



Brookland Junior School News



02nd February 2024

This Week:

In assembly this week we thought about our Brookland Values of tolerance, how we keep open minded, curious and respectful of what makes us different and how important this is for our school and our world. Well done 5A for your atmospheric, fact packed and entertaining class assembly today. Your parents and the whole school learnt so much about The Planets and were impressed with your singing, acting, tech skills and superb teamwork.



Year 6 have enjoyed working together to create lego motorised fairground rides in DT, year 4 have been using their Teamwork skills to programme microbits for their computing lessons and to help each other target their forehands in PE, year 5 have shown amazing Determination and Quality creating and painting Ancient Egyptian canopic jars out of clay and year 3 have been researching about Stone Age life in Ancient Britain.





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Also This Week:

"On Tuesday we went to Gunnersbury Park to learn about Victorians. In the morning, we had the 'Below Stairs' Experience... we practised to be a footman and a maid. We also beat the dirty carpet and had a lot of fun cleaning our clothes. In the afternoon, we had 'The Victorian School' Experience. Some got whipped, some were dancers, some had finger traps and some got back straighteners. We had a lot of fun." By Ethan & Lucas 4K



"On Wednesday 31st January, for our RE topic, year 5 visited the North Finchley Mosque. When we got to the Mosque, we had to take off our shoes as a sign of respect. Year 5 were welcomed to sit on a carpet where an expert told us loads about the Islamic faith and what Muslims do at the Mosque. The experts sang prayers to us and we learnt what the meaning of the Arabic words was. Year 5 really enjoyed the trip to the North Finchley Mosque as their topic for RE. After the trip, year 5 wrote their reflections about the visit to the mosque to show they learnt more facts about the Islamic Faith." Lyla & Leyan 5AM



Next Week:

Week of 5th February: Children's Mental Health/ Online Safety focus week

Monday 5th February 9am: Head Teacher Award Assembly

Tuesday 6th February 9- 10am: Parent Workshop on online safety- external speaker from ECP in the hall

Tuesday 6th February: Online safety workshops for all classes

Tuesday 6th February 5.30-7.30 PA Pyjama party film night for years 3 and 4 in the hall

Wednesday 7th February: Children's mental health day. **Wear black, pink and yellow and support Beyond children's charity.**

Wednesday 7th February: Group of pupils attending Marlo's Magical Soothing Sound Bath Workshop

Wednesday 7th February 5.30-7.30 PA Pyjama party film night for years 5 and 6 in the hall

Thursday 8th February: Maths Challenge at The Guildhall for group of Y5 pupils

Friday 9th February 9am: 4S Victorians Class Assembly for parents- please do stay for coffee/ tea if you are able

Further Ahead:

Monday 12th- Friday 16th February: HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 19th February 8.50: Back to school for everyone



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Children's Mental Health Week:

The week beginning 5th February marks the start of the National Children's Mental Health week and we will be developing our mindfulness practice and strategies for regulating our emotions during the week. We will also be sending out some parent resources on the Zones of Regulation - a tool we use here at Brookland to discuss how we are feeling.

On **Wednesday 7th February**, please bring £1 to dress in the colours of black, pink and/or yellow to fundraise for Beyond, a charity providing mental health educational support to schools. We are so fortunate to have been given a grant of £11,000 from Beyond this year to work with BASE (Body and Soul Education) to support children in our school who are young carers and we'd like to give back to the charity to help support others.

You can find more information on Beyond here: <https://wearebeyond.org.uk/>

Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

"To be a pitch perfect maid, you need to have dedication to what you are doing, no lazing about. You can only work. Punishment gets severe if you don't do the chores perfectly as we expect it. You live in this house rent free so you have to repay us by doing all the cleaning. If not completed, you will be locked in a dark wardrobe for two hours, then you will do it all over again. We expect it to be done by 6:00 o'clock this evening. If it is not spotless, we will use you to sweep the house. Do the floor, the carpet, the beds and basically everything, DO it thoroughly!" Georgia 5E

"What was out there? Nobody knows! Why was he staring at it? Nobody knows! The Iron Man was swaying gently forward, backward, forward, backward. Wind whooshed, thunder rumbled, lightning struck: he wasn't scared; he didn't lament; he didn't lament; he wanted to smell the sea. Finally, the Iron Man reached his destination, The Top of The cliff." Lilla 6P

"The eerie room had a bad omen and was filled to the brim with silhouettes of bottles, beakers and vials. Floors lined with cobblestones, tables overflowing with formulae, scrap metal and screws; A musty smell lingering like rotten cheese filled the chamber." Ariya 6P

"Where is the Iron Man from? Nobody knows! How was he made? Nobody knows! Does Iron Man have friends? Nobody Knows! The Iron Man was playing on Pluto peacefully with his 8 friends. They were playing tag on the rocky road. Iron Man and his friends were tired so they sat on metal bench. They started talking about it. They had to leave Pluto (Iron Man's land). Adam wanted to go to Saturn, John to Neptune, Kate to Venus, Jill to Mars, Lili to Jupiter, Phil to Uranus and Iron Man to Earth. His dream was to step on grass, smell the salty sea. " Nanaka 6D

"The lab was messy; unfinished machines lying around; failed experiments scattered here and there. But in the centre of the lab, the mad scientist was working on his best experiment yet. An Iron Man! It would devour any piece of metal in its path. There it was, lying on a table. One night, he rose. Havoc was on the loose." Tasneem 6L

Staff Car Park and the traffic barrier:

A reminder that parents and carers should NOT drive up the driveway after 7:45am and before 5:30pm to park in the staff car park, including those coming to Swim Tank or Jelly Beans. In exceptional circumstances we give permission but only after prior discussion with the office staff members. With our long single track driveway we quickly have gridlock on the drive when parents park and wait at the barrier – please do not do this. This blocks emergency vehicle access, blocks Hill Top, undermines staff wellbeing when they are trying to get home or leave after work to collect their own children, endangers pedestrians and creates unnecessary confrontation.



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Behaviour Outside School Gates:

It was very disappointing to hear of another altercation between 2 grown-ups outside the school gates to do with parking. We work so hard to ensure our children show kindness, respect and tolerance to others in school as per our Golden Rules and Brookland Values. At the very least we would expect parents and carers to set the same example outside the school gates, especially when there are children around at drop off and pick up.

Message from Barnet about Dr Bike:

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks, particularly among parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the New Year. I can therefore announce we will continue to run these through January, February and March at the following locations/dates/times on a rotating basis each month:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 29th January - Friday 2nd February

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.86%	97.92%	98.57%	97.42%	90.0%	92.0%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.86%	99.65%	99.64%	100%	99.33%	99.33%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	95.33%	94.83%	94.19%	95.67%	95.67%	95.86%	95.01%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.67%	98.97%	100%	97.0%	98.0%	96.90%	98.87%

Well done to **3HD** for having the highest attendance this week.
Congratulations to **4K & 5E** for having 100%+ punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake