

THE TRENT-BROOK TRIBUNE

May 2025

Hello from the Head



Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of The Trent-Brook Tribune!

Our intention is to send our newsletter every month to keep you up-to-date with exciting news, achievements, information and upcoming events. In this edition, you'll find highlights from our pupils, staff and Clinical Team at Trent Acres and Brookfield.

From academic achievements to extracurricular activities, we're proud to highlight the talents and efforts of our pupils and staff. I hope you find this newsletter useful. Please get in touch with any achievements from outside school as we would love to share them with our school community.

Wishing you a restful half term,

Luke

Reminders

As we enter our final term, pupils will begin the exciting transition to their new class groups for the 2025/26 school year. While change can feel challenging, our teaching staff and Clinical Team are here to provide support every step of the way, helping pupils feel confident and ready for the future.

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2025 - PRIDE MONTH

- 2 Start of Term
- 2-6 Environment Week
- 17-21 Arts Week

Trent Trivia!

How many animals live at Trent Acres school?

Tell your Tutor on Monday and correct answers will win a special prize!

Our Community

Warm Welcomes!

Meet Roxanne – the newest wordsmith in the Trent Acres English Department! Roxanne’s wild about animals, spins jazzy records and cheers for Aston Villa. Ask about her favourite pizza topping and prepare for a debate!



Meet Andrea – the fresh flavour in Brookfield’s Hospitality Team! When she’s not whipping up hospitality magic, Andrea’s out and about walking, crafting woolly creations or chasing after Pixie, her energetic border terrier puppy.

Meet Chloe – Trent Acres’ new Animal Care ace ad-ventura!



From feeding meerkats to flying miles, Chloe brings her zoo know-how, love of travel and country tunes to our sites.

The Three Peaks Challenge

On the 24th May, six staff members will be tackling the formidable National Three Peaks Challenge. The team are trekking in aid of ‘The David Lewis Foundation’, founded by Trent Acres’ James Lewis in memory of his Dad. The project raises funds for St Giles Hospice, which provided invaluable support to the Lewis Family. Good luck to our mountaineers!

If you would like to support their efforts, please donate via the following link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dlf25>

Subject Spotlight

Primary – English

From fairy tales to nonsense verse, Primary have been rewriting Cinderella and illustrating the wild world of ‘The Jabberwocky’.



Secondary – Art



Secondary have created vibrant masterpieces inspired by artist Jasper Johns, exploring repetition, abstraction and symbolism with painted numbers.

Willow’s Word of the Week

‘Gruntled’ [adjective]

Meaning *happy or pleased*.

‘Willow was gruntled to get two bones for dinner!’



Head’s Highlights

My personal highlights include seeing the dedication of our GCSE students and listening to the fantastic phonic decoding skills from Primary’s Arrivals and Polar Express classes – well done all!

Celebration Stories

VE Day Celebrations

Our school honoured the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with a special assembly, celebratory activities and beautifully decorated classrooms and doors.

Excellent Exam Efforts

It has been a busy exam season, with pupils seeing their hard work pay off. In total, we have had 104 entries for GCSEs, 16 for Entry Level Certificates, 31 for BTECS, 60 for Functional Skills and 10 for City & Guilds Awards. Congratulations to all pupils and staff for their huge efforts to reach this milestone!

Let's Get Physical!

Many Brookfield students are now members of their local gym, regularly visiting to keep fit, unwind and embrace the challenge!

Primary School's Trip

Our Primary pupils recently adventured through the National Arboretum, learning about VE Day with an interactive film and enjoying a fantastic forest picnic.

Career Progressions

Brookfield students are connecting with the community through work experience at the local Road Chef - gaining valuable life skills and opening doors to exciting futures.

Charity Champions

Our Brookfield pupils have raised over £600 for charities this year. Let's keep the kindness going!

Animal Friends

Fluffy Alert!

Our baby chicks are on the way and keeping cozy in the Science room incubator.



We'll be setting up a live feed soon, so watch Class Dojo for the link to follow their egg-citing journey!

Don't toss those tubes!



We're collecting toilet and kitchen roll tubes to make enriching toys for our small mammals. Please drop them off and help us get creative!

Lunchtime Clubs

- M** D&D (Trent), Music (Brookfield), Sports (Brookfield)
- T** Crochet (Trent), Films (Brookfield), History (Brookfield)
- W** Drama (Trent), Maths (Trent), Pampering (Brookfield), Warhammer (Trent)
- T** Art (Brookfield), Reading (Brookfield), Spanish (Trent)
- F** KSI (Trent), Games (Brookfield), Music (Brookfield), Sport (Brookfield)

Suggestions Spot

How do you think we can reduce our school's environmental footprint?

Please pass on your suggestions to your Tutor or email lydia.carter@optionsautism.co.uk

Clinical Corner



Hello, we are the Clinical Team at Options Trent Acres School.

Our Team includes clinicians and assistants from Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Psychological therapies. Our team works together to understand each student's needs and find the best ways to support them, through staff training, consultation, group work, individual assessment and direct intervention.

Each term, we host a friendly 'Clinical Coffee Morning' for parents to meet us and have a chat. Keep an eye on this newsletter for the next date!

The Clinical Team



Library Look



'Leave the Trees, Please'
by Benjamin Zephaniah
Join a young boy's heartfelt journey of friendship with a tree in this poetic tribute to nature (Primary reading).

'What Happens Online'

by Nathanael Lessore
An unmissable teen comedy about discovering your identity - online and offline (Secondary reading).



Safeguarding

As a school community, we strive to ensure that pupils feel safe and able to talk to staff members openly about difficult topics. This can take time, but the hard work pays off when we are able to support young people to navigate challenging situations safely.

Our guidance sheet for this month focuses on how to establish open conversations at home. Electronic copies will be sent via email and paper copies are available in Reception.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As always, thank you for your support in reporting concerns and keeping us well informed.

The DSL Team

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