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BROOKFIELD NEWS

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WELCOME WORDS BY MR HIRST

HEADTEACHER AT BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Welcome to this festive edition of Brookfield News. This is always such a special time of year and I hope you are looking forward to the festive break.

This term has been remarkable. Starting in September there was a tangible sense of students and staff wanting to return to the normal life of school, and this happened with gusto. Be it with the full return of extra-curricular activity and team sports - with plenty of sporting success - or the return of performances and school events, the term has showcased what makes Brookfield the school it is. The launch of the new House system has brought a further dimension to the sense of belonging and competitiveness.

It is now important to look forward to 2022 and the further opportunities this will present. For many students - for example, Years 11 and 13 - this year is crucial and every lesson is important. All students will be supported in their academic studies and wider school life.

I hope this edition provides you with an insight into what has been a fantastic term.

Mr Keith Hirst, Headteacher



**Congratulations to our
Christmas Card Competition Winner**

**Rosie Wilson
Fr3**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Wishes
from all the staff at
Brookfield Community School**

Brookfield remembers



Along with the rest of the nation Brookfield fell silent at the 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month to remember the Nation's war dead from the First and Second World Wars and all conflicts since. Remembrance is always an important and poignant moment in the school calendar. This year's commemorations took several forms. There was the traditional selling of poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Students from all year groups received an assembly in Tutor Time about Remembrance and its importance. This was followed up by all the KS 3/4 forms within the new house system constructing a form Memorial Board in order to bring home the message of Remembrance. The idea was to produce a board and allow for both collective and individual messages of remembrance to be displayed.



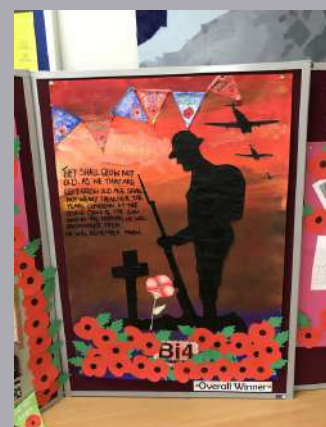
A variety of resources were provided, but the majority of forms invested their own time and efforts as well. The idea was to also further cement and unify the new form groups, by having a light-hearted and respectful competition element running alongside the main message. Finally at the 11th hour on the 11th November the whole school community gathered on the AGP for a collective moment of remembrance.

There was firstly an address by the Headteacher, followed by the reading of 'In Flanders Fields' by Head Girl Alice Woodcock, a laying of the wreath by both Head Girl and Boy, the Last Post and then the Kohima Epitaph read by Head Boy Jack Mitchell. It was a fitting and moving tribute to all those who fell in the service of their country and all those who have served.



Best memorial boards were judged to be:

Baslow House – BA3,
Mr Brook's Form.
Birchins House – BI4,
Mr Fallon/ Mrs Cooper's Form
(Also Overall Winner)
Curbar House – CU5,
Miss Walker's Form
Froggatt House – FR7,
Mr Swift's Form
Gardom's House – GA7,
Mr Ireland's Form



Fundraising - Brookfield goes Hygge!

The Brookfield Parents and Friends Association, and Brookfield Community School Art department have been working together to create a stylish 2022 calendar.

A photography competition, open to the whole school community, has been running for the 12 months of this year to find the best photos on the theme of 'Hygge'. This is a Danish word meaning anything that gives a feeling of contentment or wellbeing. Over 60 photos were received, and a select judging team from the school hand picked 12 winning shots to represent the hygge concept each month. Each winner has been awarded a Hygge prize from the BPFA.

Wayne Fallon, Head of Art, said, 'the quality of entries were outstanding, with pupils, parents and even teachers giving great thought to how happiness can be captured in a picture and is testament to the creativity within our community. Judging was tough and we hope everyone will enjoy the images we have chosen.'

Rebecca Hudson from Brookfield Parents and Friends Association (BPFA) added, 'it's been really exciting seeing the photos roll in gradually throughout the year, some have really made us smile and touched our hearts. The BPFA committee were glad they didn't have to decide which ones to use! Each month of the calendar has been sponsored by a local business, and it's great to have their support, many of whom kindly donate to the school every year.'

