in particular from people who would consider caring for teenagers, children with disabilities or those who could take more than one child so brothers and sisters can stay together.

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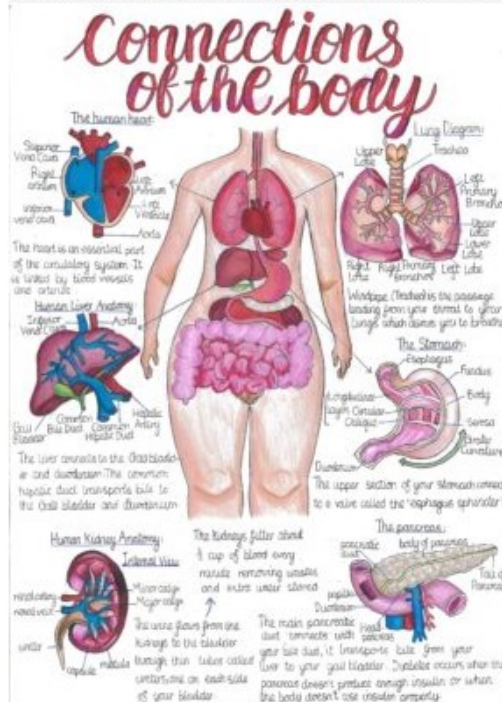


The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is open now!

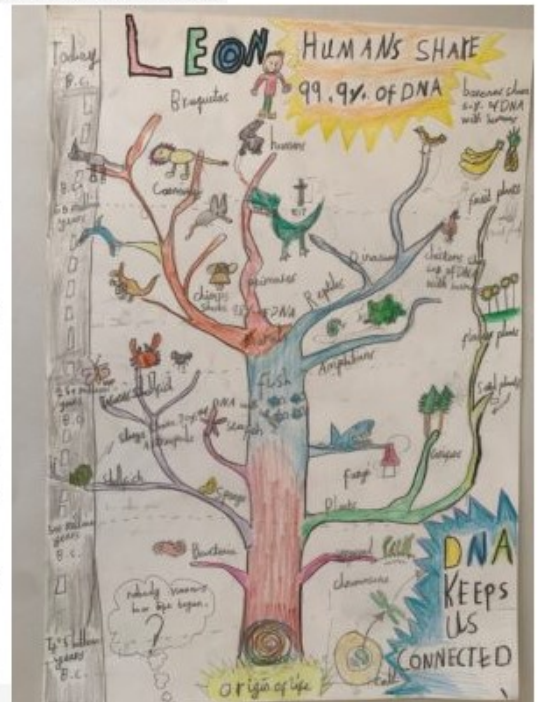
The theme this year is 'Time'! Pupils could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time; the advancement of time-telling technology; look to nature at topics such as lifecycles, lifespan, evolution or hibernation or even go futuristic to show us how they think the world might look in years to come. Judges will be looking for a **creative approach**, clear **content** (accurate information about a STEM topic) and a poster that is presented in an **engaging way**.

Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper and have the entrant's first name, age and class written on the back. Brook Primary can only select a maximum of five entries to be sent off. (Please note if you do not wish for pupil's name and age to be submitted to the competition then please make this clear on the entry and only the school name will be shared.) Entries will need to be submitted to Ms Tsang by Friday 8th March. Full t&c's can be found at [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

Take a look at the 2023 winners who had a theme of 'Connections'



2023 Junior winner -



2023 Infant winner

Living Eggs



Year 2 have had a wonderful few weeks watching the chicks hatch! We have fed and watered them daily and watched them grow stronger and stronger! They have now been sent to their new home at Sedgley Adventure Centre! Please feel free to visit them over the Spring period, perhaps during the Easter Holidays, where they will be kept in the blue sheds pictured!

Year 2 will miss them dearly! But we can't wait for updates from the farm!

Our chicks settling into their new home!



This is where our chicks will live when they are old enough to be housed outside!

Sedgley Adventure Centre's Facebook page. Please follow to keep updated!



Sedgley Adventure Centre

9.9K likes · 10K followers

We have a small holding petting farm, forestry fun woodland along with adventure mini golf

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2RT's chicks!

We are being inundated with daily complaints from residents about the parking and lack of respect from our parents. We are utterly ashamed to hear that when our parent's are being asked to move their car from blocking driveways, residents are being shouted at very disrespectfully and cars are refusing to move to allow residents to get on or off their own drive. We have also had reports of the bus been blocked from coming down the road for almost 15 minutes, just due to how cars have been parked on double yellow lines etc. Again, refusal to move even after the driver had asked. We are a community school and pride ourselves with displaying the value of respect but this is not being reflected in these circumstances. We need to respect our community and be role models for our children.



