



# DISNEY DAY

## AT THE

# FIREWORKS

Once again, thank you to all those that attended our spectacular firework evening - it truly was a brilliant event that we thoroughly enjoyed! We raised just over an amazing £1700! The school council will be meeting next week to discuss how they would like to spend it.



This year, Brook Primary wanted to celebrate '100 Years of Disney' as our theme. From Hot "Diggity!" Dogs to Miss Ford & Mr Chapman dressed as Aliens from Toy Story in the 'Disney Garden' - we transformed the school to get into the spirit!

Here are some of the best photos that really captures the night and if you would like to share some of your favorite moments from last night's event, please send them across to [info@brook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@brook.dudley.sch.uk) and we can display them alongside our Brook Community.

We hope to see you all again very soon for our fabulous Christmas market event in December!





Pupil achievements!



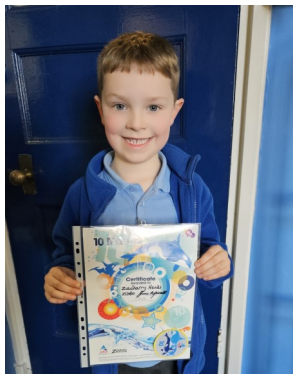
Well done to Bailey for achieving your Angelfish 1 award in swimming! This is a brilliant achievement Bailey, well done!



Well done to Holden to Payton for achieving their Stanley 4 award in swimming! This is a great achievement - well done boys!



Well done to Jenson for achieving your 200 meter swim badge! This is a brilliant achievement Jenson, well done!



Well done to Zachery for achieving your 10 meter swimming certificate! This is a great achievement Zachery, well done!



Friday 17th November

Be

**SPOTACULAR**

and wear something spotty for children in need!

**£1 donation payable via a dedicated link sent out on School Life**

As part of our fundraising activities for children in need we are hosting a Brook Bake Off.

Children can bring into school on **Friday 17th November** cakes they have made and decorated at home on the theme of Children in need. We will pick an Upper Key Stage 2, Lower Key Stage Two and Key Stage one winners. Entries cost £1 (payable in cash) so get baking.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**11 NOVEMBER**

Today at 11am we held a short remembrance assembly & 2 minute silence outside on the playground.

This will be a memorable day for our pupils so please talk to them this evening about the significance of today and the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives for us.

# Anti-Bullying Week

## WC 13.11.23



Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This is a brilliant way to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on Monday 13th November. All you have to do is come to school wearing completely odd socks on Monday! These can be as colourful, creative or as odd as you would like. There is no requirement for anyone to make a donation to participate, we just want to see some odd socks!



## Competition time!

To help celebrate what makes you unique, we would like you to design your own pair of odd socks! You can either use the template given or just draw your own. All entries need to be brought into to the school office or send a picture of them to

[info@brook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@brook.dudley.sch.uk).

Mrs Taylor will look at the odd sock entries and chose a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. This will be judged on creativity, colour and uniqueness! The winning entries will receive their very own pair of odd socks!



This certificate certifies that

**Brook Primary School**

is committed to making a noise to help us stop bullying this **Anti-Bullying Week 2023**

Signed:

Martha Evans  
Director of the Anti-Bullying Alliance

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**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

ORGANISER



**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU**  
Part of the family



# Updates from the School Council

On Friday 27th October, our School Council met with local MP Mike Wood and local Councillor Adam Davies. We asked them a range of questions and spoke to them about how they can support our school and community events. We offered our support and volunteered to do a litter pick in the local area.



## Brook Fireworks

To help with our Brook Bonfire on Thursday 9th November, Year 3 & 4 helped to make sweet bags. This was a very fun way of supporting the school and our fantastic event. However, it was very tempting not to eat the sweets!

## BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Earlier this term we asked for contributions towards the Black Country Foodbank, to help us celebrate Harvest. We would like to thank you for your generosity as we received lots of thoughtful donations. Our Year 5 & 6 School Councillors took the donations to the Black Country Foodbank on Wednesday 8th November.

During our visit to the Foodbank, we had a tour and learnt some incredible facts. We saw how the public donations are processed, stored and sent out to families in a crisis. Did you know...

- ◆ All the donations of food and toiletries come from local churches, schools, individuals and local shops.
- ◆ The Black Country Foodbank began from a dining room table!
- ◆ The food parcels contain a variety of tinned and packaged food.
- ◆ Toiletries and household items such as toilet roll and cleaning products can be asked for.

Although everyone's donations help people out, the Black Country Foodbank have seen a huge increase in families needing to use the service. Over the last few years, the numbers have increased from around 500 families using the service, to a staggering half a million families over the whole of the Black Country. With this in mind, we would encourage you to continue donating as much as you can to this amazing charity. Donations can be made directly to the Foodbank in Brierley Hill, or placed in the donation boxes/ trolleys in supermarkets.

