

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been another great week as we bound with purpose towards Easter! Our children have been busy participating in a range of exciting events, and we are proud of all of their achievements and the positive attitudes they have shown. Here is a roundup of the highlights:

Eat Them to Defeat Them and Fruit Patrol Launch

Hopefully your child is crunching more vegetables at home as a result of this initiative, which launched for us on Tuesday. Do encourage your child to be a 'Champion Chomper' and clear their plate of vegetables at both home and school. Whilst early days, we have certainly seen an increase in vegetable consumption at school. We now just need to receive feedback from our Sports Ambassadors at collection time on 'Fruit Patrol' that fruit is being chomped at collection time and that muffins, crisps, biscuits and sweets and a Friday only end of week treat! Fruit chomping earns your child a house point if they spot it and record your name!!!

Well Done Year 1

Class Assembly season started today and our Year 1's delivered a very positive start, show-casing their learning to date across the year. Their singing and dancing were joyful and whilst I was only able to see yesterday's final rehearsal, I am assured they were excellent today and made everybody smile.

Year 3 & 4 Rapid Fire Cricket Team – County Final Runners-Up!

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 Rapid Fire Cricket team competed in the county final and were brilliant! They played with determination, teamwork, and skill, making it all the way to the overall final. They finished as runners-up for Hertfordshire and their achievement is something to be celebrated. Thank you to Mrs Mills for supporting the team throughout this event and well done to all who represented our school!

Year 3 Girls Football Festival

This morning, our Year 3 girls joined 100 other girls from across the area to take part in a football festival as part of a sport and activity initiative. The girls had a brilliant time showcasing their skills,

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working together, and enjoying a range of activities. Thank you to Mrs Davidson and Mrs Reynolds for accompanying them and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

What a great way to promote teamwork, camaraderie and sportsmanship!

Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World

On Wednesday, Year 4 had the opportunity to visit the magical Warner Bros. Studios for a tour of Harry Potter World. The children had an unforgettable time exploring the sets, seeing the props, and learning about the behind-the-scenes magic of making the films. A huge thank you to the parents who joined us and helped make the day so enjoyable for the children.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY - ODD SOCKS DAY

Today, we are celebrating World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing our odd socks! This day is an opportunity to show support, raise awareness, and embrace the differences that make each of us unique. By wearing odd socks, we aim to celebrate inclusion and diversity, sending a message that we are all different, and that is something to be proud of! Thank you to everyone who participated and showed their support.

Fundraising for Great Ormond Street Hospital – £3,000 Raised in Memory of Orla Tuckwell

We are delighted to share with you the incredible total of £3,000 raised last year in memory of Orla Tuckwell for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). This money will go towards supporting the children and families who rely on the hospital's services and their Build It, Beat It! Campaign to build a new £300million pound Children's Cancer Centre. We were able to mark this achievement with a special assembly today, where we explained to our children the difference this money will make in improving the lives of those affected by illness. You can find more details about the difference GOSH makes in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone in our school community for your generosity and support throughout the fundraising process.

We are also deeply touched to share a message from the Tuckwell family, who have themselves raised over an astonishing £105,000 in memory of their daughter. Their dedication and kindness continue to inspire us all, and we are pleased to have been part of this effort.

It has been an action-packed week and also great for our children to get onto the school field before Easter! We are so grateful to all the staff, parents, and children who make these events possible. As always, thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another wonderful week ahead!

Best wishes Paul Miller



THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM ADAM, NAOMI, AVA, POPPY AND ORLA TUCKWELL

Hi Broxbourne CE Primary School. Thank you so much for raising such an incredible amount of money last year for Great Ormond Street in memory of our beautiful daughter Orla who is Ava and Poppy's sister.

We are so touched that Broxbourne selected Great Ormond Street as their charity last year, hosting fundraising events such as the Easter Raffle, non-uniform days and Christmas performances. Please know that all the money that you raised will be going towards Orla's brighter future fund, which is helping to fund this amazing new £300 million pound state of the art Children's Cancer Centre. When Orla was going through her treatment we all had to spend a lot of time in Great Ormond Street so we know first hand how much of a difference this money will make to children and their families who find themselves in hospital for long periods of time.





It means so much that you have all been working so hard to raise money in memory of our beautiful Orla. This sense of community and togetherness really helps me, Naomi, Ava and Poppy feel supported by you all and knowing that the money that you have raised will be going towards creating an amazing legacy in Orla's memory.

Please keep up the amazing fundraising and charity work you do within the school and please know how much it means to our family.

kindest Regards

Adam, Naomi, Ava, Poppy and Orla xxxxx



	IN AID OF GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY	
Pay	The GOSH Charity, London, WC1N 1LE	Date
	For the Orla Tuckwell Brighter Future Fund	31/08/2024
	From Broxbourne CE Primary School	£ 3000.00
	Thank you!	


How do supporters make a difference?

Rebuilding and refurbishment
The money raised by schools like yours is helping to build bigger wards, where children have more space to get well. There's also more room to play – this is a welcome distraction for children and is also shown to help them to relax and get better more quickly.

Patient, family and staff support
As well as doctors and nurses, the hospital also has a team of play specialists who work with patients and families. They help to prepare children for medical procedures. The charity also pays for accommodation for parents so that they can be near their child during a hospital stay.

Buying cutting-edge equipment
The hospital needs important equipment which often has to be designed especially for children. This is vital in caring for the patients, but some of this can be extremely expensive. Having the best equipments means the hospital can deliver exceptional care to children.

