

Brookside Newsletter



Friday, 18th October 2024

Dear Parents,

It was so good to see so many of you during the parent evening meetings this week. For our newest children in the Foundation Unit it has been a happy period of settling into the start of school life. I'm sure our older children gave you many reasons to feel proud of their efforts and achievements as their school journey continues.

Well done to all our children for enthusiastically taking the opportunity to break the rules. Tattoos, cordial in water bottles, radical hair styles and branded football shirts – all outrageous misdemeanours but all contributing to the OPAL play experience.

Colour and costume was also evident during Hello Yellow on World Mental Health Day. Thank you to all our yellow-glowing rule-breakers!

Superkind – the Social Impact Schools Award



We are taking part in the SuperKind - Social Impact Schools Award to celebrate the amazing social actions that our school and our children take over the school year. As you know, social action is a key part of our school life - we know that by getting involved in things such as volunteering, campaigning and fundraising that children are growing themselves while also benefiting the world they live in.

To achieve the award, we will record the social impact actions of the school and the children across the year. These actions include activities such as making a poster, becoming a volunteer, writing a letter or sharing a donation. Our children have already made a successful start building their tally of social impact actions with their donations during Harvest and raising awareness during Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day.

Social impact actions can take place at home just as easily as at school. It can be anything from helping pick up litter on the streets outside your house, pledging to walk to school instead of driving, reducing reliance on single-use plastic or helping to plant a tree or spring bulbs in the garden. And of course, if your child does take social action while at home, encourage them to let us know so that we can log it (& celebrate the achievement!).



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Harvest & Framework

We received a mountain of generous donations during our Harvest celebration. Thank you so much to all of you. Lots of social impact awards dished out for all the donations. All items were immediately shipped to Framework's residential centre on London Road in Nottingham. All items were very gratefully received.

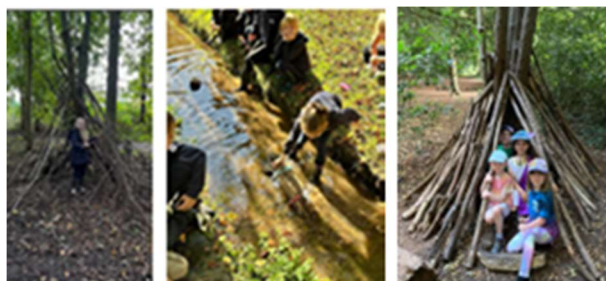
Woodland clearance

A massive thanks goes to the volunteers from amongst our parents, alongside a team from Cooper Parry, for spending a day clearing our pond, woodland area and planting areas. Things grow extremely well within our grounds and so routine clearance of bramble and pond weed is vital. There will be another call for volunteers during the springtime – all hands and clippers will be welcomed!



Sporting success for both of our football teams at the Rushcliffe Schools Football Tournaments. Our girls were narrowly pipped to the final within the 24-team tournament.

Y3/4 showed resolute character during all weathers as Forest School goes from strength to strength. Even on the days that weren't wet, they managed to get wet building rafts to sail in the brook!



Kandinsky inspired art using digital tech and traditional tech (paintbrushes) by our artists in Y1/2. Exhibition worthy!

Date for the diary: Monday, 18th November (school Inset day – 1st Aid training for all staff)

And finally, well done to all our children for the terrific start to the school year. The two weeks break are thoroughly well deserved. I look forward to seeing everyone on their return to school on Monday, 4th November.

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