

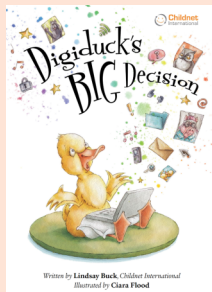
BROOKDALE BULLETIN

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Online Safety

Childnet has created the Digiduck collection to help parents and teachers educate children aged 3 – 7 about online safety. The collection includes ebooks, learning activities and a poster.

Follow Digiduck and his pals in these stories of friendship, responsibility and critical thinking online. You can access the site [here](#). The first story 'Digiduck's Big Decision' can be read online by clicking on the picture below.



Golden Table Awards

F2 - Joshua Birss

Year 1 - Arthur Robinson

Year 2 - Hugo Burke

Year 3 - Marcus Minks

Year 4 - Max Hammett

Year 5 - Phineas Black

Year 6 - Konnor Davies



Stars of the Week

Pre School - Eve Graham

F2 - Timo Trall

Year 1 - Hallie Barnes

Year 2 - Henry Southgate

Year 3 - Thomas Clarke

Year 4 - Olivia Gibbons

Year 5 - Eva Hulse

Year 6 - Isla Wiggins



School Values and Growth Mindset Awards

Pre School - Arthur Jones

F2 - Libby Bennett

Year 1 - Logan Maddocks

Year 2 - Cecily Black

Year 3 - Raia Donald

Year 4 - Emily Platt

Year 5 - Dylan James

Year 6 - Robert Gibson



Attendance



Good attendance at school is very important. If you are not here, you can't learn! We always aim to have an attendance percentage of 100%!

The table below shows you the attendance percentage this week:

F2	93.2
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	98.6
Year 3	95.2
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	97.7
Year 6	98.4
Whole School	96.67

Next School Week

Monday 6th May

- **Bank Holiday - School Closed**

Tuesday 7th May

- Year 6 Houlihan Cup 1/4 Final Vs Castleway at Brookdale - 4.00 pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 8th May

- F2 Visit to Imagine That

Thursday 8th May

- Basketball Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
- Plas Caerdeon Parents meeting 6.00pm

Friday 3rd May

- Celebration assembly - 2:35 pm
Parents of children who have been notified that they are receiving awards are invited.

BPS Vision Statement

'Inspiring, engaging and nurturing our children to achieve and flourish as citizens of today and the future.'

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Let There Be Light!

Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their Science and DT work this week when they invited their parents in after school on Wednesday to see the torches they had built as part of their light project.

Well done, Year 4!



From Strength to Strength!

One of our sporting superstars at Brookdale has enjoyed further success last weekend. Jasmine, Year 5, competed in Dorset in two qualifying events for the European Championships: Laser Run and Triathlon. Despite competing in the Under 13s category at just 10 years old, she came 4th place and qualified for both events in Madeira later in the year.

Well done, Jasmine!



Thank You from Mrs Rigby

Our cleaner of 36 years, Mrs Rigby, who retired last Friday has asked me to thank all the children, families and staff for their well-wishes and generous gifts. She was truly overwhelmed by the kindness she was shown and will miss being a daily part of the Brookdale family. We wish her a very well-deserved, long and happy retirement.



Football Action

On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 Football Team enjoyed the opportunity to play in the Corgi Cup Competition against Great Meols here on the school field. The team worked really hard only losing out 3-2 to Great Meols in extra time.

A fantastic display of our school values of #teamwork, #respect and #determination. Well done, Team Brookdale!



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Start your Fostering journey here !

Check out our website at:
www.wirralfostering.org
And complete an enquiry form

Call Admin on 0151 666 4616
 Or email
fosteringadmin@wirral.gov.uk

What is fostering?

We offer a range of types of fostering to suit your lifestyle, along with ongoing training and a great support package.

There is a huge variety and diversity in the children and young people who need a safe and loving home upon Wirral and we aim to reflect this in our foster carers.

We need loving homes for children of all ages up to 18 years, including babies and toddlers, older children and teenagers, sometimes for brothers and sisters who need to stay together.

Some children have special needs, these could be physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties and need special care.

Children from different backgrounds may have special requirements and have particular cultural or religious needs.

Types of Fostering

Short Term
 Short term foster carer may involve looking after a child on an emergency basis for as short as an overnight stay or having a child with you for a few months or even a year or two, before they return home or move onto a more permanent home. By providing short term foster care you can give a child in an unsettled situation the security they need and the time they need it most.

Long Term
 Being a permanent carer for a child or young person essentially means they live with you until they reach independence, but unlike adoption, the legal powers regarding the child or young person will remain with the local authority.

Sibling Groups and Teenagers
 We need homes for children of all ages up to 18 years, but there is a consistent need for foster carers to look after sibling groups for whom the security and comfort of staying together in a foster home is essential. It is so important to keep siblings together where possible. This means providing a stable family environment for children, often for older children and teenagers, who cannot live with their birth families.

Short Breaks for Children with Disabilities
 Short breaks care helps to relieve the pressure on parents and families caring for children with disabilities and / or health conditions. As a short break carer, you become a partner family to a child and their family, supporting them by caring for the child overnight on an agreed programme (e.g. one weekend per month). This means it's an ideal area of care for people who work full-time or have limited free time.

