

# Brookfield Junior Academy

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

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Week 6 of 8 complete

We've really enjoyed welcoming families in for Christmas crafts this week. Staff and pupils loved the Christmas jumper day and special lunch on Thursday too!

### Reminders for the next two weeks:

	Week beginning 11th December	Week beginning 18th December
<b>Mon</b>	Y6 Library workshop - Beyond the Book - last session  10-11 transition day for new F1s	8:30am-11:30am transition day 2 for new F1 children  3-5pm Christmas Movie Night Y1-6
<b>Tue</b>	9am Rocksteady concert for parents in Hall 2  KS1 Xmas performances 10.30 and 2pm	10.30 Christmas Carol Concert at St Margaret's for Y1-6  EYFS/KS1 Christmas disco afternoon  2.45-3.15 Topic showcases in classrooms
<b>Wed</b>	EYFS Xmas performances 10.30 and 2pm	KS2 Christmas disco afternoon
<b>Thu</b>	KS2 performances 10am and 2pm	Santa's grotto visits all morning - free for every child - organised and gifts funded by The Friends of Brookfield - Thank you!  Finish for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm
<b>Fri</b>	STEM day linked to Polar express, bring PJs in a bag!	INSET DAY - School closed. See you on Monday 8th January 2024. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Rotherham Creative Learning

Maple had a fabulous morning creating and erupting volcanoes on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Every class, Y1 to Y6, will be invited along to a family learning session over the academic year. Save these dates. 29/02/24 Y2 Eco warriors. 19/04/24 Y1 Terrific Toys. 07/05/24 Y6 Super Space. 10/06/24 Y3/4 Elm Natural disasters Volcanoes. 02/07/24 Y5 Super Space.

## This week's Menu - w/b 11th December

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20/11/23	Cottage Pie	Chicken Tikka Masala, Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Quorn Sausage & Bean Plait (V)	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish
11/12/23	Cheese Flan (V)	Quorn Dippers (VG)	French Bread Pizza (V)	Quorn Burger (V)	Cheese & Potato Layer (V)
05/02/24	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
04/03/24	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice
25/03/24	Diced Potatoes	Sliced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips

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	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Jam Whirl & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Mousse
	Cookie & Milk	Ice Cream & Fruit	Cookie & Milk	Fruit Jelly	Muffin

## Attendance

*We aim for 100% attendance*

*Our target is 96.6%*

*Remember that school starts at 8.35am (8.30am EYFS) when children can begin learning and access tasks to settle in. Any time after 9am is late.*

*Formal lessons start at 9am and the children need to be in, registered and settled at this time.*

Class:	Weekly Attendance:	Weekly Minutes Late:
FS1 Busy Bees	82.9%	0
FS2 Learning Ladybirds	98.3%	30
Y1 Ash	92.9%	45
Y2 Cherry	86.8%	315
Y2 Willows	85.5%	210
Y3/4 Elm	92.1%	125
Y3/4 Maple	87%	200
Y5 Sycamore	95.6%	0
Y6 Beech	94.7%	0

Whole school attendance this week has increased to 92.1%



### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Staff have put together an amazing hamper containing everything you need for Christmas dinner, except for meat and veg! Additional tickets will be on sale during all performances for 50p each.  
Winner announced 3pm on 14.12.23.



### **Christmas Holiday Reminder**

We break up for Christmas on Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm and return on Monday 8th January 2024



Hello! I'm Miss Tilbrook and I am the Art lead at Brookfield. I have always loved art and especially enjoyed my art lessons at school where I was able to experiment with different media and be creative. I loved having time to switch off, relax and use my imagination.

I strongly believe that ALL children have the ability to be creative and to thrive in Art lessons. At Brookfield, we have an engaging art curriculum where we aim to develop the children's confidence and love of Art by exposing them to a wide range of skills and techniques as well as a range of styles and artists. We aim to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to create their own art and also to appreciate how art has shaped history and how it continues to enrich our lives.

Our children's artistic journey starts in Foundation Stage where children have access to art tools such as rollers, spray bottles, large paintbrushes and other mark making tools so they can create large pieces of art work which helps them to develop their gross motor skills. Throughout their time in Foundation, they will progress onto using smaller mark making tools, explore colour mixing, and create pictures using a variety of materials and techniques.

As the children progress through KS1, they will complete artist studies, learn about primary colours and explain how different colours make them feel and they will begin to use tone to show light and shade in observational drawings as well as explaining what they like or dislike about artwork and making comparisons with other pieces of art.

In KS2, the children move onto using mixing and using colour to reflect mood and atmosphere, using 3D shapes to create abstract form or sculpture and describing and explaining ideas, methods and techniques used to create artwork on a theme or genre.

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There are many ways you can support with your child's learning at home:

- Visit local art galleries o Yorkshire Sculpture Park - <https://ysp.org.uk/> o Millennium Gallery - <https://www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk/visit-us/millennium-gallery/>
- You could get your child a sketchbook and pencils. This is a lovely stocking filler and will give your child the chance to make observational drawings at home or even when you're out and about!
- Have a go at arts and crafts at home and bring your creations into school for us to celebrate.

Useful websites:

- National Gallery for Art - <https://www.nga.gov/learn/families/an-eye-for-art.html>
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8tnvcw>
- Tate Kids - <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>



**Kids Christmas Activity pack is now available to download**

**We're delighted to let you know that our latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the Christmas holiday season is now available to download.**

**We have plenty of fun activities to keep them busy over the Christmas holidays, including making a natural Christmas wreath with leaves, berries and pine cones; going on a Winter I-spy mission and making Christmas pudding Krispie cakes. We even provide a letter to Santa for them to use. The activity pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or guardians, and some older children may enjoy some of the activities too.**

**It would be great if you could share the information below with parents and you might even want to use any of the activities in the classroom as you prepare for Christmas.**

**The activity pack can be used on the go by downloading it to a mobile or alternatively it can be printed at home. If you don't have a printer and are unable to access the PDF, please contact us with your address details and we can send you out a printed copy.**

**We hope your children enjoy the activities. We'd love to receive your feedback about the pack if you have any, and suggestions for activities to include in our next pack we'll be producing for February half term, just email us at [info@transpenninetrail.org.uk](mailto:info@transpenninetrail.org.uk).**