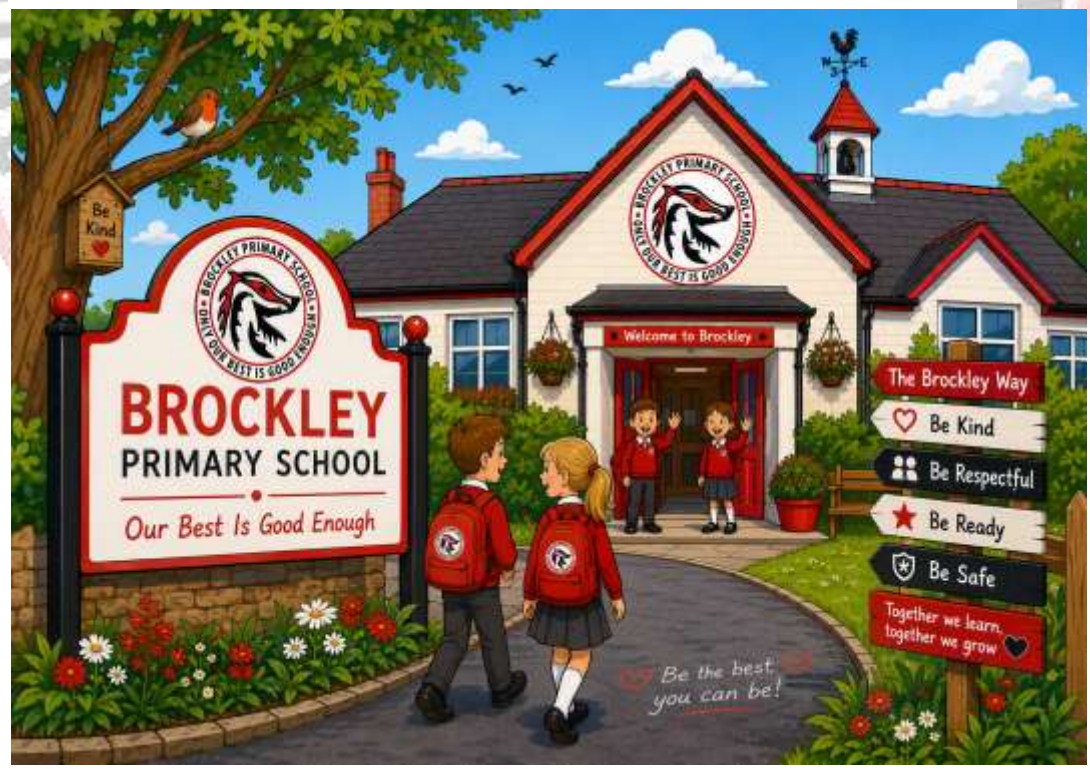
Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance Update: Week Ending 6th November

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance and punctuality this week.

Attendance remains one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their very best. Every day in school matters, and arriving on time ensures children are settled, ready to learn and able to make the most of every lesson.

This Week's Attendance Figures

Total Pupils: 123

Overall Attendance: 93.6%

Authorised Absence: 4.2%

Unauthorised Absence: 2.3%

Late Arrivals: 1.3%

Why Attendance Matters

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- **Feel happy and settled in school.**
- **Build strong friendships.**
- **Make good academic progress.**
- **Develop confidence and resilience.**
- **Be fully involved in school events, trips and activities.**



Remembrance at Brockley

As we enter the Remembrance period, Royal British Legion poppies and remembrance items will be available to purchase at playtimes until 11th November. Children are welcome to bring money into school if they wish to purchase an item. A donation of around £1 is recommended, although all donations are gratefully received.

On 11th November, Lion Class will lead our annual Remembrance Service. The service will take place outside beneath the memorial plaques that honour those from Shuttlewood who lost their lives during conflicts. The service will begin at 10:45am and will provide an opportunity for our school community to reflect, remember and show respect.

In Flanders Fields — John McCrae (1915)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Online Safety Corner: Is It Really for Children?

At Brockley, we regularly talk to children about staying safe online. Through these conversations, we are increasingly hearing pupils discuss platforms such as TikTok, Roblox, Snapchat and other social media or gaming apps that are not always appropriate for primary-aged children.

Many of these platforms have age restrictions of 13+ and can expose children to content, language, conversations or advertising that is not designed for younger users.

"But it's just a game..."

Whilst games such as Roblox can provide creative and social opportunities, they can also include user-generated content, online chat features and experiences that are difficult to monitor fully.

"It's only TikTok..."

Short-form videos can quickly expose children to content that may be frightening, inappropriate or misleading, even when children are not actively searching for it.

Even YouTube Kids needs supervision

Many parents are surprised to learn that children sometimes encounter clips, characters or themes linked to horror films, scary stories and age-inappropriate content on YouTube Kids. Whilst the platform includes safeguards, no filtering system is perfect and adult supervision remains essential.



Firework and Sparkler Safety



Please think twice about using fireworks at home. If you must have fireworks at home, plan carefully and follow the Firework Code.

Fireworks are explosives and should be treated with respect. Misusing fireworks can lead to serious and permanent injury, including the loss of fingers, serious burns and even sight loss. If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice:

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



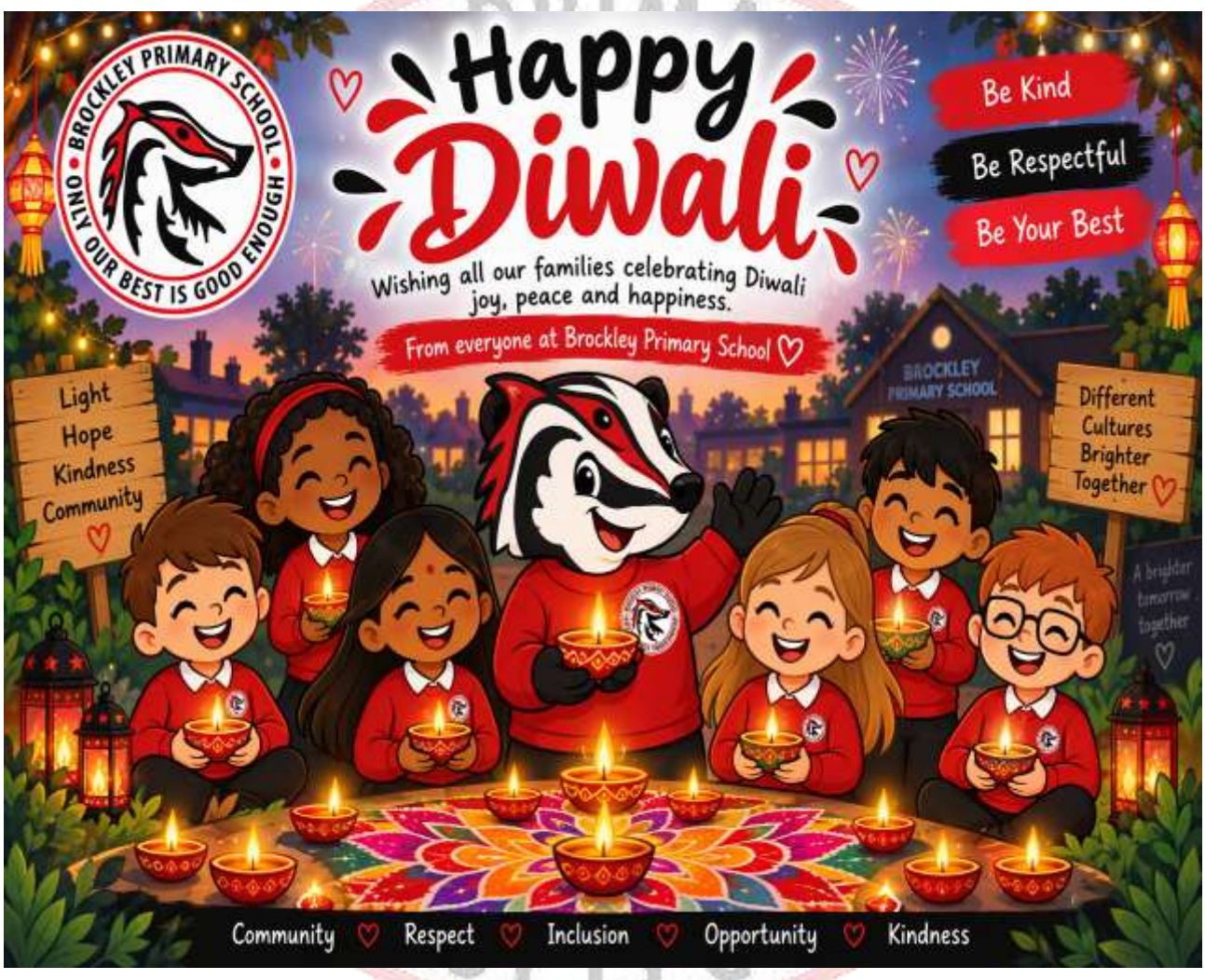
Sparkler Safety

Did you know that sparklers burns at 2000 degrees, that’s 20 times hotter than boiling water! If you're using sparklers, please follow these safety tips:

- Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to children under the age of 5, they will not understand how to use them safely
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand
- Put finished sparklers into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out as they can stay hot for a long time
- Always supervise children using sparklers

- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes - they may catch light
- Show children how to hold sparklers - away from their body and at arm's length
- Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while

Happy Diwali



Wishing all our families a very Happy Diwali.

To celebrate this special festival, children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have created their own beautiful diva lamps.

During today's Celebration Assembly, we joined together to sing Happy Diwali and proudly held our lamps as we reflected on the meaning of the Festival of Lights and the values of hope, kindness and togetherness.

Children In Need

Friday 13th November

Please note this is a child only event

