

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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SPLASH, DIG, EXPLORE!

Whatever the weather, there's always an adventure at Brockley!

Brockley OPAL Adventures

Play • Learn • Be Active • Be Outside • Be Happy

Autumn and winter bring wetter weather, muddy adventures and lots of outdoor fun!

Rainy days don't stop our adventures!

I love splashing in puddles!

I'm ready to dig and discover!

Gloves help me when I'm gardening and digging!

EXPLORE
CREATE
INVESTIGATE
PLAY
TOGETHER

Outdoor play helps us to:

- ♥ Be healthy
- ♥ Be curious
- ♥ Be creative
- ♥ Build friendships
- ♥ Feel good!

PLEASE BRING (WHERE POSSIBLE)



Waterproof coat



Wellington boots



A spare set of clothes



Gardening gloves
(for those who enjoy digging)

These can be left at school so children are always ready for outdoor play, whatever the weather.

Small preparations make a **BIG** difference!

Being outdoors helps us learn, play and stay happy!

MUDDY CHILDREN ARE HAPPY CHILDREN!

- ✓ Same clothes
- ✓ Same smiles
- ✓ Bigger adventures!



Explore



Play



Discover



Learn



Grow



Outdoor Play
for Brighter Futures

BROCKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our best is good enough



Kind Children
Stronger Communities

Update for Parents:



New Information Sharing Duty to Strengthen Safeguarding

At Brockley Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our children always comes first. We wanted to make parents aware of a new statutory Information Sharing Duty that came into force on 30 September 2026 as part of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

The purpose of this new duty is to give schools, health services, police, local authorities and other safeguarding professionals greater confidence and clarity when sharing information that may help to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

What this means in practice is that, where there are concerns about a child's welfare, organisations are expected to share relevant information more effectively when doing so could help:

- assess a child's needs or risks;
- make safeguarding and welfare decisions;
- provide support;
- take action to keep children safe; or
- promote a child's wellbeing.

Importantly, the new duty does not mean that a child's full safeguarding record will automatically be shared whenever information is requested. Schools must continue to carefully consider what information is relevant, necessary and proportionate for the specific purpose, and all information-sharing decisions must be properly recorded.

Parents can be reassured that:

- Data protection law continues to apply.
- Information will only be shared where there is a lawful basis to do so.
- Professional judgement remains essential.
- Schools must maintain clear records of any information that is shared or withheld.

At Brockley, we welcome this clarification as it strengthens our ability to work effectively with other agencies to ensure children receive the right support at the right time, whilst continuing to handle personal information carefully, lawfully and securely.

For further information, parents can refer to the Government's statutory guidance on information sharing and safeguarding.

[DfE stat guidance template](#)



Information Sharing Duty

**Statutory guidance for safeguarding
organisations and their practitioners**

*A guide to information sharing in the interests of safeguarding and
promoting the welfare of children, pursuant to s16LA of the Children
Act 2004*

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Online Safety: It's About More Than Filters



When many people think about online safety, they think about filters, screen time limits and parental controls. While these tools are important, they are only one part of keeping children safe online.

The reality is that the greatest online risks often come not from the technology itself, but from the people who use it. Criminals and those who seek to exploit children are increasingly sophisticated in the ways they operate. They use popular games, social media platforms, messaging apps and online communities to make contact with young people, build trust and gather personal information.

Children are often targeted because they are naturally curious, trusting and eager to make new friends. Online criminals know this. They may pretend to be another child, offer gifts or rewards, encourage secrecy, or attempt to move conversations onto private platforms. In some cases, they seek financial information. In others, they may try to manipulate or exploit young people in far more serious ways.

No filter can stop every threat. Even the strongest safety settings cannot replace regular conversations between children and trusted adults. The most effective protection remains helping children to recognise warning signs, think critically about what they see online and feel confident reporting anything that makes them uncomfortable.

At Brockley, we teach pupils that they should:

- Never share personal information online.
- Be cautious of people they only know through the internet.
- Tell a trusted adult if something does not feel right.
- Remember that not everyone online is who they claim to be.
- Never feel pressured to keep online conversations secret.

We would encourage all families to take time to talk together about online experiences, games, social media and messaging apps. Asking children what they are doing online and who they are talking to can be just as important as checking privacy settings.

The internet offers incredible opportunities for learning, creativity and connection. However, we must also recognise that there are individuals who actively target children online. By working together, developing children's digital awareness and maintaining open conversations, we can help ensure that they enjoy the benefits of technology safely and confidently.

Online safety is not just about blocking harmful content. It is about equipping children with the knowledge, confidence and judgement to navigate a digital world where not everyone has good intentions.



ONLINE SAFETY IS MORE THAN FILTERS!

Be smart. Be safe. Speak up.

SAME KINDNESS ONLINE AS OFFLINE

Someone I don't know wants to chat with me online...

Trust me! I'm your age!

Remember: People online can pretend to be someone they are not.

You've won a brand-new tablet! Just tell me your details!

FREE PRIZE!

Never share personal information online.

Filters help... but I use my brain too!

Not everyone online is who they say they are.

If something feels wrong, tell a trusted adult straight away!

You can always talk to me.

Click here for a secret surprise!

Don't click links unless a trusted adult says it's safe.

STAY SAFE ONLINE

THE BROCKLEY ONLINE SAFETY RULES

- Keep personal information private.
- Think before you click.
- Be kind online.
- Tell an adult if you are worried.
- Not everyone online is who they say they are.

The internet is an amazing place to learn, create and connect. Let's keep it safe together!

REAL SUPERPOWERS ONLINE: THINK STOP SPEAK UP

At Brockley, staying safe online starts with talking to trusted adults.

Black History Month at Brockley Primary School

Celebrating the Past, Inspiring the Future

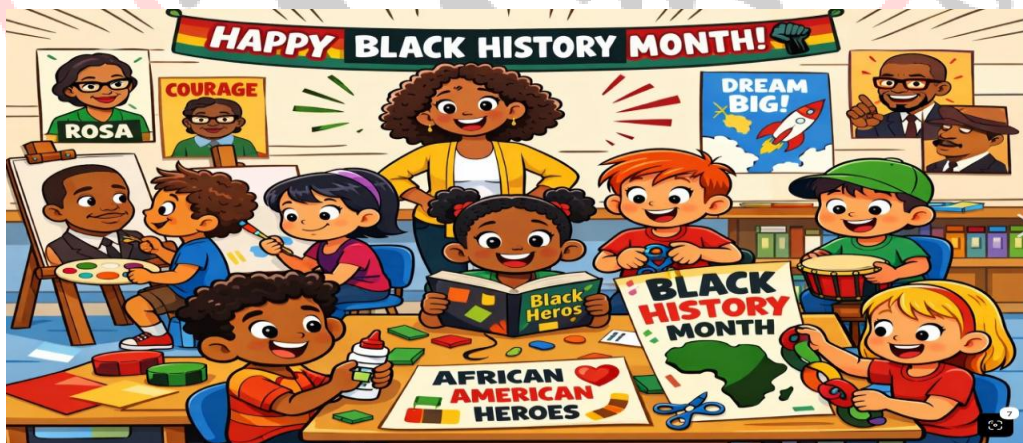
Throughout October, Brockley Primary School will be celebrating Black History Month, a time to recognise, learn about and honour the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black people throughout history and in the present day.

Black History Month is not just about looking back at the past. It is about helping children understand how people from different backgrounds have shaped the world we live in today through courage, creativity, leadership, science, sport, literature, music, politics and acts of kindness. It also encourages us to think about fairness, equality, inclusion and respect for everyone.

During the month, pupils will explore the lives and achievements of inspiring individuals, including scientists, inventors, artists, athletes, authors and leaders whose determination and talents have made a lasting difference. Children will discuss themes such as resilience, belonging, identity and equality, helping them to understand how celebrating diversity makes our school and our communities stronger.

At Brockley, we believe that every child should see themselves reflected in the world around them and recognise that great achievements are possible for everyone. Through stories, art, music, assemblies and classroom activities, pupils will discover that our differences are something to celebrate and that everyone has a role to play in building a kinder and more inclusive society.

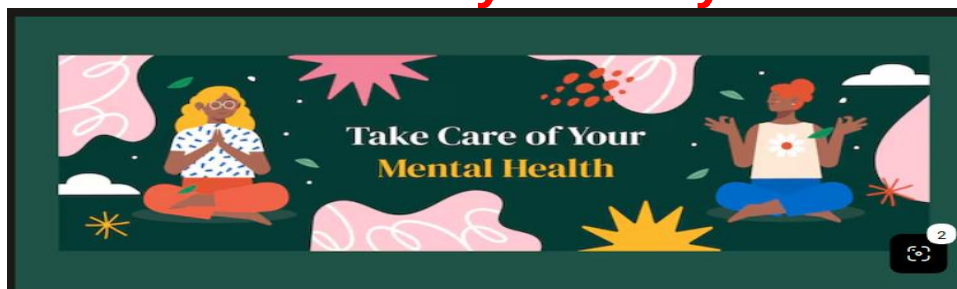
We look forward to sharing the children's learning and celebrating the many people who have helped shape our world.



[Black History Month | History | KS2 | Ages 7-11 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Primary School Resources - Black History Month 2026](#)

World Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October



At Brockley Primary School, we believe that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. On Friday 9th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day by celebrating what makes each of us unique and encouraging children to feel confident in being themselves.

To help us celebrate, children are invited to come to school wearing clothing or accessories that reflects their personality, interests, talents or things they enjoy. This might be a favourite football shirt, a colourful hair accessory, a musical-themed costume, being a superhero, a book character badge, or something else that helps express who they are.

Our aim is to promote positive wellbeing, self-esteem and belonging by recognising that every child is an individual with their own strengths, interests and qualities. Throughout the day, children will take part in activities designed to help them explore emotions, celebrate differences, build resilience and understand the importance of talking about mental health.

We kindly ask that all clothing and accessories remain safe, comfortable and appropriate for school. Items should not compromise safety during lessons, playtimes or PE activities, and children should still be prepared for the weather and a normal day of learning.

At Brockley, we want every child to know that:

- ♥ It is okay to be different.
- ♥ It is okay to talk about feelings.
- ♥ Everyone belongs.
- ♥ Everyone matters.
- ♥ Being yourself is something to celebrate.

We look forward to seeing the many wonderful ways our children choose to express their personalities and helping them understand that good mental health begins with feeling valued, accepted and connected to others.

Together, we learn. Together, we belong. Together, we inspire.

If you need further information please visit: [Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | Young Minds](#)