



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 09th May 2025

This week:

In assembly this week we thought about individual liberty as one of the British Values and today we were treated to a wonderful class assembly from 4S about the history of Hampstead Garden Suburb. We all learned something new about our local area from your fabulous telling of the story of Henrietta Barnett. Such confident acting, fabulous singing, impressive technical team, a really creative script and super teamwork. Well done!



Year 5 and 6 had a very special visitor taking their assembly on Tuesday. Dr Ewan Kirk is a British technology entrepreneur, chair of the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences and a Director of BAE Systems. He spoke about his work supporting tech startups, his passion for maths and computing and the work he is now able to do supporting education. *Dr Kirk was really interesting and funny and made a complicated subject of explaining his profession easy to understand. I learnt that maths can be very interesting and a quick trick to add all the numbers up to 101. He has an interesting job, he studies Albert Einstein's theories and I am now more interested in looking at a career in computing. Sahas 6L Dr Kirk enjoys Lego, especially technic Lego and thinks it is a really good way to get your mind working and improve your problem solving skills. We really enjoyed listening to what you do in your everyday life for your job and thank you for coming to Brookland Samuel 5R*



"On Wednesday 7th May, year 3 & 4 tennis squad took part in a tennis tournament. It was exciting, we were feeling nervous but we played really well. We didn't know if we could make it to the quarter finals but we did. We were so happy. We played against about 12 schools. We got GOLD!!! We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Capelan for teaching us tennis and for the parents for taking us." Kiana, Savannah, James, Lucas

Lauren Langham joined us again on Wednesday morning to give a talk for parents on supporting and understanding your child's emotions. Lauren also talked about some sensitive triggers that impact on our children's emotions and well-being. As always, it was hugely successful and several parents expressed how the topic was handled sympathetically, empathetically and they found the information and strategies invaluable. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lauren once more for her expertise and experience. Mr G



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Also This Week:

Local Area Walk:

4K and 4JS explored The Suburb as part of their Geography topic yesterday.



A huge thank you to Henrietta Barnett for hosting a series of enrichment events for a group of our year 5 children called Study Buddy. They finished yesterday's session with an impromptu concert which everyone enjoyed.

"Yesterday, we went to Henrietta Barnett School to do some singing. We learnt 'When the Saints Go Marching In', 'I Want to Sing, I Want to Dance' and some other songs. There were a group of helpers who played a bunch of different instruments. There were instruments from cello to drums and a lot more. We were singing in a music room but eventually moved outside where everyone got cold and went back inside! We were accompanied by a guitar and piano. We sang a round but in a different way. Each group started at a different song. We started at 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' and ended at 'Rolling Along'. We were the last group so we ended the piece. We tried one group starts first, second one starts, third one starts and finally our group starts at the first song 'When The Saints Go Marching'. After we ended the rest joined in back on the first song and sang until the end of the 4 songs. We sang this version to our parents. We were a bit embarrassed at our parents watching us.! Over all it was a fun experience." Gigi & Maty

5AM



After reading the Great Kapok Tree we took part in a RAFT writing project which is a writing strategy by identifying the **Role** of the writer, the **Audience**, the **Format** and the **Topic**. For our group, our Role was rainforest animals, the Audience was the human race, the Format was a panel discussion and our Topic was 'It's a Jungle out here, don't you know?' After writing our individual discussion points, we presented to the class and we ended with a collaborative message to humanity:

*"The rainforest sustains lives in every way
Countless creatures depend on it every day
Timber and paper are wasted supplies
Do you really want to hear the animals' anguished cries?
Would you desire for your home to be destroyed?
Do you know how deeply the wildlife feel annoyed?"*

Sofia A, Aish, Myla, Gabe, Sarah & Maty 5AM





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This Week Continues:

Family Day Card Making Workshop:

Thank you so much to the wonderful team of parents who led such a creative and enjoyable card making workshop today. Thank you to everyone who supported the Parents Association by attending. I hope you enjoy sharing your beautiful work with your families!



Attendance

We have a quarter of this school year remaining to secure the best possible outcomes for each of our wonderful children. Having the best possible attendance at school is fundamental for your child's success, happiness and life habits. All parents can view their child's attendance record through Arbor. Please email or call Mrs Lake if you have any queries about this record which forms part of your child's school records including for their end of year reports. The national expectation of good school attendance is at least 96%. Below 90% attendance is described as persistent absence and would mean that your child has missed 100 lessons over the school year. Barnet's education welfare officer will be visiting us shortly to review our attendance with a focus on children with attendance below 90%. Please do let the school know if you would like any guidance or support around school attendance.



