



Out and About

Thanks to staff for organising visits to the cinema and theatre. Our Reception children are going to the Arc in Stockton. Our choir is to perform for Rosedene residents and more children will be going swimming this month. Thank you to the school council for representing our school at the laying of the first poppy ceremony last month.

In School Older children have welcomed the Show Racism the Red Card team to school in November. We enjoy regularly listening and learning about the importance of respecting each other through this important work.

Active School

This month children across KS2 have represented our school at an indoor athletics competition. The children took part in both track and field events including relay races, hurdles and the long jump. The children had a fantastic time and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to all who attended events. In school we have enjoyed Yoga sessions.

Head along to Albert park on a Sunday morning where you will find Mr Towers, one of our Year 6 teachers. Mr Towers has been part of the team to set up the Middlesbrough park run.



Star Staff

Thank you to our brilliant staff.

We appreciate all of their hard work and commitment to our school, we can't thank them enough for all they do for us all.

We celebrated the good work of staff on Stars in our School day this November but our appreciation lasts all year round.

Thanks to the School Council who iced biscuits and made the bunting.

Class Fun Days

Staff are planning a fun day during the last week of term for children. Staff will be making sure that children will have a lovely time. Activities such as: games, bingo, biscuit decorating, hot chocolate making, competitions, raffle, sweet treats and more are to be enjoyed.



Learning about our digital world....

A group of Y5 and Y6 children took part in the Animex festival at Teesside University where they learned how to create animations. They then attended a red carpet event at the University to watch their final productions and receive their certificates. Well done to all those involved!

Y5 children participated in a STEM challenge with The Small Piece Trust. They completed a glider challenge where they learned about the science behind how gliders work and created their own to test in school. A great day was had by all!

Y6 children attended a robotics workshop in school. They worked with Jack from Hyett Education to learn about how the Nuclear Defence Enterprise use technology and robots to help with their job. They built Lego robots and then programmed them to move around giant mats and collect barrels of nuclear waste. The children had a fun day and are now using those skills in class to use Spike Prime Kits.



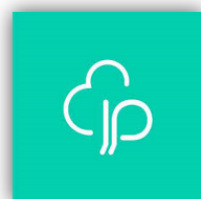
Breckon Hill Against Bullying Reach Out!

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is **Reach Out!** Please click on the [video here](#) to hear more. Our work around being kind is critical to make sure we help everyone stay safe and happy. Should you ever need to talk to someone, reach out, please know we are always here to help.

Children can help by reaching out to their friends and making sure that we look after each other. Anti-bullying is an important message that we talk about throughout the year, not just one week.



Albert Park Junior Parkrun



Scan here to register!



What is Albert Park junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Albert Park, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. Starting at the fountain in the middle of the park.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode.

Want to Volunteer?

In advance: If you know in advance that you would like to volunteer (either the next weekend or a future date) please email albertparkjuniors@parkrun.com and we will be in touch – we'd love to hear from you! Please include your full name and, if you know it, your parkrun ID found on your barcode.

On the day: If you're not sure of your weekend plans and don't want to commit in advance, just turn up and talk to the volunteers when you arrive – we can never have too many volunteers!





Fatima
Gracie
Alan
Rayyan
Musa
Hana
Ali
Eden
Duaa
Irha
Alvin
Luca
Blossom
Trinayana
Mahnoor
Kenley
Anaya
Ismaeel
Aleem
Esa
Madeena
Everleigh
Alexander
Eira
Jalilah
Zara
Husna
Ferishta
Maliha
Ivan
Nour
Ameera-Nika
Joseph
Afnan
Psalms-Michael
Vinazio
Afra
Hamza
Zain
Mohammedhadi
Sidra
Sumaya
Rhabit

Educational Welfare officer

Mrs Anne-Marie Cartwright is our Education Welfare Officer. Mrs Cartwright helps us to make sure that our attendance and punctuality is the very best it can be for all children so they have the very best chances of achieving their full potential.

If your child's attendance or punctuality is less than good, then Mrs Cartwright will be contacting you to see what support is needed and explain the legal requirements around attendance.

School Attendance

The regulations on school attendance are that it is parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school and it is schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. Mrs Cartwright is here to support families and school in all attendance matters.

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.

Diary Dates

Thursday 21st December Break up from school

Monday 8th January Back to school

School Attendance



Well done to all children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term!

Nursery AM	84.42
Nursery PM	92.74
R Mrs Holian	88.89
R Miss Morgan	91.29
Y1 Mrs Parnell	99.88
Y1 Miss Ker	93
Y1 Miss Featherstone	93.56
Y2 Miss Gates and Miss Abulafia	92.69
Y2 Miss Rafferty	93.49
Y2 Mrs Harrison	93.27
Y3 Mrs Doloughan	88.8
Y3 Mrs Moloney	94.16
Y3 Miss Nilsen	98.22
Y4 Mr Messenger	96.02
Y4 Miss Ross	96.85
Y4 Miss Fisher	92.97
Y5 Miss Shaw	96.85
Y5 Miss Brown	97.13
Y5 Miss Nichols	96.63
Y6 Mrs Attah	96.3
Y6 Mr Towers	93.48
Y6 Mrs Hill	90.17
Y6 Mrs Turley	94.91
Whole School	94.07



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We welcome back Miss Greensmith from maternity leave this month and we say hello and welcome Miss Blakemore, our new Office Manager. We say farewell to Mrs French, who leaves us to become a full time mum, we give her all our thanks and good wishes. She has worked very hard for the children of Breckon Hill, thank you Mrs French.

We also want to say congratulations to Miss Brown and Miss Mercurio and their families as they celebrate the arrival of their new babies.

Breckon Hill is the happy hardworking school that it is because of the strength of partnerships. Our parents and carers are so very important to us and we are very grateful for all the support that is given from home. We say Happy Christmas to those celebrating and to everyone we wish you a peaceful holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Smith and all at Breckon Hill



Footballing Achievements

Well done to these two hardworking children for their footballing achievements. The trophy and medal show their commitment and excellent attitude! A well done to them both!

Don't forget

**Tuesday
12th
December
Christmas Lunch**

**There will also be
options as usual on
the day.**



Reception Performances

We welcome Reception parents to the end of term performance this month.

Reception parents will receive letters and tickets with the dates and times.

Please check your child's book bag. Should you have any questions please talk with your child's teacher.



Free Benefit advice

Every Friday morning
At

Breckon Hill Community Centre.
Book an appointment to check that you are getting the correct amount of money/benefits.

Get help with applying for benefits including Child benefit, Free School Meals, Personal Independent Payments.

To book a space call into the Community Centre and speak to Amanda.