Respite

Respite care involves looking after children on a short term basis, who are already placed with foster carers to give 'respite' or a short break to their carers. It is an ideal type of fostering for anyone who would like to foster but is (maybe initially) unable to commit to a long term placement due to limited free time. It gives the opportunity to benefit from all the same training and support as full-time foster carers, without having to commit to long term placements.

Respite care is flexible and can vary from one-off emergency placements to a regular arrangement, where you support a child and foster family on an ongoing basis.

Parent & Child
 Foster Carer(s) will be expected to offer guidance and assistance to the parent in managing the care tasks for the child. This may include direct instruction or modelling, it may include responding to questions, or it may include practical support such as accompanying the parent to Parent and Baby Groups, Health Visiting Clinic, shopping, etc.

Foster Carer(s) will be expected to show the parent how any technical appliances work so that they are able to use cooking and cleaning facilities appropriately. If the placement progresses positively, it must be expected that the parent demonstrates less reliance on the Foster Carers support.

How to become a Foster Carer

If you decide you'd like to become a foster carer, we'll support you at every stage of the process. The assessment process usually takes between 3 and 4 months, and is very much a two-way process, where we learn a lot from each other. The thoroughness of the process ensures that everyone has enough information to achieve the best possible experience and outcomes for you, and the children you'll be caring for.

When you decide the time is right for you to proceed, we'll have a very informal chat over the phone to find out more about you and answer any questions you have.

Initial Visit
 Our initial visits normally involve one of our team coming to see you at home to talk more in depth about the process, your thoughts around fostering and what's involved. We'll provide all the information you need about the application process so you know what to expect. We are also able to conduct initial visits online via teams etc. to ensure we can still support people through the process.

Pre-approval Training
 Part of the assessment includes a 3 day training course, to give you a real insight into what being a foster carer is like. During 'Skills to Foster' you'll hear from other foster carers and young people in care. It is also a great opportunity to meet others going through the application process and learn and prepare in a supportive group environment. Many of our foster carers are still in touch with people they met on their training days!

Assessment
 At this stage, your assessing social worker will work with you to complete the application form (you may hear it referred to as a Form F). They will guide you through the process and talk in more detail about a variety of things like; your family, life experiences, work history, interests and skills and anything that will help us better understand the type of children you feel you would be best suited to fostering.

Family members, friends and your nominated support network are also contacted at this point. We also complete all the necessary police and medical checks and obtain references.

Panel
 Once your application is completed, we'll send you a copy in advance of you attending a fostering panel along with your social worker (it's not as scary as it sounds!). This is where a group of independent professionals review and discuss your application with you, before making a recommendation regarding your approval as a foster carer.

Approval !
 Once you are approved we'll soon be in touch about children who we need foster carers for, who we think would be a suitable match for you, as well as discussing any initial training you'd like to go on.

Then it won't be long before you're welcoming a child or young person into your home!

For children. For carers. For support.
 Visit foster4.co.uk or give the team a call on 0345 646 0098 or email enquiry@foster4.co.uk

BROOKDALE BISTRO

Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning Monday 6th May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option Pasta bar Various pasta sauces served with pasta and toppings with crusty bread and peas. Or Jacket potato & Filling Or Deli Option Design your own to include wrap, batak or sliced bread filled with your selection from ham, turkey, tuna, egg, or chesse plus a choice of salad. And Dessert Ice cream Or Fresh fruit, yogurt or chesse & crackers And A Drink Blackcurrant or orange juice, milk or water	Hot Option Mentholis Fresh minced Beef or Quorn, vegetables in a tomato & herb sauce, served with pasta & broccoli. Or Jacket Potato & Filling Or Deli Option Design your own to include wrap, batak or sliced bread filled with your selection from ham, turkey, tuna, egg, or chesse plus a choice of salad. And Dessert Convulsions Cakes Or Fresh fruit, yogurt or chesse & crackers And A Drink Blackcurrant or orange juice, milk or water	Hot Option BBQ Chicken Choose from either a chicken or Quorn fillet topped with BBQ sauce and served with rice & sweetcorn. Or Jacket Potato & Filling Or Deli Option Design your own to include wrap, batak or sliced bread filled with your selection from ham, turkey, tuna, egg, or chesse plus a choice of salad. And Dessert Chocolats Cookies Or Fresh fruit, yogurt or chesse & crackers And A Drink Blackcurrant or orange juice, milk or water	Hot Option Roast Turkey Dinner Or Quorn Dinner Or Jacket Potato & Filling Or Deli Option Design your own to include wrap, batak or sliced bread filled with your selection from ham, turkey, tuna, egg, or chesse plus a choice of salad. And Dessert Muffins Or Fresh fruit, yogurt or chesse & crackers And A Drink Blackcurrant or orange juice, milk or water	Hot Option Battered Cod Fillet Or Vegetable Nuggets served with chips, peas, or baked beans. Or Jacket Potato & Filling Or Deli Option Design your own to include wrap, batak or sliced bread filled with your selection from ham, turkey, tuna, egg, or chesse plus a choice of salad. And Dessert Jelly & Cream Or Fresh fruit, yogurt or chesse & crackers And A Drink Blackcurrant or orange juice, milk or water

[Click here to go to our website for the full 3-week menu](#)