Getting your child to school really matters.

Did you know.....

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately.....
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons



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Gardening Club:

This week, the Gardening Club have planted some tomato seedlings donated to our school by Mrs Pejakovic's friend. Thank you, Ilijana. We had over 20 healthy looking tomato plants. We have also sown carrots, radishes and courgettes. Happy growing, everyone.



Golden Sentences:

"Today, I dressed Edward in his favourite suit with bow and tie. I know he loves it because when he goes to sleep he admires himself in the mirror. Yesterday, we left our home in France in the move to London. I didn't want to leave my grandma, Pelegrina as she gave me Edward." Mohsin 3G

"Yesterday morning, I woke up and hugged Edward. I dressed him into his smartest clothes with a famous bow and his favourite clothes. In the afternoon something terrible happened. On the ship, Edward splashed over board surprisingly. I cried deeply. I love Edward. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was so heart breaking. Poor Edward." Zainab 3G

"I started tearing up slowly, slowly and slowly." Lara 3G

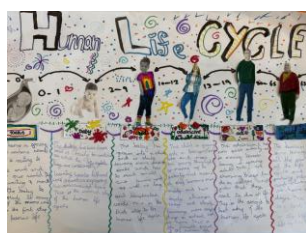
"Going to London has been a nightmare. I wish we never got on the boat because now Edward is gone. I wanted to jump straight into the dark, deep blue ocean." Gloria 3G

"In a split second the bear started running as fast as the speed of light towards me. Quickly, I ran as fast as my legs could carry me but in the flash of the lightning in the sky the bear mysteriously appeared in front of me and I bumped into it and fell. I crawled back immediately in fear." Thuti 4K

"Evolution of Cars: Back then, during the 1920s & 1930s, cars became a symbol of wealth and status. Luxury car manufacturers like Rolls-Royce (a very rich company) and Cadillac (popular for its unique design) became famous for producing high-end vehicles. However, the Great Depression in 1930 led to a decline in car sales and many manufacturers went bankrupt." James 6P

"Musical Theatre: The Heart of Acting: Ancient Greeks invented the art of musical theatre about 2500 ago which was performed by citizens on religious festivals honouring Dionysus and is now used to express thoughts, emotions and actions." Alejandro 6P

"1. General Information: A formation is a special home for ants. People keep ants to watch how they live & work. Colony Structure: Queen Ant laying eggs. The colony has larvae and pupae. The workers take care of the young, build tunnels and find food. Some ants have soldiers who protect the colony." Kostya 6L



Ruby, Talia, Bella 5A



Jamie & Maxwell 5A



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Next week:

Week of 12th May: Year 6 National SAT testing week.

Tuesday 13th May 6pm: Full Governing Body meeting

Friday 16th May 9am: 3SH Class Assembly on St Lucia for parents in the hall. Please do stay for coffee if you have time

Friday 16th May: 5R Trip to Tower Bridge

Friday 16th May: The Launch of Arts Week

Friday 16th May: 4S Hampstead Garden Suburb Walk

Sunday 18th May: 6 Brookland Chess Teams competing in the National Semi-final

Further ahead: (Arts Week)

Monday 19th May: 5A Trip to Tower Bridge

Monday 19th May: Barnet Music Festival Rehearsal

Tuesday 20th May: Headteacher's Award Assembly & Tea

Wednesday 21st May: Year 5&6 Cricket Tournament

Wednesday 21st May 9:00-10:00am: Secondary Transfer Information Meeting for year 5 parents in the hall. Year 4 parents also welcome

Thursday 22nd May: 5AM Trip to Tower Bridge

Friday 23rd May: **Inset Day School Closed to Pupils**

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May: **Half Term**

Monday 02nd June: **Inset Day School Closed to Pupils**

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 5th May - Friday 9th May

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.50%	95.83%	96.25%	94.17%	96.25%	97.41%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.92%	99.58%	96.67%	97.50%	98.33%	97.74%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	92.08%	96.67%	93.33%	97.58%	97.92%	92.92%	95.66%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.92%	97.50%	99.58%	99.60%	95.83%	96.67%	97.92%

Well done to **6L** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **6D** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



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Dr Bike:

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.

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	14 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	11 June 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	18 June 2025	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	9 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	16 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	13 August 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	20 August 2025	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	10 September 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	17 September 2025	4pm to 7pm