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This Week:

In assembly this week, we have been exploring the British Value of Individual Liberty, we heard about the winner of the International Children's Peace Prize announced last week and today, we heard from school council about their next plans for playtimes. Thank you 6A for your excellent class assembly about daily life in Britain during World War II. It was a fascinating and highly engaging way to bring your History topic to life. You showed just how confident, responsible and capable you are becoming and how impressive your teamwork is as a class. Your parents and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed your great singing, dancing, costumes, acting, tech support and lighting, learned lots of information and were very impressed! Very well done 6A.



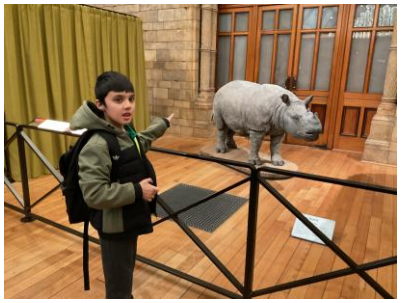


Making vegetable turnovers: *As part of our DT unit, we researched rationing during World War 2. We looked at what ingredients people would have to cook with and planned to make vegetable turnovers using these ingredients. We learnt how to make pastry by rubbing together flour and margarine and mixing in a little water to form the dough. There was also baking powder and salt. In the afternoon, we had to roll out our pastry to the shape we planned and fill with vegetables, cheese and herbs. We planned what was in them with our partners. It was really fun to make them and eat them (although some people in our class didn't like their choice of filling!)* Benjamin and Carmi 6D





Yesterday, we went to the National History Museum. We went on a fun coach ride to arrive at the museum and we saw lots of artefacts. We learnt about volcanos, earthquakes and a seismometer. A seismometer measures the shaking to predict if a volcano will erupt. The earthquake room recreated a real incident that happened. We were in a replica of a store that was affected by the incident. Everything was shaking! We had the best time at the museum and learnt lots. Ehud & Avantika 4JS

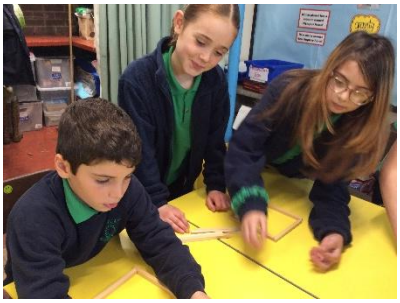
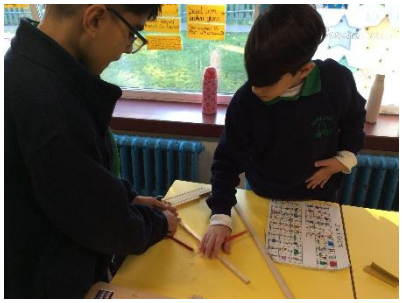




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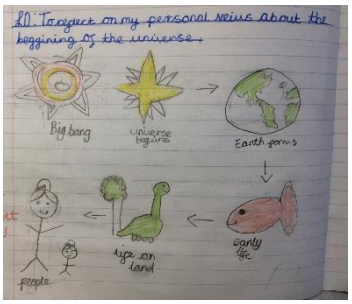
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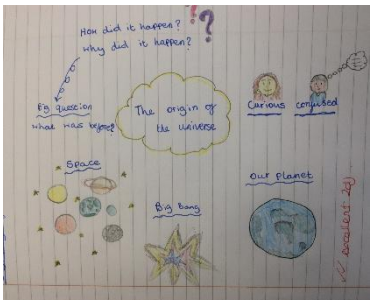
Design Technology: *In DT we did a questionnaire with year 3 to get some good ideas for our moving toy designs. We then made wooden frames in the shape of cubes; our favourite part was sawing the wood into 15cm lengths. After that we sanded the edges to make the wood smooth. Next, we glued the wood together with yellow paper triangles. First, we made a square base and stuck on either side and added more wood pointing upwards like an upside-down stool. Then we made another square and stuck it on the end of the sticks of wood.*

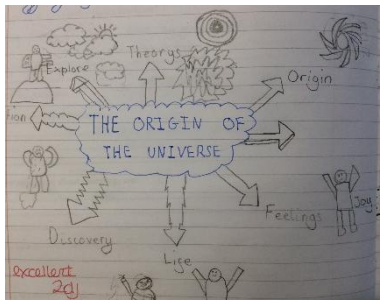




The new **Barnet RE Curriculum** is really engaging us in some deep thinking. Year 6 have been exploring their ideas and beliefs about the Big Question, Where Do We Come From? and choosing different ways to present their thinking and knowledge.