MMR vaccine clinics

Dudley:

Saturday 10 Feb	10am-3pm	Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, DY8 2AA
Tuesday 13 Feb	9am-2pm	War Memorial, Lye, DY9 8LF
Friday 16 Feb	9am-2pm	Dudley Market Place, High Street, DY1 1PQ
Saturday 17 Feb	10am-3pm	Halesowen Town Centre, Somers Square, B63 3AE

Sandwell:

Saturday 10 Feb	9am-3pm	West Bromwich Central Family Hub, Off Claypit Lane, West Bromwich B70 9EZ
Tuesday 13 Feb	9am-3pm	Tesco, Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DF
Thursday 15 Feb	9am-3pm	Tesco, 46 New Square, West Bromwich B70 7PR

Walsall:

Saturday 3 Feb	9am-3pm	Van outside Poundland Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, WS1 1PU
Monday 12 Feb	9am-3pm	Tesco, Silver Street, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 6DZ
Wednesday 14 Feb	9am-3pm	The Square, New Invention, Willenhall WV12 5EA
Thursday 15 Feb	9am-3pm	Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Rd, WS3 1LZ
Saturday 17 Feb	9am-2pm	Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, St Matthews Quarter, WS1 1PU

Wolverhampton:

Saturday 3 Feb	9.30am-2.30pm	Whitmore Reans Family Hub, Lansdowne Road, WV1 4AL
Monday 12 Feb	9am-2pm	Bilston Market, Pinfold Street, WV14 0DN
Wednesday 14 Feb	9am-3.30pm	Low Hill Family Hub, 26-28 Fourth Avenue, WV10 9LZ



For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

Has your child had their MMR vaccine?



Pop up vaccination clinics have been set up across the Black Country for all eligible children who are due or have missed a dose. Adults up to the age of 25 are also invited to come forward.

Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious complications such as severe lung infections and inflammation of the brain. It also damages and suppresses the whole immune system, meaning children can be left much more susceptible to catching other illnesses.

Symptoms of measles include:

- high temperature
- runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- rash, which usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes it starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body).



For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

Special Educational Needs and Disability

INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

Most children with an SEND need will have a **Plan, Do and Review** to support their needs?

Plan, Do and Reviews are a set number of targets decided by the class teacher (in conjunction with outside agency reports) to support your child's SEND needs.

Each target is usually worked on for approximately three weeks before reviewing and new targets set.

You can ask your class teacher about these.

Safeguarding

INFO CORNER

Drugs, alcohol and smoking:

Substance misuse means to regularly consume alcohol, drugs, or to smoke to make them feel better. Some people may use them to try to cope with their worries, however even in small quantities this can do the opposite and make you feel worse in the long run.

Once you start to take any of these substances you may find you crave them more and start to depend on them by taking them in larger quantities, and more frequently. It may feel like they are helping you at the time, but they could be causing your feelings to get worse such as encouraging depression, or for your body to weaken with damage to your liver, heart, stomach or brain.

Spelling Shed

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

The top class of the week is...5HI - Well done!

1R	-
1W	Thea
2C	Erin
2T	Lucas
3	Mia
3	Thomas
4D	Jensen
4F	Jameson
5I	Grayson
5P	Kaylon
6HT	Matilda
6AH	Amelia

Attendance:

29/01/24–02/02/24

6AH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2T were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	95.42%
Rec B	95.22%
1R	93%
1W	93.33%
2C	95.33%
2T	97.86%
3B	95.71%
3MH	90%
4D	97.04%
4F	95.19%
5I	94.67%
5P	97.86%
6AH	98.67%
6HT	93.67%
School Total	94.57%
Target	97%

February Half Term Workshops

Monday 12th - Friday 16th
10.30am

We invite you to join us at Lush Merryhill for a range of activities and bath bomb making!

£10 per person
Book in store now!

01384 480633
merry.hill@lush.co.uk

Thankyou to everyone who came in red clothing today, it was lovely to see a sea of red and really fitted the theme of the air ambulance, Chinese new year and



Midlands Air Ambulance Charity

valentines! Please don't forget to make the £1 donation via the following link to support raising funds for the air ambulance:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/brook-primary-1706738296260?newPage=true>

Thankyou for the previous donations from Key Stage 1 a few weeks ago when the air ambulance bought a helipod to school for the children to explore. We raised £104 for this life saving charity!



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please. These are available from Buddies or the main school office

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.