

Broxbourne CE Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we come to the end of another academic year, it has certainly been a memorable final week. Before considering this, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in helping our children grow, learn and flourish this year.

Schools are about people, and I am so fortunate to work alongside such a caring and dedicated staff team. Our teachers, teaching assistants and support staff give so much of themselves each day, always placing the children at the heart of everything they do. Their encouragement, patience and commitment have helped every child to make progress, develop confidence and discover new strengths.

The partnership between school and home and our community is one of the greatest gifts we have. The support, encouragement and trust shown by our parents and carers make an enormous difference to the experiences our children enjoy and the success they achieve. Thank you for walking alongside us throughout the year.

I would also like to thank our governors for their guidance and support, our clergy for the care and encouragement they offer, our wonderful PTA for everything they organise, and the many volunteers who give their time so generously. Every contribution helps make our school the warm, welcoming community it is. We are blessed by the people around us, and there is much for which to give thanks.

Above all, I would like to thank our children. You are the reason we are here. Your kindness, enthusiasm, determination and sense of fun bring life to our classrooms every day. It is a privilege to watch you grow in confidence, develop your gifts and care so well for one another. You make us proud each and every day.

To our Year 6 children, thank you for everything you have brought to our school over the years. As you prepare for the next stage of your education, we send you with our love, our prayers and every good wish for the future. Thursday's Leavers' Assembly captured so much of what makes this year group so special. There were plenty of tissues in use, alongside laughter, smiles and wonderful memories. It was a fitting celebration of your time with us, and one that will stay with us for many years to come.

Our final week began with the traditional staff versus Year 6 cricket match on Monday. Congratulations to Year 6, who narrowly claimed victory by 35 runs to 31 from 10 overs. The difference came in the number of wickets taken, with Year 6 dismissing the staff on seven occasions compared with the staff's two. Very well played, Year 6. We knew you would provide a stern test, although we perhaps did not expect the match to be quite so close. It was a wonderful way to begin our final week together.

Dream, Believe and Achieve with God

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Tuesday's Volunteer and Cups Assembly was another special occasion. It gave us the opportunity to recognise and thank the many people who give their time so generously to enrich the lives of our children. Whether you help in classrooms, support visits, listen to readers, organise events or offer practical assistance in countless other ways, thank you.

Congratulations also to every child who received a cup or special award. Selecting the recipients is never easy because there are so many children who deserve recognition. Those chosen should feel immensely proud of their achievement. Well done to each and every one of you.

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children shone in their class assembly, sharing the breadth of their learning across the year with confidence and enthusiasm. Their Burwell News reports were particularly entertaining and reflected the memorable experiences they enjoyed during their residential visit. It was a delight to see how much they have grown over the course of the year.

Thursday's Leavers' Assembly also gave us the opportunity to say goodbye to families whose journey with our school now comes to an end. Whether you have been with us for many years or for a shorter time, thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's lives. We hope that your memories of our school will always be happy ones and that you will continue to think of yourselves as part of our wider school family. Please do keep in touch, and if there is ever anything we can do to help in the future, you know where we are.

We also send our very best wishes to those children in EY1 who will be continuing their education elsewhere in September. Although your time with us has been shorter, you have become an important part of our school family. We hope you leave with happy memories and wish you every success, happiness and blessing as your adventure continues.

We ended the year together at St Augustine's Church for our End of Term Service. It is always a joy to fill the church with singing, prayer and worship, giving thanks for another wonderful year together. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. It was also a special moment as we presented our Year 6 children with their Bibles before wishing them farewell.

As they begin the next chapter of their lives, my hope is that they will carry with them not only the knowledge and skills they have developed here, but also the values that have shaped our life together. Kindness, courage, forgiveness, service and faith are gifts that will continue to guide them long after they leave our school.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3: 5-6

My prayer is that every one of our children will know God's love, discover His purpose for their lives and have the confidence to face whatever lies ahead with hope and compassion.

As another school year draws to a close, I hope that the weeks ahead bring opportunities to rest, spend time with loved ones and make many happy memories together.

To those children and families returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back refreshed, full of stories to share and ready for another exciting year together.

Thank you once again for your contribution, encouragement and support throughout the year. It is a privilege to serve this wonderful school community, and I remain grateful for all that we continue to achieve together for our children.

Have a happy, peaceful and restful summer. God bless, and we look forward to seeing many of you again in September.

Best wishes Paul Miller



SAVE THE DATE!

MEET THE TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING - EY2-YEAR 6 **WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER**

This year's Parents' Information Evening will be on Wednesday, 16th September.
We hope all parents/carers will be able to come along.

Your child's class teacher will give an introductory talk in the classroom about the curriculum for the year, including trips and general information on homework, reading, PE etc. Individual appointments with your child's class teacher will be available for all parents in mid October.

This is an evening for parents/carers ONLY and we are unable to accommodate any children on this occasion, including younger siblings.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents will also provide an overview regarding Sex & Relationship Education (SRE), within their class talk.

Exact times will be communicated in September

ADVANCE NOTICE!

PTA AGM

Friday, 11th September 9.10am

Our PTA plays a vital role in supporting the school and creating memorable experiences for our children. We'd love for you to come along to our Annual General Meeting to hear about the fantastic work we've achieved together, find out what's planned for the year ahead, and discover how you can get involved.

Whether you're a long-standing supporter or simply curious to learn more, all families are warmly welcome. We hope to see you there!



OUR SUPERSTAR SUMMER CUP WINNERS



THE BRIAN PICKARD 200 CLUB

The Brian Pickard 200 Club winners for May - 104 Mark Mansfield, June - 26 Chris Ellmore, July - 28 Ravinder Saidha, August - 4 Bindu Varkey. All are parents of the school.

Many congratulations!

The next draw will take place by Thursday, 10th September.

New members are always welcome as are those whose subscription renewal is due. Annual subscription is only £12! Please support the School in this way!

Please contact the office for details.



GOLD SPORTS MARK AWARD – ANOTHER WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We are thrilled to share that our school has once again been awarded the *Gold Sports Mark Award* in recognition of our outstanding contribution to sport and PE. This prestigious award celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality physical education, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and offering a wide range of sporting opportunities and competitions.

A special thank you goes to Miss Hawthorne and Mrs Davidson, whose passion and dedication have truly shone this year. Their efforts have put sport in the spotlight, ensuring every child has had the chance to take part, compete, and thrive. Well done to all involved – **let's keep moving and being healthy—well done Broxbourne!**



CLUBS IN SEPTEMBER

Letters will go out at the start of the new school year

DAY	CLUB	TIME	DAY	CLUB	TIME
Monday	Y3&Y4 Football Club	3-4.00pm	Wednesday	Y1-Y6 Warren Club*	Lunchtime
	Y5&Y6 Netball Club	3-4.00pm		Y3&Y4 Netball Club	3-4.00pm
Tuesday	Y3-Y6 Choir Club	3.10-4.30pm		Y5&Y6 Football Club	3-4.00pm
	Y1&Y2 Multiskills Club	3-4.00pm	Thursday	Mini Tennis	3pm-3.45pm

*by invitation only



GOVERNOR UPDATE

As this academic year ends, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Miller and the amazing team at Broxbourne for everything they do for our children and to acknowledge what a wonderful year it has been. We are incredibly proud of all the achievements from this year.

In Governor news we would like to thank Philip Olagunju for his dedication to the school as a Parent Governor and would like to welcome David Harrison and Aisling Cowan, who have both joined as Parent Governors this year. Thank you to all the governing body for your work and support throughout the year.

We would like to wish everybody a fantastic summer!

YEAR 6 KINGFISHER AWARD WINNERS

We are thrilled to announce that the winners of the Kingfisher awards, for embodying the values of our school, are Lara and Summer.