Cosmology is the study of the universe's origin, structure, evolution and ultimate fate. Its fundamental question is about why the universe exists.
My opinion is that God created the universe but I am not sure how God was created.
One thing I would say about the universe is that it was always there; God didn't make it.
My personal view on the beginning of the universe is that there is a creator. I also believe the big bang created most of the world. Kian, Grace, Indy, Theo





Eco Group:

Eco Group have been 'Hedgerow Heroes' investigating the different types of hedges, leaves, twigs & insects around the school. Eco Group





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School Council:

Today in assembly, the School Council shared how they are listening to children's views and helping to make positive changes. They talked about improvements in the playground with the purchasing of new play equipment and encouraged everyone to continue looking after our school by tidying away and using the equipment safely. They asked everyone to keep the toilet areas clean and explained how everyone can make a difference. It was wonderful to see such confident speakers who are proud to represent their class and school. Miss Christie



Match Report:

On the 20th November 2026, we played Brunswick Park School As we arrived at the Christ's College astro-turf pitch, Carmi and Aaran led the warm-up together which included: running, high knees, heel kicks and lunges etc. When the match started, we were like lions, pouncing at them with everything we had. For our first goal, Sami and Kemdi played a one-two using their teamwork skills and then Kemdi dribbled past 3 players and sent the goalkeeper the wrong way and scored. Goal! That made the result after the first half 3-0.

Before the second half started, Mr A gave us a team talk on what we needed to work on. After that, we used our listening skills and nailed everything that he said. Unfortunately, they scored two goals. After that, we were all annoyed, but we used our determination and perseverance to gain back 3 goals.

For our 2nd goal, we earned a corner from an attack and Yonatan crossed the ball straight into Aaran, who chested it into River and River smashed a first-time volley top corner. Goal!

For our 3rd goal, Omri passed the ball to Aaran, who passed it to Sami, who passed it to Carmi, who passed it to Aaran, who passed it to Kemdi, who dribbled past two players and slotted it in. Goal! That was our best teamwork play in the match.

For the final goal, River dribbled past 2 players and got fouled in the box. Kemdi took the penalty and scored. Goal!

Artin & Aaran 6A



Well Done & Congratulations:

Congratulations to Jude who is runner up in MP Sarah Sackman's winter card competition. Jude chose the Spike Milligan statue in Stephens House & Gardens as his inspiration - he drew Spike having a conversation with a festive snowman enjoying a warming winter drink!



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Brookland's Magical Winter Village, Saturday 5 December, 12–4pm

Our PA Winter Fair is back, bigger and more magical than ever!

Join us at school for Santa's Grotto, the Elves' Workshop, the Reindeer Run, funfair rides, Makers' Row, the Snowflake Café, a Christmas tree sale and lots more.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children. Book now:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/brooklands-magical-winter-village .
Every penny raised goes back into our school. We are fund raising for air conditioning for the hall and as many other spaces as we can!

We can't wait to see you there!



You can find advice for a range of online games and apps on our website here:
We have added advice relating to Grand Theft Auto. In case you are not aware, this adult online game revolves around a couple committing crimes. It's made for adults. It is rated for people 18 or older due to "blood and gore, intense violence, mature humour, nudity, strong language, strong sexual content and use of drugs and alcohol." It is entirely inappropriate and damaging for children. Please see the information attached.

STEM Dorado Science Magazine - Issue 17:
We are delighted to share issue 17 of STEM Dorado Science magazine for young readers in Barnet.

The latest issue of STEM Dorado Science, our FREE science magazine for children aged 6–14, explores the fascinating world of Environmental Biotechnology in collaboration with the Environmental Biotechnology Innovation Centre (EBIC).
Discover how scientists are using microbes and enzymes to tackle pollution, including stubborn ‘forever chemicals’ (PFAS). This issue also features an inspiring interview with Professor Frederic Coulon, Director of EBIC, alongside exciting articles on the science of Halloween pumpkins, chocolate, nutrition, climate science and much more!

Packed with colourful illustrations, fun activities, puzzles and children's creative contributions, this issue aims to spark scientific curiosity in young minds.

Free to read and download: https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/SD-Science-vol_17/
For all other issues visit : https://stemdorado.com/magazine.html

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Parent Wellbeing Workshop

Thursday 3rd December at 9am in Brookland Junior School Library. Please feel free to arrive from 8.40pm for a coffee. Brooklands Infants and Junior School are delighted to be welcoming BICS (Barnet's Integrated Clinical Services) to deliver a free, interactive and informative workshop for parents on the topic of Holiday Routines and Self-Care. The session will discuss:

- How to create sustainable routines over holiday periods.
- How to support a smooth transition between a school and holiday routines.
- Signposting to activities in Barnet over the winter break.
- Strategies to support parental wellbeing.

