



BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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February Newsletter

Dear Parents

We've had a bit of an update to the school website recently and you will now find the school term dates in the 'Parents' tab and the Calendar under the 'School Life' tab. I know these are often searched for by parents so I hope this pointer is helpful. I have to remind parents that I am not able to authorize holidays in term time due to guidelines which all schools are subject to. You will find further information around absence procedures in our Attendance policy on our website – also under the 'Parents' tab.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. As the Place2Be charity who organise this say, the more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way. At Brookside, we value children's mental health and our caring teaching and pastoral staff will always prioritise this.

Tomorrow we welcome British athlete Emily Ford to school with her inspirational story as an Olympic Bronze medallist in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Next week, we have 2 further events which are important to our children's personal development. The first is our Water Safety assembly next Tuesday and then on the Wednesday we welcome the NSPCC into school to deliver workshops on staying safe and healthy.

Next Friday (14th February), we are looking forward to holding a special 'Raf's Rainbow Day'. This will be an event for any children who would like to take part in order to raise money to support the family of a very poorly little boy in our Reception Class. Raf has been off school for a number of months with a serious medical condition. We would like our usual £1 donation for non-uniform day to be donated to Raf's family to support them at this challenging time. Children will be able to come in in a variety of colours in recognition of Raf's love of rainbows as they enjoy the last day of term. Thanks to Mrs Austin and Miss Loney for organising this.

Our Y5s would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Thursday 13th February (in a change from the originally published Friday 14th) at 9:15 to see them showcase their talents and present their learning journey so far this year. We hope to see as many of you there as possible! Children finish at 3:15pm on **Friday 14th February** (Nursery at 3pm) and return at 8:45am on **Monday 24th February** (9am for Nursery).

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

