

Brookside Newsletter



Thursday, 13th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Y5/6 Timetravellers

This week, the children in Y5/6 treated the school and their parents to their spectacular time-traveling odyssey, *Jill & Fred's Most Hysterical Historical Journey*. Their stage performance took us from our modern-day digital age to Ancient Egypt, the Viking invasion, the court of Elizabeth I, a cane-swishing Victorian classroom, and the trenches of the First World War. A fabulous performance filled with moments of laughter, fun facts, reflection, and show-stopping songs.

Bravo to all the children in Y5 & 6, and to the staff team of Mr. Lead, Mrs. Birkett, Mr. Beharall, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Prickett, and Mrs. Welbourn.



Young Voices

Sixty-two children from Year 2 upwards sang in unison at the Birmingham Arena 'Young Voices' celebration. They joined a combined chorus of approximately 6,000 children, a live orchestra, professional singers, and stage choreography. Those parents who were lucky enough to attend will surely have been wowed by the occasion. It was a long day for children and staff, but all voices were magnificent!

Safer Internet Day

Today is Safer Internet Day. Please find attached a letter put together by all the head teachers within our family of schools. The letter will be shared this week across the school communities of Brookside, Lantern Lane, Millside, Gotham, Costock CofE, Normanton-on-Soar, and Sutton Bonington primary schools. It references experiences

across all of the schools with regard to children's access to mobile phones and social media.

Litter Picking Heroes

Our School Parliament and Eco Reps have been out and about in the village tidying away litter. These litter-picking heroes are making our community a better place. The tools for litter picking were purchased with the proceeds from the reps' cake sale earlier in the term. Thanks so much to our litter-picking team.



BFG – Brookside Fundraising Group

Massive thanks once again are extended to the committed team of parents who are part of our BFG. We are all so grateful for the opportunities and events they make happen and for all the valuable fundraising they achieve. This half-term, following the exceptionally busy run from Bonfire Night until Christmas, the BFG team hosted discos for our Y1/2s & Y3/4s and made refreshments available during the Y5/6 stage performances.

The BFG are hosting an evening in the school hall on Tuesday, 18th March. An invitation is extended to all of you – those of you that are happy to celebrate the activities of the BFG, as well as though of you that may have an interest in joining the team. Either way, all welcome! See the attached leaflet for further details.

OPAL Play Request

We are seeking more pallets (in good order and without broken boards) and builder's cable reels (any size). If you are able to acquire any, please let us know.

A Half-Term Visit to the Library

The team from East Leake Library is inviting all children and families to visit during the half-term break. Drop-in crafts will be available, as well as the usual welcoming space to hang out, read, or borrow books. Something worth keeping in mind for a rain-soaked day. Sunny days, too!

A reminder: Tomorrow is a school Inset day.

I hope all the children have an enjoyable half-term break and feel ready for our return to school on Monday, February 24th.

Thank you for your continuing support, *Gary Kenny* (Head Teacher)