Looking forward to seeing you there
Mr Greenhouse

Next Week:

Monday 30th November: 6L cooking
Monday 30th November 2.45: Year 5/6 Girls Football Team Match away v Orion Primary School
Tuesday 1st December 9am: 6D Class Assembly on WWII for parents in the hall. Do stay for coffee if you have time.
Wednesday 2nd December: Year 5 Wonder Dome Space Topic Workshop in school
Thursday 3rd December 9:00am: Headteacher's Tour for prospective parents
Friday 4th December: Crazy Hair Day – Wear your own clothes for £1.00 towards the Winter Fair set up costs.
Friday 4th December 3:15pm: Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team match vs Deanbrook @ Christ's College's pitch
Saturday 5th December 12- 4pm WINTER FAIR – Look out for instructions & flyers coming from PA

Further Ahead:

Monday 7th December: 6A cooking
Monday 7th December: Chanukah Assembly led by 6L
Tuesday 8th December: Careers Assembly for Year 5/6 – Gyve from Suri to give a talk
Wednesday 9th December: Whole School Meeting
Thursday 10th December pm: 5K Local River Walk
Thursday 10th December 3pm: Year 5 & 6 Football match vs All Saints @Clarion School
Friday 11th December 9am: Pop Choir Assembly
Thursday 10th December pm: 5P River Walk

Diamond Jubilee, our 75th Anniversary Celebration:

Next year is a milestone year for Brookland Infant and Junior Schools - we are turning 75 and we're going to celebrate! More information will follow for plans to mark the important birthday with children and school families. We are also organising a fundraising event for Brookland's 75 years of alumni, and asking any professional events planners, fundraisers or related experts in these fields if you're able to help by volunteering your skills. We are forming an organising committee of professionals and won't ask too much of your time, but if this is you, please let us know if you can help by emailing governors Lucy Tobin and Sophie Diner at:
brookland75@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk

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Here are some extracts from Big Write this week which received Gold Star today:

They started to regret going on this desert expedition, they tried to get their kids to bail them out of it but they wouldn't budge. Eventually, they started to blame it on each other. Yedel 5P

It is important to picture ourselves doing something scary because we will then have bravery that can help us. Next time I am nervous I will ask someone with courage. Adem 5P

A strategy that I use to overcome fears is to take a deep breath and continue. Adam 5P

In the midst of the industrial town a new citizen woke up. The hum of machinery & the sounds of peculiar creatures like his own filled his ears. The buildings peered at each other; their eyes fixed on one target. Jaitra 6D

Unique: the unfamiliar city roared with life. In the big, blustering metropolis of creatures; every corner filled with something new. Eileen 6D

My dragon has sharp teeth. My dragon has horned horns. My dragon has gigantic wings. My dragon has prickly spines. Adam 4JS

Warlike, wild wings: perfect to fly at hundreds of miles per hour. Stefan 4JS

Galaxy is adorable but she is as fast as lightning and does a lot of attack damage. The scariest dragon got beaten up by her and moved far far away just to be safe and doesn't get embarrassed ever again. Scarlett 4JS

Large, long legs: Perfect for stomping on prey to kill them! Brown shielded, hard, strong, harmful tail: ideal for beating & hurting prey. Riley 4S

Crimson, creepy, crooked claws, exquisite for slicing your prey. Aaron 4S

"Yea right unlike you guys I actually experienced this," laughed Monsieur Martinet. "Actually, in scientific ways the shadow is starting to fade away," replied Samson One Geekly. Ines 5K

Wicked, weird, wings: perfect for scaring people. Emerald eyes: perfect for seeing in the dark. Isabella 4A

As rapid as light, this terrifying, tremendous dragon can kill millions of people in less than a millisecond. Emilia 4A

ABDUL KAZAM! I was surprised I saw him but I was falling down into an endless trap. I saw a curious boy. He had a magical flying carpet. William 3AH

After we flew to one end but then in the distance we saw an adorable little bunny. The bunny hopped to my arms so I hugged it. Maya 3AH

"I remember my first day here," said the woman as painful memories hit her from home. "I was working as a servant and it was horrible. I was cleaning things. My book was confiscated and I couldn't escape until my boss was asleep and I broke into his drawer and stole my book back and ran and took my one chance." Ayan 6A

The bustling city was filled with chatter. Everyone there was lively and buzzing with joy. The man carefully stepped down the stone paved stairs, his pet trailing behind him. Ario 6A

I grabbed a shovel and forced the door open. Then I ran fast but swift and silent at the same time. The wind howled against me like it knew I was escaping and that was how I came to live here! Tan 6L

Day started its reign and along with it came its heir, noise. And what an overwhelming noise it was. Wind rushing by; street salesmen shouting; the hustle of everyday life. It certainly didn't make the man's job easier! James 6L

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	94.84%	97.14%	96.67%	88.0%	97.0%	96.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.21%	96.67%	97.04%	99.33%	100%	98.33%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.33%	92.9%	92.33%	93.0%	93.79%	95.52%	**94.21%**
PUNCTUALITY%	99.67%	97.74%	96.33%	97.67%	96.90%	98.97%	**98.19%**

Well done to **3B** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4JS** for having the 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake

Free Dr Bike sessions in Barnet

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

Location	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)	• 13 January 2027 • 10 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	• 20 January 2027 • 17 March 2027	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	• 9 December • 10 February 2027	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	• 16 December • 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm