



Brockley Primary School Newsletter

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The Brockley Way – ‘Only my best is good enough’

Attendance Matters – Our Responsibilities

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this week is 91.82%

| Attendance Band | Class Performance |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Zebra | 95.43% |
| Monkey | 96.66% |
| Giraffe | 94.98% |
| Elephant | 82.24% |
| Lion | 89.58% |

Important Reminder

We cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days) will be referred to the Local Authority and may result in a fine.

School Contact Information



Report Absences or Ask Questions: 01246-823344

Website: <http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk>

General Enquiries: info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Website: www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Calendar: [Calendar - Brockley Primary School](#)

Headteacher:

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding:

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Facebook Page: [Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Info: <https://www.ddscp.org.uk>



OPAL SCHOOL REMINDER



We are extremely proud to be a Gold OPAL School. **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme** is endorsed and supported by Sport England and runs in hundreds of schools across the UK. We wanted to remind you of the kind of play that Brockley children take part in every day.

The kind of play you will see at our school:

- Creative and open-ended ways to play outside with upcycled materials and natural loose parts.
- Opportunities for children to take responsibility for their play.
- Outdoor play in all weather and all seasons.
- Risk-benefit approach to supervision which allows children to experience managing risk in their play.

The kind of approaches the school will be taking to play:

- **We supervise and support play that is challenging, creative, and child-led;** we supervise play with an understanding of respect, trust, and support for children.
- **Play is a right not a privilege;** we protect all children's right to play and ensure that playtimes and access to the outdoors is not a privilege.
- **We play in rain, snow, mud and sunshine;** we promote all weather play.

Because we promote all weather play and therefore, as we enter the colder, wetter seasons it is essential that your child has a pair of wellies in school. Please ensure your child brings a pair of wellies with their name clearly labelled. If you cannot provide wellies, we do have some available in school, please let your child's class teacher know.

Waterproofs and appropriate outdoor clothing are also a must.

'Play is great for children's wellbeing and development. When planning and providing play opportunities, the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits. No child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool.'

Managing Risk in Play Provision: An Implementation Guide (Play Safety Forum, 2012)

As part of our approach to play at Brockley, your child, may experience the odd scratch, bump or bruise. You will only be notified if your child receives a more significant injury and you will always be notified regarding a head injury.

If you have any questions at all regarding OPAL then please do not hesitate to get in touch with Isobel Sperring (OPAL Play Coordinator) or Sarah Wheeldon (OPAL Curricular Lead).

Storyteller Experience Day

Beth Guiver

Last week, children had a visit from Beth Guiver, a local storyteller.

Beth is a performance storyteller who visited Brockley Primary School to share her love of reading. She brought traditional stories to life through voices, songs, music and dance.

Her storytelling swept us away into a magical land of wonder and fun where the unexpected comes true.

Her versions of myths, folktales and legends sparked the imagination in us all, inspiring their own reading and reading.



Recycle Week 2025

22nd – 28th September

By giving commonly binned items a personality, Recycle Week is a time to focus on helping people realise that more of the things they've been wasting can be recycled after all. It's easy to rescue things like foil and trigger sprays from the rubbish and recycle them instead.

At Brockley, we will be celebrating Recycle Week by using our recycled goods for junk modelling anything goes!

If you have any recycling you can donate, such as cardboard, plastic, jars, kitchen roll tubes, then please send in with your child before Friday.

All recycling donated must be clean. Thank you!