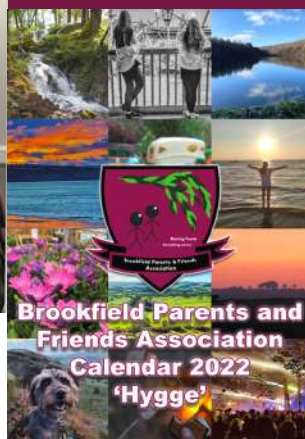
The calendar can be purchased through the school ParentPay system or is available from reception for just £5 - an ideal Christmas gift with all monies raised going to support the work of the BPFA.

Congratulations to...



BPFA Calendar Photography Competition Winners

Phoebe Cain Ba4
Evie Carter Fr1
Rebecca Hudson (Parent)
Olivia Hyre Fr2
Leah Solley Fr5
Becky Turner (Parent)
Ella Webb Fr1
Lottie Day Ba2
Reanna Hall Bi1



UKDCC National Dance Competition Winner

Congratulations to Y10 student, Elena Hopewell for winning a national competition for dancers with additional needs. In her first solo performance, Elena proved that having a hearing impairment doesn't stop her from fulfilling her dreams to dance. She was asked to enter the competition by her dance school, Kickers who have always been a massive support. Well done Elena.



Thank you to everyone who have entered. The standard of entries was excellent, making the judging a really tough job!

Christmas Festivities

The Brookfield Parents and Friends Association would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the school community that have supported us in our fundraising activities this year.

The Christmas Market, held on Friday 3rd December was really well attended by pupils, staff, families and friends. The stalls were a mixture of small traders, selling everything from Christmas decorations to honey, and BPFA stalls which included a chocolate tombola (that quickly sold out!) and a 'What's in the sock?' stall which was run by Father Christmas himself.

The BPFA was able to raise around £2,500 which we will be spent on projects to support the school. Around half of this was raised with two raffles. One of the raffles was made up of prizes from over 30 generous local businesses and supporters, and the other was a raffle of house hampers. Pupils donated items in their house colour which the BPFA then made up into some amazing hampers. These proved to be very popular!

The choir provided brilliant entertainment, singing a range of Christmas songs, and we were also treated to a set from Callum Parkinson. Sixth form helpers were on hand supporting us all evening, helping to direct people to the sports hall, run errands and generally do anything we asked of them!

Thanks to all who came, supported, and spent money!

The BPFA committee



'A Tin to a Tenner'

Thursday 16th Dec saw our talented Performing Arts students take to the stage for a festive evening of "all things Christmas". The audience were treated to Christmas readings, dance pieces and ensemble songs from our musicians and singers. The BPFA provided festive refreshments and the audience spent the interval admiring the drama students' shoebox theatres that were on display.

The evening was free to attend but the audience were asked to donate to Chesterfield Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who donated to 'A Tin to a Tenner', helping us to raise just under £200 along with an incredible supply of foods for Chesterfield Foodbank.

Caroline Ashley, Head of Performing Arts, would like to thank the amazing students for all their hard work and dedication, the Performing Arts team for creating this wonderful event, and the families who came along to support us.

'May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in February for our musical production "Back to the 80's".'



'Excellence is not a skill.
It is an attitude'

Ralph Marston



Charity Dance Show 2021

By Mrs Carter, Teacher of Dance

After 2 years of restrictions, Brookfield dancers finally returned to the stage with their charity fundraising spectacular, Moments in Time on Thursday 18th November. Organised and run by the Y13 A Level Dance students, the evening was a fantastic showcase of vocal and dance talent from students in Y7 right through to Y13, with all year groups and all houses represented. Every element of the show was planned and run by students - even the lighting and sound desk - and it was a testament to the commitment to excellence of our students, and the Performing Arts Department focus on engaging all students in every aspect of theatre.

The aim of the show was to raise as much money as possible for the charity Mind, who work tirelessly to provide support for anyone, old or young, suffering from mental illness and promoting support and strategies for mental wellness. The A Level dancers opened the show with a glittering number from Aida (set in Ancient Egypt) and the show worked its way through significant people, places and events in history, ending with a present day acknowledgement of the impact of Covid on so many, with the aptly titled 'It's Ok not to be Ok'.

As a teacher, I am exceedingly proud of all students involved in the show, particularly Y13 for their effort in going the extra mile. The final total raised was £850, which truly is a commitment to excellence!

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

A huge thank you to the parents/carer's of students at Brookfield Community School for their support in ensuring student attendance and punctuality. The school appreciates how difficult it has been during the past 18 months. It is vital that the school and parents/carer's continue to work together in ensuring good attendance remains a priority.

As parents will know, only a few days absence can significantly affect a student's overall attendance. The school appreciates that appointments and illnesses are inevitable and therefore 100% attendance is not always possible. Brookfield's attendance target is 97%.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line 02146 568115 (Option 3) before 9am, and if they have a medical appointment, evidence of this is required by the school office or by emailing attendance@brookfieldcs.org.uk

Low levels of attendance can often indicate pastoral concerns, so should you require any support, please contact Jane Sully, Senior Attendance Officer on: 07483 111181/ 01246 568115 Extn 172 or by email to J.Sully@redhillacademytrust.org.uk



London Visit 29th - 30th Nov



Students at the National Gallery & Pineapple Studios



A Level Art, Textiles, Dance and Drama students have been living their best life, soaking up the culture and arts in London during a recent trip to the capital, with visits to the Tate Modern, Noel Coward Theatre, National Gallery, Pineapple Studios and they even got an opportunity for some retail therapy!

Drama and dance students attended a professional stage combat workshop at Pineapple studios and then got an opportunity to interview a West End actor about the industry. Art students attended the Tate Modern and National Gallery. All students enjoyed a performance of Dear Evan Hansen at the Noel Coward Theatre and the trip was finished off with some Christmas shopping in Covent Garden. The trip was a huge success and really enhanced the cultural experiences for our A Level students.

'Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs'

Thomas Wolfe

Shoe Box Theatre Art

Year 7 drama students have designed and built their own shoe box theatre set designs, and hope you'll agree, that they look fantastic!! The students selected a brief and then held a gallery event in class and evaluated their work. Here's what they created...



Creativity is
intelligence having
fun!

Albert Einstein

Urban Studies - Year 7 Geography Trip



Before half term, year 7 Geography students attended an Urban Studies trip to Chesterfield CBD (Town center); to take part in a range of activities. These extracts are from some of our amazing year 7 geographers.. "We went to the Shambles to complete a land-use map. We had to decide if each building was a service, shop, or closed.

We then completed a questionnaire and had to interview people; it was about where they were going and how they used Chesterfield. After we went to the Market Hall area and we had a map and had to find out way as a group to different locations. There we had to use a compass to take a bearing and find the shop the bearing was pointing at..... Our first school trip at Brookfield and it was a good one." Noah Young

"On our year 7 geography trip to Chesterfield we learned some amazing facts such as St Mary's Gate was a roman road and where the fort was. We also learned about the growth of the town in Tudor times and the Shambles. After completing this outing we found out a lot of things about the area in which we live and practiced lots of map skills. It was a great trip and we'd like to do something like it again!"

Noah Passell and Zara Baker



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the Y11 girls netball team who recently competed in the Redhill netball finals, and won all of their games to be crowned champions for 2021.

Well done to Lucy Sparkes, Lily Essler, Pheobe Tait, Kate Thompson, Abbie Potter, Olivia Vaughn, Olivia Streets, Bethany Renshaw, Isabelle Meades and Lucia Greenway



If you can dream it, YOU CAN DO IT!

Walt Disney



Congratulations to our Yr 8 and 9 students from Brookfield who represented the school on the 17th November at the Chesterfield 3v3 Basketball Competition. Not only did they play amazingly well, they won the competition! Well done to Myles Mcken, Micah Mitchell Bent, Fabien Mitchell Bent, Ethan Hill, Jay-Jay Taylor, Casper Allen, Reuben Lawal, Ethan Radford and Connor Conlan



Our Y9 girls football team represented Brookfield in the SHAPE Y10 girls Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire football championships. The team were outstanding and won all 6 of their matches against a high standard of Y10 opposition to be crowned Champions for 2021. Well done everyone.

Cross Country Inter-House Competition

Brookfield PE department ran their first inter-house competition during PE lessons this half term. All students in KS3 ran two cross country events during their PE lessons and were awarded house points for participation. The times which students achieved contributed to their house performance in the event. The following results were achieved...



House	Total	Place
Curbar	2250	1st
Gardoms	2190	2nd
Birchen	2155	3rd
Baslow	2085	4th
Froggatt	1945	5th

School Updates

Vertical Tutoring Update

Brookfield students have adapted extremely well into our new vertical tutoring system since it was introduced in September. Two of the key benefits to this system are: 1) smaller tutor group sizes, meaning form tutors can dedicate more time to individual students and, 2) increased social and academic interaction between students from different age groups. Brookfield's Life 360 personal development programme is also delivered during tutor time twice a week. During the first term, the following topics are being covered: Resilience, peer-on-peer abuse (how to report it), safeguarding (how to keep safe), first aid, LGBT+, dreaming big, remembrance, black history, careers and world language day. Please remember to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance if you require any support or advice on school-related matters.

