



PENWORTHAM BROAD OAK PRIMARY



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WELCOME TO OUR

FRIDAY Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and busy week we have had across school!

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who represented our school brilliantly at the inter-school cricket competition.

Our Year 2 children have now successfully completed their Right Start road safety training. They have learned important skills for staying safe near roads and can now cross sensibly and confidently. We are very proud of the mature attitude they showed throughout their training.

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting day at Hutton Grammar School, where they experienced what a typical day at high school might be like. The visit gave them a valuable insight into secondary school life and has helped them begin to think about the next stage of their educational journey. Year 5 have also completed their final Bikeability session, developing important cycling skills and road awareness that will help keep them safe when travelling independently.

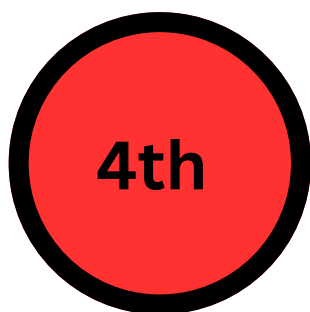
The sound of music has certainly been filling the corridors recently! Our Rocksteady bands have been busy rehearsing and putting the finishing touches to their performances ahead of their concert next Wednesday morning. We are all looking forward to seeing their hard work pay off.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard rehearsing their end-of-year production. They are excited to perform their dress rehearsal to the whole school next week before taking to the stage for their final performance to their nearest and dearest next Wednesday afternoon. We cannot wait to see all of their hard work come together.

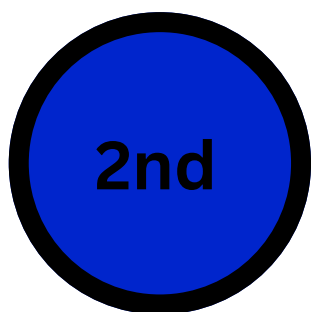
Finally, thank you to our wonderful Year 1 children, who hosted a cake sale at Friday breaktime. The event raised money for a charity linked to their recent learning in RE and was a great success. We are very proud of their kindness, generosity and enthusiasm in supporting others.

As we move towards the end of the school year, it has been wonderful to see so many different year groups enjoying new experiences, developing new skills and making us proud both in and out of the classroom.

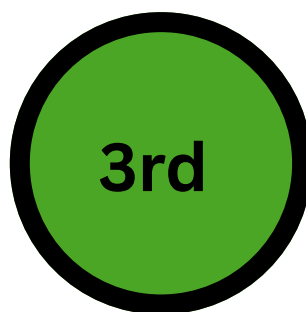
Warm regards,
Miss Meredith



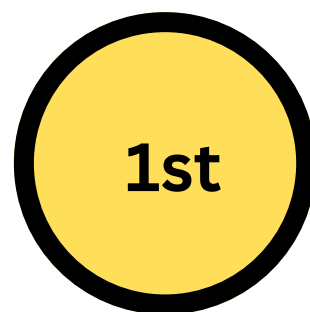
Ash



Beech



Chestnut



Sycamore

TEAM POINTS

Winning team - Sycamore

Winning year group - Year 6 Beech

Our team points system is a great way to celebrate positive behaviour, effort, and achievement across the school. Children earn points for their team by demonstrating our school values, working hard, and supporting others. These points are collected throughout the week, and at the end of each week we celebrate both a winning team and a winning year group, recognising the fantastic contributions and teamwork shown by our pupils.

Student Achievements

Celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our Broad Oak students.



Weekly certificate

R - George

1 - Penny

2 - Alfie

3 - Lloyd & Ava H

**4 - Leo F, Cameron,
Jayden**

5 - Whole class

6 - Angus

Weekly attendance

Good attendance is extremely important as it helps children make the most of every learning opportunity and build strong routines. Being in school every day supports progress, confidence, and friendships, giving every child the best chance to succeed.

Reception - 88.46

year 1 - 95.69

year 2 - 96.50

year 3 - 92.08

year 4 - 96.98

year 5 - 89.58

year 6 - 98.28

Golden Rules

R Alfie

1 Piper

2 Bell

3 Ava Marie

4 Laura

5 Whole class

6 Olivia

Swimmer of the week

o **Year 2 -Slenna**

o **Year 3 Ava-Marie**

Each week, we celebrate our pupils' efforts and achievements in a variety of ways. Every teacher selects a child from their class to receive a special certificate for going above and beyond in their learning or behaviour. We also recognise our Swimmer of the Week, award a trophy to the class with the highest attendance, and present a certificate to a child who has demonstrated our focus golden rule. These awards help us acknowledge and celebrate the many different ways our children shine every day.

Important dates

Summer term 2

Tuesday 9th June - EYFS Smithills trip
Saturday 13th June - Penwortham Gala
Monday 15th June- Wednesday 17th June - Year 6 Robin Wood
Friday 19th June - MP visiting school
Monday 22nd June - SPORTS WEEK - See poster below
Monday 22nd June - Sports day - KS2 AM and EYFS KS1 PM
Tuesday 23rd June - Year 6 Cricket competition
Monday 29th June - Wednesday 1st July - Year 3 & 4 Crosby Hall
Thursday 2nd July - Year 6 High school transition day
Friday 3rd July - Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 8th July - Year 5 high school taster day at Hutton Grammar
Meet your new teacher and classroom for September! - 330pm
Friday 10th July - Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 13th July - Broad Oaks Got Talent
Monday 13th July - School disco
Wednesday 15th July (Morning) - Rock steady concert
Wednesday 15th July (Afternoon) - Year 6 play to parents
Friday 17th July - Awards assembly (by invitation)
Monday 20th July - Last Day of term!



Other news...

Classes for next year are:

Little Acorns Pre-school - Mrs Bush and Mrs Lawless

Reception - Mrs Bentham and Mrs Allen

Year 1 - Miss Chambers and Mrs Rostron

Year 2 - Mrs Sutton and Mrs Bush

Year 3 - Mrs Sheffield and Mr Bromley

Year 4 - Miss Newton

Year 5 - Miss Meredith and Mr Bromley

Year 6 - Mrs Benton and Mr Bromley

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing families together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.



Smartphones were never designed with kids in mind – but they've reshaped childhood faster than any technology in history.

Many families wish there was another way, but delaying smartphones when all your children's friends have them, can feel impossible.

That's why Smartphone Free Childhood exists. We help families delay smartphones and social media together – building community, sharing support, and changing culture.

How you can get involved



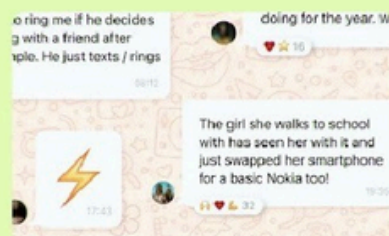
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Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay



Join on WhatsApp

Connect with like minded local parents for solidarity & support



Build local momentum

Become an SFC School Organiser and start creating local change



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