Pioneering child health research
The ground-breaking research pioneered at the hospital has the potential to improve the lives of children in the UK and beyond through better diagnosis, treatment, improved care or cures.





New hospital room

Outside play area


New main entrance

BUILD IT. BEAT IT.

Fundraising Update


GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY

Message of Thanks from Adam, Naomi, Ava, Poppy and Orla



£105,904

raised by 1090 supporters

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YEAR 4'S MAGICAL WORKSHOP



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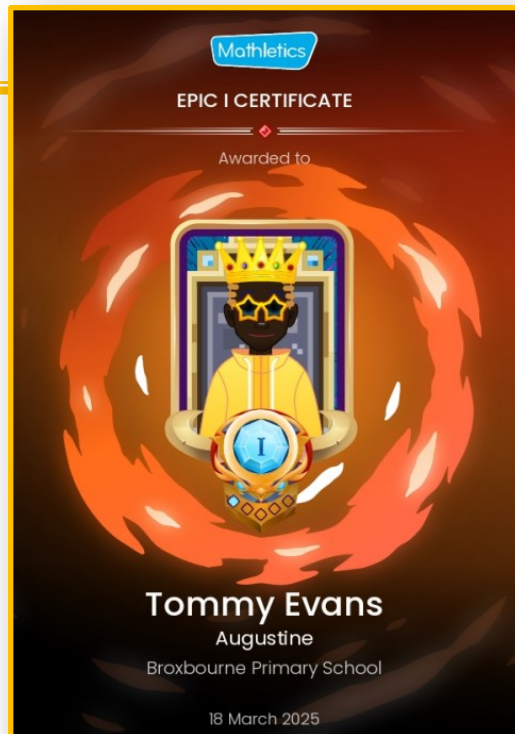
Thank you to the parents who came with us, the children had a lovely time. We will be using this workshop to create our own scripts in class!



EPIC MATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT!!!

Congratulations to Tommy in Year 3 for achieving Epic Status in Mathletics this term. This is an amazing achievement and puts Tommy in the top 1% of Mathletes in the UK!!! Well done Tommy!!!

Reports will be run next week to determine our Year 1 to 6 breakfast diners at Le Café Mathématique on the final Wednesday of term. Invitations are based upon regular usage across the term and year to date. Will you receive an invitation for the hottest breakfast reservation in town?!? There is still time to develop your maths fluency and recall through the live Mathletics over the weekend. A personal best of 20 or more on Level 5 (3 seconds response time) is a useful indicator of security of recall for number facts for Year 6 and secondary maths readiness. This of course assumes full additional curricular coverage has occurred as well.



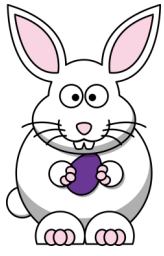
HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Blue Badgers



REMINDER: The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!

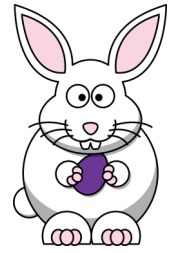


EASTER FUN WITH THE PTA

GUESS THE NAME OF THE BUNNY COMPETITION

Guess the name of the bunny to win a big fluffy bunny and an Easter chocolate hamper.

After school from Monday 31st until Thursday 3rd, you will be able to pay £1 per guess and pick a name from a random selection of names. The winner will be drawn using an online randomizer and announced on the last day of term in assembly. You will be able to purchase more than one bunny name if you so wish.



DONUT AND EASTER CAKE SALE

Friday 4th April at home time, in the hall.

Preorders of boxes will be available this time - please order on the PTA hub: £12 for 12 donuts, the deadline for preorders is 5pm on 28th March.

Individual donuts do not need to be preordered beforehand and will be available on the day for £1.

We will also be selling chocolate crispy Easter cakes!.





GOVERNOR UPDATE

My name is Claire Weeks and I am a newly appointed Governor at Broxbourne C of E Primary School.

Outside of this role, I undertake many other roles. I am a consultant solicitor, a parent, a Church-goer, a PTA Committee Member and a Magistrate. I believe that I have a number of transferable skills from all of these roles that I will be able to utilise to benefit both the school as a whole and the children.

I am a community-minded person who is keen to 'give back' and I think this is a very interesting role that will allow me to do just that as well as giving me the opportunity to learn as I do so. As a parent I have a keen interest in education and I hope that during my term as Governor I will be able to develop my skills further to be of use to the Board, to the school and, most importantly, to the children."





RAPID FIRE CRICKET UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that our rapid fire cricketers have secured the runners-up position in the county finals! This is a fantastic result that reflects the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our talented team.

We are immensely proud of their performance and commitment. Please join us in congratulating the team on their impressive achievement.



HCL UPDATE

PRICE INCREASES FROM 1st APRIL 2025

As from 1st April 2025 the price for a nursery school meal **will increase to £2.68 per day** and the price of a junior meal will increase to **£3.55 a day**.

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 STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>



ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL

We would like to kindly ask for your patience when pressing the bell by the gate to the entrance to the school. Our office can sometimes be quite busy, and on occasion, both of us might be on the telephone or away from our desks. This means it may take us a little longer to respond to the doorbell.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.



PART-TIME CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORKER



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Apply for an application pack to our Pastorate Administrator, Mrs. Stepanka Moysey at urcnlvg@gmail.com

For informal inquiries, please contact the Revd Mark Robinson revdmarkr@gmail.com.

The closing date for applications is **noon on Wednesday 23rd April**.

Interviews will be held in the week beginning 28th April.

