



## This Week:

This week in assemblies we have focused on our Brookland values of respect, peacefulness, kindness and friendship. We have reinforced the messages that were given in our Headteacher's assembly about our wonderfully diverse school and our strong, supportive community. Children have been reminded to speak with adults at home or adults in school if they are worried or curious about the news at the moment and staff have been incredible in ensuring classrooms are safe, caring and exciting learning environments. Please find attached an excellent guide on how to talk with your children if they come across worrying content on line.

We also wanted to share with you some recent correspondence from the Met police:

*'Our officers and I are listening and working with communities, including the Jewish and Muslim communities, and partners and charities to ensure people feel safe and protected. I also want to offer some reassurance and highlight that there will be an increased police presence in our communities across Barnet, Brent and Harrow, as well as other areas in London to reassure and protect all of our communities, but particularly those that have been affected by the situation'.*

Our Thursday assemblies also focused on the theme for Black History Month this year - 'Saluting the Sisters' - and highlighted the role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities in the UK. We will continue to explore this theme next week in class and through our assemblies.

Thank you so much from the Year 4 team for all of your wonderful donations for Food Bank Aid. Wow! It has taken more than one collection to transport it all. Our Year 4s delivered a very informative assembly on the festival of Harvest and how donations help our local community. Hearing the whole year group singing together was a particular highlight!

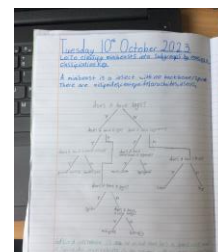
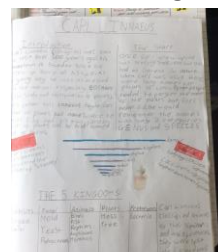
*"On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, year 4 had a Harvest Assembly. It was to represent Food Bank Aid and celebrate all the farmers who grew all sorts of plants. All our donations are going to a North London Charity called Food Bank Aid and we hope these donations will help as many families as possible. We put lots of effort into this assembly such as RE and music. We had donations by class and the three winners were: 1. 6D - 115 items. 2. 4K - 106 items. 3. 6L - 75 items. We hope everyone enjoyed this assembly!"* Nouriel & Lucas 4K



*"6L learnt to classify mini-beasts into subgroups by making a classification key. We went to the garden area and found some interesting facts. Worms are mainly seen under rocks or behind trees. Ladybugs are usually found underground underneath logs. We all had a very fun exploring classification systems and how the food chain works."*

Rafi J

*"We learnt how to classify mini-beasts into vertebrates and invertebrates, myriapods and insects. We went to the garden area and found many different mini-beasts. We then wrote this down on a classification sheet. When we got to the class, we made a yes or no information diagram featuring the mini-beasts we saw."* Agastya 6L





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## Also This Week:

*"First I remembered that I played violin so I made a music stand with music on it. I love teddies so on my bed I put some pom-poms on the bed. Then I made all the cupboards and voila! Done!!!"* Alejandro 5A (discussing his Challenge homework)



*"Nicola Adams is a hero because women were not allowed to play boxing and she changed that. Here is her story. Nicola Adams had asthma when she was younger. One day her mum took them and her brother to the gym. Nicola decided to try a boxing class and that's when she fell in love with boxing. At the age of 12, Nicola started to box professionally but it wasn't very well known for women to box. Nicola entered one competition, then she entered the Olympics and won a gold medal. That was her life story. I am very proud that black & mixed race like me are being treated nicely. Nicola Adams changed the future for black & mixed race women. We are now being treated equally like we should. Our race doesn't matter only ourselves."* By Luna 5a (reflecting on our Thursday assembly).



*"This week, in year 3, we made our OWN paper. We ripped a lot of paper, sugar-paper and newspaper and we put them in the blender and we poured water in the blender too and blended everything up. Then, there was a colourful liquid in the blender that we poured into a frame. After that, we wobbled the liquid in the frame (Mr G said it was called pulp) so it would spread perfectly. Finally, we placed the frame on the windowsill. After a few hours, we used a hairdryer to make it dry faster. Mr Greenhouse said that we will take it out next week. We feel very excited to see the paper when it dries up!"* Miley and Ari 3G





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## #WakeUpWednesday

This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide is being sent out early. It addresses the timely and delicate issue of speaking to children about worrying content that they may have seen online. We hope the guide will be helpful and remember to be mindful and vigilant of potentially distressing content your child may be able to access online, particularly on social media platforms and streaming sites. Mr. Khan, Computing Lead



## **BBC 500 Word competition:**

*"This term, the year 4 extended writing group (carried on from year 3) is entering the BBC 500 Word competition. This competition allows us to show off our learning from last years extended writing group and builds on what we've learnt. It shows how much we've grown with Mr G. The competition is being judged on how well we can write and we need to show our personalities through our writing and we are encouraged to write in our own unique style. Our hearts are set on winning."* Wish us luck. Joseph, Jamie 4S



Next Friday is Times Tables Rockstar Day! **Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a rockstar with crazy hair!** **Parents/carers are invited to share some times tables games in the classrooms** from 8.50 - 9.10. There will be challenges on Times Tables Rockstars all week with certificates given for most improved, most engaged and highest scorers. Please bring a £1 donation to support the school and our wonderful PA. Miss Lally



## **Gardening Club:**

Our gardeners have been very busy this week and they have planted garlic. We are pleased to share that our onions have started to sprout already, despite the fact that they have been raided by the squirrels. We used some netting to protect the bulbs and they are doing really well.



## **Next Week:**

**Week of 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Black and Asian History focus week

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm:** PA AGM in school hall - everyone welcome

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** **TTRockstars Times Tables Battles Day- dress as a rock star if you want to. Also Crazy Hair Day for PA fundraising Bring £1.**

## **Further Ahead:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** **HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 8.50am:** **Back to school for everyone**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** School Council visit to Houses of Parliament

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** **Deadline for Y6 secondary school online applications for Sept 2024**



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Hello Brookland community,

**Join us on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6:30pm for our Brookland Junior Parents Association Annual General Meeting.**

Please click on the following web link for further information and to inform us if you can attend or not and if you would like to be considered or put forward someone else for a PA role. There is also a link for those who just wish to volunteer for events throughout the year.

<https://forms.gle/3rCxcVwKjimmydTHE7>

The AGM plays a crucial role in electing the PA team and must be well attended to achieve a quorum and be considered a valid vote.

Everyone gets a vote and if you have any suggestions or ideas we would love to hear them!

Thank you for contributing to the Brookland Community!

Brookland Junior School PA



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	94.37%	98.62%	94.29%	93.33%	94.0%	97.59%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.39%	99.31%	98.93%	98.67%	98.33%	97.93%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.67%	93.33%	97.59%	92.0%	93.31%	97.86%	95.27%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.67%	98.67%	98.28%	98.33%	97.89%	99.29%	98.65%

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

Congratulations to **5A** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake