



How parents and carers can support with reading at home...

We often get asked what is the best way to read with children at home so we hope this short guide helps.

How to read a story to your child:

If you can find the time beforehand, read the read-aloud book to yourself first, so you can think about how you're going to read it to your child.

On the first reading:

- Make reading aloud feel like a treat. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so you can both see the book.
- Show curiosity about what you're going to read: 'This book looks interesting. It's about an angry child. I wonder how angry he gets...'
- Read through the whole story the first time without stopping too much. Let the story weave its own magic.
- Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't. Read favourite stories over and over again.

On later readings:

- Let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.
- If you think your child did not understand something, try to explain: 'Oh! I think what's happening here is that...'
- Chat about the story and pictures: 'I wonder why she did that?'; 'Oh no, I hope she's not going to...'; 'I wouldn't have done that, would you?'
- Link the stories to your own family experiences: 'This reminds me of when ...'
- Link stories to others that your child knows: 'Ah! Do you remember the dragon in? Do you remember what happened to him?'
- Encourage your child to join in with the bits they know.
- Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- Avoid telling children that reading stories is good for them.



Thank you We say thank you to Mrs Bates, our School Business Manager, as she retires from Breckon Hill this month. We are so grateful to have had someone who cares about everything to do with the school in the way she has. Good luck in your next chapter Mrs Bates and thank you from us all.



We also say thank you and farewell to Teaching Assistant, Mrs Shakoor. Thank you for the care you have given to the children of Breckon Hill. We wish both Mrs Shakoor and Mrs Bates all the very best and hope they will stay a friend to us.



Flu Vaccine is now offered to Reception - Year 6 children at primary school. The flu vaccine for children, which is given as a nasal spray, will be offered in school. Letters have been sent out. Staff at Breckon Hill have also been offered flu jabs this autumn.

Street Wardens are available to help and offer support if you are concerned about any anti-social behaviour. You can call them on 01642 228500.



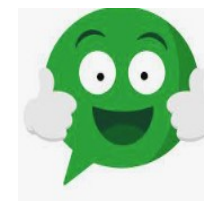
Digital Parenting Week 26 - 30 October 2023 Register below to receive free resources and activities. [Digital Parenting Week 2023: 26-30th October](#)

Thank you to Cleveland Firefighters who are coming in to school to make sure children know about how to keep safe around bonfire nights. Please help reinforce this message by talking to children at home.
<http://www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk/>



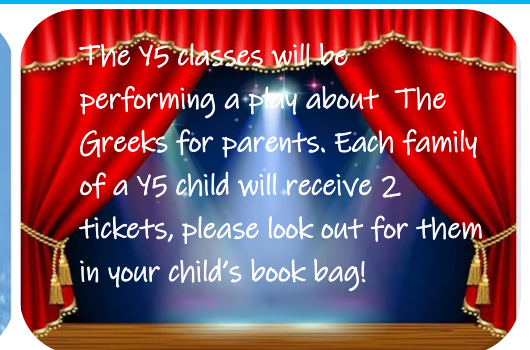
NSPCC

Many thanks to the NSPCC team who led assemblies with older children about keeping safe.



School Sport

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 footballers. They enjoyed meeting up with children from schools and the girls' team brought a winning trophy back with them!



Autumn Harvest Hamper Appeal

During October, we are collecting dried and tinned food as well as toiletries and baby items to support the local foodbank. There is no obligation, but if you would like to contribute, we would welcome suggested items listed below.



Tins of: Peas, potatoes, baked beans, chickpeas etc., chopped/plum tomatoes, vegetable or bean soup, fish (tuna, sardines, mackerel), corned beef, ham etc.

Packets of: Rice, pasta, pulses (dried beans etc.) sugar, tea bags, orange juice (long life only), powdered milk.

Jars/bottles of: Coffee, cooking oil, sauces.



Have a lovely day!