This prestigious award recognises their outstanding dedication to upholding the core values of our school and setting an example for their peers. They have demonstrated exceptional integrity, kindness, and leadership, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Please join us in congratulating Lara and Summer for their well-deserved recognition. Their commitment to our school's values serves as an inspiration to us all.







1-1 TUTORING

Help prepare your child for the **new academic year in Sept**

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Week 1
Monday 20th – Friday 24th July 2022

9:30am – 3:30pm

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Week 2
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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SKIN BETTING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

'Skin betting' is the term used when players gamble using virtual in-game items, such as weapon 'skins' or character cosmetics. Although these items appear purely decorative, some can hold significant real-world value. Research suggests that children as young as 13 have engaged in this type of betting, often on sites with limited age checks or safeguards, blurring the line between gaming and gambling.

UNREGULATED PLATFORMS

Skin gambling typically takes place on third-party websites that are not licensed or regulated. These platforms often lack age verification, making them easily accessible to children. By linking their gaming accounts, users can deposit skins, place bets, and withdraw winnings as cash or higher-value items – often without adults being aware these activities are happening.

REAL-WORLD VALUE

Skins may look like simple cosmetic upgrades to in-game items and characters, but some are worth hundreds or even thousands of pounds. They can be traded or sold on online marketplaces, meaning they function much like real money. When young people bet with skins, they are risking items of genuine financial value, even if no physical cash is exchanged directly.

INFLUENCER PROMOTION

Some gaming influencers and streamers have promoted skin betting sites in their content. This can make the behaviour appear normal or even desirable, potentially encouraging younger audiences to engage in these activities without fully understanding the risks involved.

SOCIAL STATUS PRESSURE

In games such as Counter Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) and Fortnite, rare skins can act as status symbols. Young players may feel the pressure to own high-value items to fit in with peers. This can lead them to take risks – such as using gambling sites – to obtain desirable skins, similar to how branded goods can influence behaviour offline.

LIMITED OVERSIGHT

Skin betting can take place both in-game and on external websites that parents and educators may not be familiar with. Because skin betting does not always resemble traditional gambling, it can go unnoticed until significant losses have occurred, in both items or money.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Skin betting mirrors many aspects of traditional gambling, including chance-based outcomes, reward systems and excitement. Early exposure to these mechanics can normalise betting behaviours before children and young people even reach legal gambling age. Research indicates that this may increase the likelihood of developing unhealthy habits later, particularly if early wins create a false sense of control or skill.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UNDERSTAND IN-GAME ITEMS

Familiarise yourself with the games young people are playing and learn whether they include tradable or sellable items. Titles like CS:GO and Rust are known for skin marketplaces, but similar systems are increasingly common across games.

LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS

Be alert to changes in behaviour, such as secrecy around gaming, a strong focus on acquiring specific skins, or a sudden loss of in-game items. These could indicate involvement in skin gambling and provide an opportunity to start a conversation about it.

DISCUSS VALUE AND RISK

Help children and young people understand that cosmetic items like skins can carry real-world value. Explain that losing them through betting is comparable to losing money, therefore reinforcing the connection between in-game actions and real financial consequences.

USE CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS

Make use of parental controls and platform settings to restrict trading, purchases, and access to external websites. Where possible, disable marketplace features on games and monitor young people's account activity to reduce the risk of unauthorised transactions.

Meet Our Expert

Nathan David is Head of Foundation and Programme Lead for Esports Coaching at the University Campus of Esports.

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Summer Holiday Crash Courses

Rich		Rachel
27-31 July	09:00-09:30	Stage 1
	09:30-10:00	Pre School
	10:00-10:30	Stage 2
	10:30-11:00	Stroke Clinic - Breaststroke & Butterfly
Katie		
3-7 August	09:00-09:30	Private Lesson
	09:30-10:00	Private Lesson
	10:00-10:30	Private Lesson
	10:30-11:00	Private Lesson

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Wishing you all a wonderful summer. We will see you again on Wednesday, 2nd September

