

6th March 2009

Brookside Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope you all received your test text yesterday (and the one notifying you that this newsletter could be found in your child's book bag or within your emails). If you have not received a text message could you please contact the school office (email, phone or letter), so that we can update your emergency contact details.

Comic Relief — Do Something Funny For Money!

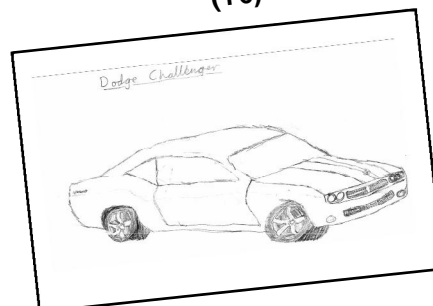
**COMIC
RELIEF**

Firstly, well done to all those children who dressed up as a favourite book character yesterday on World Book Day.

A week today, 13th March, is Comic Relief Day and another chance to dress up. This time the theme is **'I've just got out of bed and that's why I'm in my pyjamas and my hair's a mess!'**

The children will also have the chance to present a sketch or a performance before their class and the school. Can the children bring in a contribution on the day? Thanks.

Sam's
Dodge Challenger
(Y6)



Attendance and Punctuality

At Brookside we feel that good attendance and punctuality are vital to the learning needs, the development and the well-being of your child.

As such, we ask that you do everything that you can to ensure that your child, when fit and well, is in attendance and on time at 8:50 each morning. Can I also ask that during those occasions when your child is unavoidably absent you contact the school office as soon as possible?

Further details will be forthcoming with regard to holidays, repeated absence and authorised / unauthorised absences.

Last year we recognised excellent attendance from our pupils at the end of the year. We now feel that this is rather a long wait for the children to have their commitment and success celebrated and will, therefore, adopt a number of initiatives to recognise good attendance more routinely. We shall start next week with a collective one as week by week we celebrate the class with the most successful attendance record.

Target attendance is 95% of all sessions attended. This will allow for a two week authorised holiday or ten days of absence throughout the year for other reasons.

Finally, I do need to say thank you to you and well done to those children who always do their utmost to ensure attendance and punctuality are the very best that they can be.



Go-Gos

Periodically, there is a craze that sweeps through the playground. We are experiencing one at the moment. The focus of all the excitement (and expense on your part) are these troublesome characters, the Go-Gos.

I say troublesome because, very unfortunately, Go-Gos go missing. Sometimes they are traded for other Go-Gos, sometimes they just go missing.

I would hate to deny the children the pleasure that their collections of Go-Gos bring to them and, therefore, do not want to take the position of stating, 'No Go-Gos at Brookside'.

What I do have to say, however, is that it is very difficult for us to take responsibility for the toys. Untangling the disagreements that occur when they are swapped or traded is complicated and time consuming, trying to locate those that have gone missing even more so. May I suggest that only a few Go-Gos are brought to school at any one time and that the remainder of the collection remains safe at home?

Wooden Pallets

Does anyone have a wooden pallet in the garden ready to donate to the school? Or, does anyone have access to several pallets that could find their way to the school.

The Notts Wildlife Trust are helping us with a project to further develop our woodland area. Pallets that are safely stacked and then filled with a variety of materials, such as straw, bamboo canes and bark, make thriving habitats for insects and mini-beasts. These in turn attract larger feeders: hedgehogs, toads and birds.

If you have one or if you have several, let me know. Thanks.

Date For The Diary

9/10th March	Year 3/4 WW2 Production
13th March	Red Nose Day (Pyjamas)
20th March	BFG Coffee Morning
23rd March	INSET Day (School closed)
31st/1st March/ April	Parents Evening
3rd April	End of Term
20th April	Start of Summer Term

Year 4 Wood Working

The children in Year 4 designed and built wooden chairs, tables and benches.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the weekend,



Gary Kenny

Head Teacher