House System Update

The new House system, introduced in September 2021 is working well. All students are wearing their new House ties and attending weekly House assemblies. Students are also earning House points for good attitudes to learning and effort. So far (September to November), students have earned a grand total of 61,800 House points!

Congratulations to Gardom's House who won the House Cup for the first half term for achieving the most House Points. The House Cup was presented to Mr Greenwood, Head of Gardom's House by Mr Cronin, Deputy Headteacher during Gardom's assembly after October half term.

On Tuesday 12th October, Brookfield sixth formers looked ahead to the next general election, timetabled for 2024, as well as considering the ways in which they could make their voices and opinions count outside the ballot box.

Malcolm Smith of the Parliamentary outreach and education team came to Brookfield to deliver a brief talk on how Parliament works and how young people can make their voices heard. Students learned about the roles of the House of Commons and the House of Lords as well as finding out what the government actually is. Students were reminded how important it is to register to vote, young people are the least likely part of the electorate to vote and this means that their voices are often ignored. All of our current Sixth Form should be eligible to vote in the next general election and hopefully they will make the most of that opportunity. In the meantime they were encouraged to find out about, and contact their local MP, as well as getting involved in local issues and campaigns, including creating and signing petitions on issues that matter to them.

Parliament week in November 2021 will enable students to learn more about the campaign to lower the UK voting age to 16 and also more about UK politics as they prepare to play their part in our UK democracy.

Find out more about how Parliament works:

<https://learning.parliament.uk/en/>



Christmas Movie Reward

The top 200 students with the most House points will be invited to attend a movie celebration in the main hall every term. Students will be notified by their form tutor if they are in the top 200. The first movie morning will take place on the 22nd December. Students with the most House points will celebrate their achievements with senior members of staff and receive complementary refreshments and snacks.



School Updates

School Council - 2021/22

On Wednesday 8th December the first schools update meeting of the new School Council took place. The group is made up of elected representatives from each of the five house - House Captains - plus Head Girl and Head Boy. The meeting was chaired by Headteacher, Mr Hirst, and Senior Head of House, Mrs Williams.

Student leadership opportunities are very important at Brookfield and the School Council is an influential group which ensure that the student body is represented and has a voice when it comes to making key decisions at school.

At this year's first meeting items discussed included Vertical Tutoring, the proposed Chatsworth Road Cycle route, House competitions and the use of student planners

School Council with Mr Hirst and Mrs Williams



YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT

Please note that you can still provide your feedback on the Ofsted Parent View portal by clicking on the icon.



A Young Person's Perspective on COP26

"After being postponed due to the pandemic, COP26 (the UN climate change conference) was held from the 31st of October to the 12th of November. COP is an annual summit (Conference of Parties) that "brings together parties to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change". I was lucky enough to be able to get to Glasgow to encourage democrats from all over the world to take further action towards combating climate change, specifically avoiding the impacts of global warming above 1.5 °C of pre-industrial levels. We spent two days with our placards and samba drums supporting and marching with other activists that were all doing the same as us. One of the main highlights was attending a Fridays for Future rally. Young people - all Glasgow for COP - met up and had the chance to exchange stories of rallies, protests and conversations with MP's and schools. There was an open mic, so along with Greta Thunberg, many other activists were able to share stories of climate change and how it is affecting them. Some of the most poignant of these were the speeches given by activists living in the Global South which is currently suffering the worst effects of climate change. Being able to hear the stories, voices and anger of young people witnessing climate change destroy their homes firsthand was a reminder of why it is so vital that we demand a better future. We all know that this world is worth protecting, and we all know that we are not doing enough to prevent the crucial 1.5 degrees of warming we are rapidly running towards. But there is still time! Time to prevent the effects of climate change and revive parts of the world already damaged. To do this, we must all come together to reach a common goal; to pass on a safe planet to all the future generations."

Skye Harris (Yr 12)

Overseas Adventures... cancelled but...

Students made the most of their visit to the 'Chill Factor' in Manchester on Thursday, 16th Dec where they had lots of fun sledging, ice sliding, and on the downhill donuts, despite their ski trip to Italy being postponed then cancelled.



