

# Brookside Newsletter



Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the school year here at Brookside. I hope you and the children have had a wonderful and restful summer. It has been terrific to see the children return to school ready and enthusiastic for the school year ahead.

A particular welcome is extended to all our newest families and the children that have joined our Foundation classes this year. We are delighted that you and the children are now part of the Brookside community.

We also welcome Mr Shilton into his teaching role within KS1 (Y1-2) and KS2 (Y3-4), and Mrs Prickett into her role as teaching assistant.

## Year 6 Adventures at Robinwood

Our Year 6 children's return to school after the summer break began with the much anticipated residential to Robinwood in North Yorkshire. I was lucky to share the excitement of the three days with the children alongside Mrs Birkett, Mr Beharall and Mrs Hewitt. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and challenges they faced. After such active days (and staying awake way past lights-out), I'm certain they slept very well over the weekend. Thanks for such happy memories, Year 6!



## Labelling your child's clothes

I'm dreaming that this could be the school year in which we don't generate a mountain of lost property. It's a modest dream, I know...but a dream that can be realised. Please be advised to name and label **everything** (all items of uniform, jackets, lunchboxes, etc.). Following this, please check and re-check after **every wash** as biro/ Sharpie ink fades and iron-on labels lose their adhesion. Thank you for all your help in keeping lost property to its minimum.

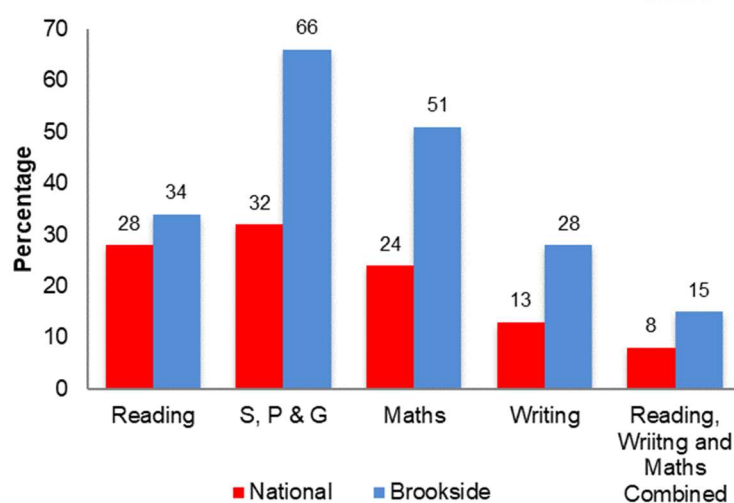
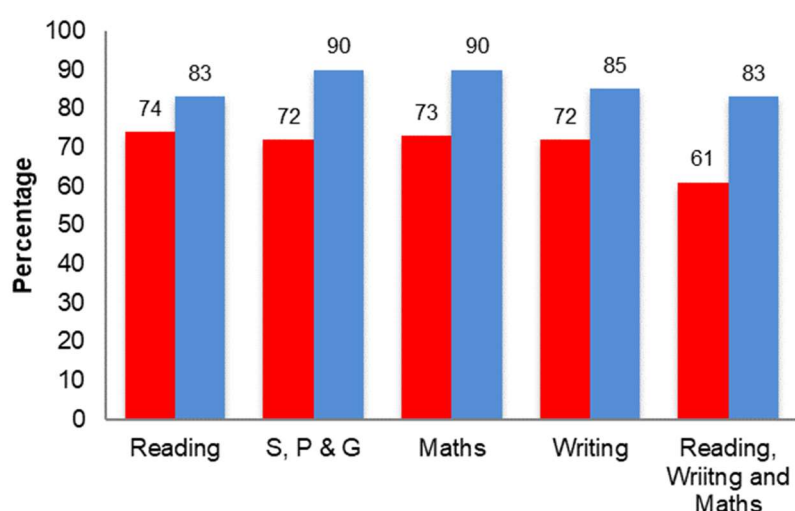
## Incredible Outcomes

I shared this information with you at the end of the summer term, but really good news is worth sharing twice. Across the school, our children have achieved astonishing learning

outcomes in all areas of the curriculum. There are various national screens, checks and tests that all schools must administer. Our children have significantly outscored all national expectations and achieved incredible outcomes in the Y1 phonics screening, Y4 MTC (multiplication tables check) and the Y6 SATs. We are incredibly proud of all our children and for the amazing teaching teams that lead the children's learning.

Here's some headline numbers worth celebrating:

- Most recent national figures state that 79% of pupils met the anticipated threshold in phonics. At Brookside, this figure is **93%**. That's a really pleasing tick for our children and teachers ✓
- Most recent national figures state that 29% of all pupils scored maximum marks in the Y4 MTC. At Brookside, this figure is a massive **62%**! Another happy tick ✓
- Regarding KS2 SATs – the first table (below) shows our outcomes compared to the national figures for % of children achieving the age expected level. (S,P&G is the test for spelling, punctuation & grammar.) The second table shows the % of children achieving the higher level. Our children outscore every national outcome – and, in many cases, by significant margins. Another ✓ and a gold star ★ for the incredible achievement of our children and teachers. We are so proud of all of you!



## Emergency Contact Information

Please check that the school has your most up-to-date emergency contact details. Should you or your child's circumstances change, or your child develops an allergy, please contact school so details may be updated.

## Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding of children is a priority for all of us at Brookside. We have three key members of staff trained as the school's 'Designated Persons for Child Protection'. These key staff members are:

**Mrs Rachel Clark      Mr Gary Kenny      Miss Nasia Pip**

We also have a designated governor for child protection:

**Mrs Reesha Armstead**

The school's policy on Child Protection is reviewed annually and is available from the school office and school website ([www.brooksideprimary.co.uk](http://www.brooksideprimary.co.uk)).

## Inset dates for the school year

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June

Please also find attached a series of calendar dates for the school year.

I'm looking forward with excitement to a year of learning and discovery here at Brookside. Thank you for your continuing support,

*Gary Kenny* (Head Teacher)