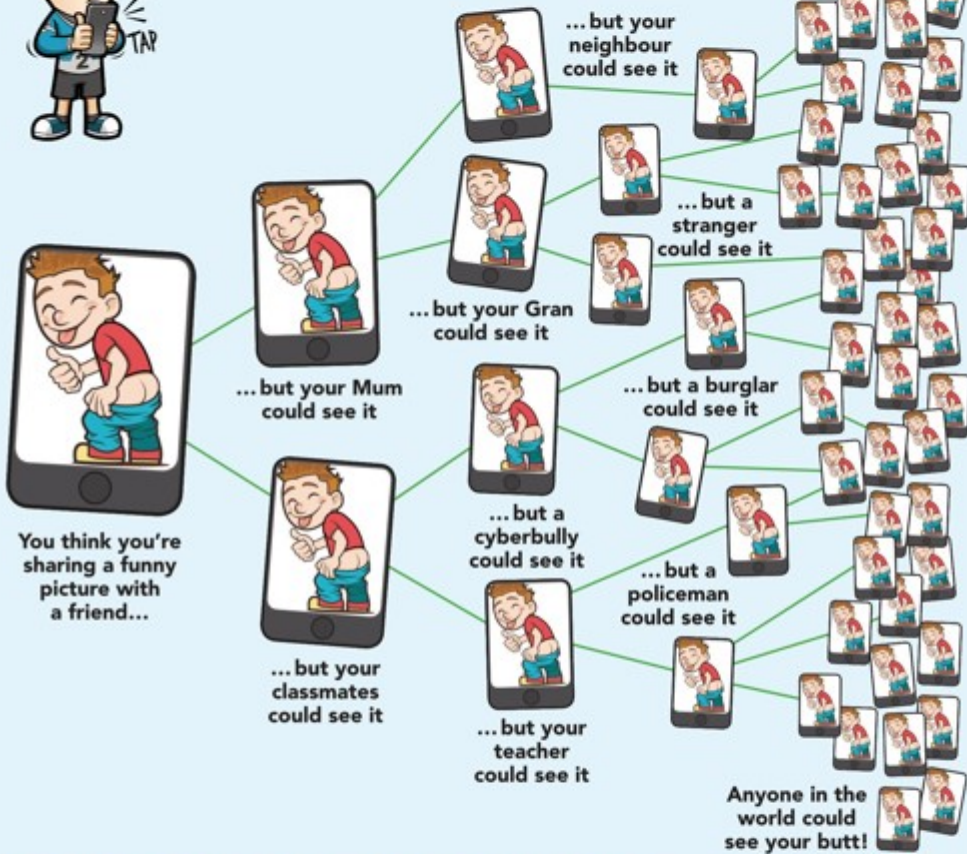




## Parent Guides to Online Safety



**THINK before you send!**



You think you're sharing a funny picture with a friend...

### If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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## Wellbeing Corner

### What causes anxiety?

"Anxiety evolved to protect us. It's generated by our primal brain, which has the job of keeping us safe and out of danger. Our primal brain constantly scans for danger and as soon as it detects a threat, it floods us with adrenaline, creating physical symptoms such as dizziness, sweating, trembling, nausea and more. This causes the fight/flight/freeze response that people experience when suffering from acute anxiety.

"If we're in life-threatening danger we need these automatic reactions. Thankfully most of the time we don't need them, but they can easily kick in - causing anxiety, distress and negatively impacting our life."



### Safeguarding

#### INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

At Brook Primary, we are very lucky to have **SIX Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)** on site?

**Miss S Nicklin**

**Mrs M Fellows**

**Mr M Allen—who is also PREVENT lead**

**Mrs J Crump**

**Miss H Didlock**

**Mrs R Taylor**

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, both can be contacted through school via either

The school phone number: **01384 389888** or

The School email address: **info@brook.dudley.sch.uk**

We look forward to hearing from you

### Special Educational Needs and Disability

#### INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

At Brook Primary, we are very lucky to have **TWO SENDCO's** on site?

**Miss S Nicklin and Miss J Walters**

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We have now been back in school for a week and would like to say a huge thank you to all our pupils and parents for making a great start.

We are keen to hear your views about school and would love you to share your positive comments with Ofsted.

If you can spare 5 minutes, please complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire at the following website:  
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

October's **WOW Top Ten challenge** is finished! We were delighted to see Brook Primary, second on the WOW Travel Tracker and a big thank you to all the families that have travelled to school actively. Let's keep this up!



wrap  
up  
warm

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your children come to school in an appropriate coat, cardigan/ jumper / fleece and maybe a hat, scarf and gloves!

**Attendance %  
w/c 23/10/2023**

**3MH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1W were the highest in KS1.**

**Well Done!**

Rec D	94%
Rec B	92.17%
1R	96%
1W	98.28%
2C	95%
2T	97%
3B	98.93%
3MH	100%
4D	94.62%
4F	96.40%
5I	95.67%
5P	94.67%
6AH	98.97%
6HT	89.67%
School Total	<b>95.88%</b>
Target	97%



# Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

**Breakfast club:**

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

**Afterschool club:**

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

**All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.**

**Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)**

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

**Buddies parents please note:**

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.



**Advanced notice of closure:**  
**Tuesday 19th December due to our Brook Christmas Market**

