

# Brookside Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Brookside after our February half-term break.

## Hat for Haiti Day

It seems a while ago now, but well done to everyone for an outstanding response to our Hat For Haiti appeal. In total we raised an incredible £682. I can't remember raising anything like that sum in previous fundraisers.

The day started with a little magic as our buskers were scattered throughout the school and finished with a bustling cake stall and fun run/ football match. Hats of all shapes and colours too.

Well done to everyone for our collective achievement. The events of the day promoted a terrific sense of pride in our actions as a community here at Brookside.

## Ofsted Inspection

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ofsted inspectors visited Brookside for a full ofsted inspection. The inspectors looked at many aspects of the school and took into account the views of yourselves, the parent community, and the children.

The inspection was a very successful inspection, the team were able to recognise the strengths we, school and parents, feel we have that make Brookside such a valued place. The team were also supportive when sharing with us areas to develop and were delighted to see that we, as a school, already had the areas identified.

It was particularly rewarding to be recognised as outstanding with regard to the extent to which pupils feel safe, the healthy lifestyles that are promoted amongst our children and the lengths the school goes to in order to ensure that child protection and safeguarding procedures are in place.

The full report is either attached to this newsletter electronically or available as a paper copy from the school office (it will also be available from our school website and Ofsted's website). A letter addressed to the children from the lead inspector, Mr Declan McCauley, is also included. Thank you to all of you who responded to the parent questionnaire and thank you to all of you who made the time to chat with the inspectors after school.



We are selling cakes for Haiti  
We are wearing hats for Haiti  
We made a picture for Haiti  
We are sending money to Haiti.

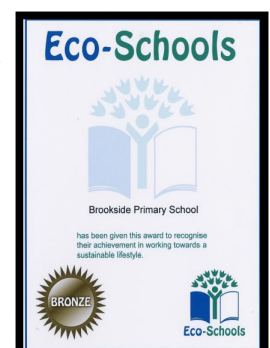
Zac and Marcus



## Eco School Status

The school and our children have embarked on a course of receiving recognition as an 'Eco School'. There are three stages to work towards: Bronze, Silver and then Gold.

I'm pleased to say that the first threshold has been crossed and we have received the bronze recognition. This is a consequence of the attitudes and actions our pupils have towards composting, growing their own vegetables, recycling and improving aspects of the outdoor environment. Well done to the children for their achievements as we press on towards silver status.



## **Midday Team**

We welcome Mrs Ann Pearce as a permanent member to our team of Midday Supervisors. Ann is parent to two of our children, Sarah and Nathan. Ann's appointment was made necessary due to Mrs Tracey White's resignation. Thanks go to Tracey for all her hard work and dedication to Brookside.

## **Crossing Patrol – Station Road**

I am informed by the county council's road safety team that school crossing patrol duties will resume on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Louise Hirst will be our permanent school crossing patrol person. Louise is also a parent to two of our children, Miles and Ben.

## **Parent Governor Elections**

Following the election of a new parent governor to Brookside's governing body, I am pleased to share with you the fact that Mrs Lisa Shaw, mother of two of our children Dylan and Neve, was successfully elected. A welcome from the school's governing body is forwarded to Lisa. Thank you to all of you for your participation.

## **World Book Week**

Next week is World Book Week. You will have received a letter from Mr Beharall, alongside a £1 book token for your child, notifying you of this. To launch World Book Week we have a live theatre production of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island scheduled for this afternoon. I'm sure it will have been an enjoyable event for all the children. Thanks go to the Brookside Fundraising Group (BFG) for allowing the production to take place.

## **Year 5 Project To Raise Funds For Residential Trip**

Our Year 5 children have been given the task of raising funds to make a contribution towards their Year 6 residential trip. A number of activities are in the pipeline including bag packing at Morrison's. A table top sale has been organised by the children for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. Children in Year 5 can hire a table to sell their goods and any contributions from parents will really be appreciated towards the cause.— Mr Paul Lowther

## **Sports Week**

Sports week has been changed to fit in with Notts County Council's initiative '4UTH', so will now occur during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July. Sports Day itself will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 p.m.

## **Support For A Former Pupil**

Luke Smith, a former pupil at Brookside School, is looking to raise money for a rugby trip to South Africa through an initiative known as 'Balls to Poverty'. He will coach in South Africa as well as engage in community improvement projects. Luke will be coming into school to work with Years 1-6 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March to do rugby coaching sessions with the children here at Brookside. Once again, any contributions to help Luke on his way would be very much appreciated.—Mr Paul Lowther

Thank you for your continuing support,

Gary Kenny  
Head Teacher