New Staff Appointments



Jacob Blood
Cover Supervisor



Daniel Knight,
Teacher of PE
has also taken on the role
of DofE Co-ordinator



Lee Tyrrell
Network Manager



Alex James
Teacher of
Design & Technology



Amanda McConnell
Media & Marketing Officer

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2021

21st Dec - GCSE/A Level Presentation Evening

22nd Dec - School closes at 1pm

2022

10th Jan - School opens for Spring Term

10th - 21st Jan - Yr 13 Mock Exams

13th Jan - Yr 9 Parents Evening

19th Jan - Yr 9 Guided Choices Evening

21st Jan - Sixth Form applications deadline

26th Jan - Holocaust Memorial Day

28th Jan - Yr 9 Guided Choices deadline

Brookfield Key Stage 5 Poetry Competition 2022

DREAM

We dream—it is good we are dreaming—
It would hurt us—were we awake—
But since it is playing—kill us,
And we are playing—shriek
- Emily Dickinson

But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams
- W B Yeats

...men may sleep a milkwhite path through the chill, struck still waves
Or walk on thunder and air in the frozen, birdless wood
On the eyelid of the North where only the silence moves
- Dylan Thomas

WRITE A POEM ON THE THEME OF 'DREAM'

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING POEMS—OPEN TO ALL YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS
WINNING POEMS WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE CHRISTOPHER TOWER POETRY
COMPETITION 2022 (FIRST PRIZE £3000)

JUDGES: MR HIRST, MR FROST, MISS COOKE
CLOSING DATE: 18th FEBRUARY 2022

PLEASE SUBMIT POEMS TO THE ENGLISH OFFICE OR BY EMAIL TO MR HOPKINS:
a.hopkins@brookfields.org.uk

Term 2 Extra Curricular Offer

Alongside a broad and balanced academic curriculum, Brookfield Community School also offers a comprehensive extra-curricular, varying from Key Stage 4 and 5 intervention classes to fun activities such as PE clubs, performing arts, chess clubs and many more. We encourage all students to participate in some of Brookfield's extra-curricular offering.

Mr Cronin, Deputy Headteacher

Time	Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 8-8.25am	English		KS5 Revision			
Lunchtime 12.15 - 12.55pm	Art	Sixth Form Studies D4	Sixth Form Studies D4	Sixth Form Studies D4	Sixth Form Studies D4	Sixth Form Studies D4
	Chess Club		Chess Club D6	Chess Club D6		
	Design & Technology	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in	KS4 & KS5 Drop in
	Performing Arts	KS5 Drama		KS3, KS4 & KS5 Choir	KS3 Dance Club Principal Performers Rehearsal	KS3 Drama Club W2
	Maths	KS3 Maths Club				
	PE		Beginners Trampolineing Sports Hall		Y7 & Y8 Dance (Gym)	GCSE & A Level Theory Intervention P1 Advanced Trampolineing Sports Hall
	English	KS5 Book Club Library open	Library open	Library open	Library open	Library open
After School 3-4pm	Textiles		Textiles KS4 Y11	Textiles KS4 Y10 & Y11	Textiles KS4 Y10 & Y11	
	Computing		Revision Club Y11	Coding Club KS3 & KS4		
	Design & Technology			Design Hospitality & Catering KS4 & KS5 3-4.30pm	Design Club KS4	
	Duke of Edinburgh					
	Geography	KS4 Intervention T1 KS5 Intervention T2			KS4 Intervention T1 KS5 Intervention T2	
	Debating Club	KS5 3-5pm				
	Performing Arts	All Band Club	KS3 Guitar	KS4 Dance Club GCSE Music Intervention	School Production Club	
	History/RE	Y11 History Revision E2 Y13 American Dream Revision E3	Y13 Unit 1 Revision E1			
	Maths	Y11 Period 6 (Invitation Only)			Drop in session All Years Welcome	
	Science				KS4 & KS5 Revision	
	MFL	KS4 Spanish KS4 French		KS5 Spanish	KS4 Spanish (Foundation) KS4 German	
	PE	GSCE PE Practical Intervention Sports Hall		KS3 Badminton Sports Hall Y9+ Dance - Gym	KS4 Badminton Sports Hall	
	English	Y11 Revision Club Library 3-4pm	Creative Writing Club Library 3-4pm	Library open 3-4pm	KS5 Revision Club Library 3-4pm	Library open 3-4pm
	Business Studies			Y11 Revision GS		