Zeenat	Sophia T
Aizah S	Ivana
Sophia R	Yasin
Yusof	Faiz
Hansel	Samirah
Ireoluwa	Huzaifa
Sarah	Heer
Mason	Hashir
Ethan	Rachel
Saif	Amal
Uthman	Ammar
Aizah D	Daniela
Tahirah	Judy
David	Hazel
Yousuf	Mohammed
Khadija	Ezra
Aleeza Saher	Abdul Malik
Abdul Rahman	Fikayo
Yanis	Hibbatu
Inara	Reggie
Lemuel	Shehnaqah
Alvin	Muhammad Ali

Diary Dates

Monday 9th- Wednesday 11h October	Y6 Robinwood
30th October- 3rd November	Half term school closed
Monday 6th November	PD day school closed
Tuesday 7th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 15th November	School Photographs
Thursday 21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January	Return to school

Secondary School Applications

Parents of current Y6 children must apply for their secondary school place by 31st October. Middlesbrough's "Primary and Secondary In Middlesbrough, Guide for Parents", is available online at www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/parents guide.



School Attendance

It is a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school. It is the schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. **Leave of absence** Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any applications for leave of absence must be made two weeks prior to intended time of absence. Please don't book your holiday during term time. Parents may be fined for taking unauthorised absence.

The average attendance for a primary school aged child is 96%.

Attendance

9 classes achieved 96% or more!

Class	%
R Miss Morgan	89
R Mrs Holian	93
Y1 Miss Featherstone	93
Y1 Miss Ker	95
Y1 Mrs Parnell	91
Y2 Miss Gates and Miss Abulafia	97
Y2 Miss Rafferty	94
Y2 Mrs Harrison	96
Y3 Miss Nilsen	97
Y3 Mrs Doloughan	87
Y3 Mrs Moloney	91
Y4 Miss Fisher	91
Y4 Miss Ross	99
Y4 Mr Messenger	97
Y5 Miss Brown	95
Y5 Miss Nichols	94
Y5 Miss Shaw	90
Y6 Mrs Attah	98
Y6 Mrs Hill	98
Y6 Mrs Turley	93
Y6 Mr Towers	89
Total Attendance	94

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ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please remember to let us know.



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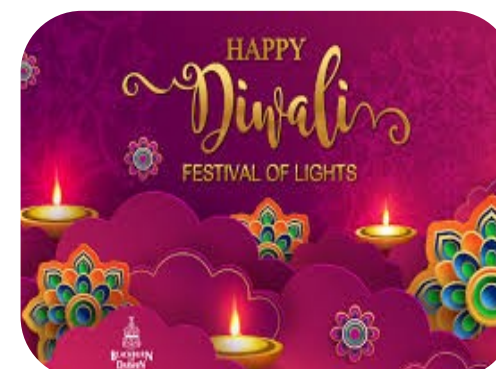


Breckon Hill Joins Legacy Learning Trust



October sees Breckon Hill become part of The Legacy Learning Trust. We are excited to be joining a family of schools who share common beliefs founded on inclusion, high expectations and high aspirations that children should be supported to achieve their very best and be encouraged to develop as well rounded individuals who are well prepared for life in modern Britain. We will keep our own name, badge and identity, which reflect our school community, but share the vision and values of TLLT. Please click on the link to learn more about TLLT.

<https://thelegacylearningtrust.org.uk/>



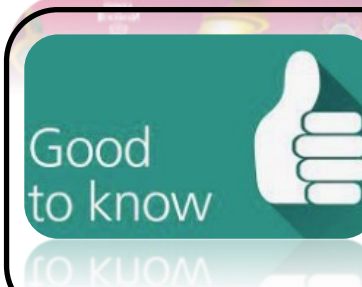
We wish a very Happy Diwali to our children and families who are celebrating this joyous festival this month.

Parents' Meetings

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October

Don't forget parents evening!

Please book your appointment to meet your child's teacher using the School Cloud online booking system. A letter will follow.



You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), I am pleased to confirm that we do not have any RAAC in school.

Out and About..

Year 2 enjoyed a great day at Saltholme.



Online Safety

Parents of Y5 and Y6 children are invited to an online safety workshop on Monday 2nd October 8.50am at Breckon Hill Community Centre.