



Brookland Junior School News



06th October 2023

This Week:

This week in assembly Miss Davies introduced our Literacy Focus Week based around poetry, description and collaborative writing inspired by Hannah Gold's book, "Bear's Story". We thought about our Brookland Value of Resilience and shared examples of Brookland pupils showing resilience in their learning.

Thank you to Miss Davies for creating an inspiring literacy week; we are putting the finishing touches to our writing and look forward to sharing with you soon. Thank you to the many parents and family members who were able to spend time in classes with us this morning. We really enjoyed the chance to write and read together. Thank you also to everyone who supported the Book Fair; I know Miss Davies will enjoy choosing books for the classrooms from the commission we receive.





Bear's Story:

Here are just a few extracts from the fabulous writing which has been carefully crafted by all our children this week:

"I travelled to Bear Island alone with nobody with me, feeling the cool, swirling breeze going through my furry, thick body. I met April & told her my amazing story hoping she would feel a message from me. Looking around I saw icy, snowy, stubborn, grey mountains in the distance. Slowly the stiff, plain mountains shuddered and I saw an iceberg start breaking. I stared at April straight in the eyes. Suddenly the mountains stopped shuddering and icebergs stopped breaking. I felt a feeling I had never felt before. It wasn't a good feeling. In fact it was a horrible feeling. I was homesick." Talia 4S

"I was only a cub back then – with puffy, velvet-soft fur- but the story is still as vivid as if I was still in it. Padding along, I pressed myself against mum, her warm breath making twisting steam that shimmered and waltzed up into the foggy fresh morning air. We could already see silvery slivers of juicy little fish darting around a beautiful turquoise lake." Aliko 6L

"As I plodded through the white thick snow, I was trying to stay safe through the huge blizzard. I climbed through the slippery mountains as April clung tightly onto my back. We took shelter in a dark, huge cave til the enormous blizzard went away. The colossal, snowy mountain under my huge, furry paws made me shiver. I showed April my home, Svalbard, and asked how can I get home? I showed her the sharp enormous icicles. The white, thick snow was as white as me. We walked to the frozen ocean." Jiya 3G

"My confidence broke as we scaled the side of the cliff draining my patience because I just wanted to turn back but then and only then, I realised there was no turning back. My heart skipped a beat as I lost my footing yet clung on for dear life and managed to heave myself up. But suddenly mum made the same mistake as I did but this time we weren't so lucky. She plummeted down the rickety, rigid mountain filling my little face with shock..." Ollie 6P

"Despite the time that has elapsed, I can still recall the day when my mother and I arrived on the desolate, barren Bear Island. Thick, flaky snow crunched under my paws and the atmosphere had seemed too calm and dreamy." Zainab 6P

"Stuck on the isolated chilly island, we played all day roaring, running around like we never ran before. We had an amazing time until my mum got sick. She was so feeble that we couldn't swim back to Svalbard. When we were resting on the ice, we heard a few sounds. At first we were a bit perplexed but then the ice started cracking up and we drifted away from shore. We were so hungry. Mum and I rummaged everywhere until we found a fish. Mum let me eat it even though she was starving but I never knew that it would be her last moments. She started roaring in pain. She fell onto the ice cap. Mum hit her head so hard the ice became thinner and thinner with her painted red. I cried my eyes out then the icecap broke and her body sunk down to the bottom of the sea." Macie 6D

"I was washed up on that small, rocky island. I was so grief ridden and guilt stricken. Carefully, I pieced two and two together. If only mother had eaten. .. She would have had the energy to swim to shore. I stared numbly into the snowstorm which was fading into the wild frosting so I couldn't feel the pain. I couldn't say it. Mother, who had given me the last food left. Mother, who had kept me cheerful when we got separated from our family. Mother was gone!!!!" Gaia 6D





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Also This Week:

Year 3 enjoyed their visit to St Jude's Church as part of their RE topic on Christianity.

"What we liked about St Jude is we got an exciting tour to see the whole church. It took us 20 minutes walking from Brookland School. We loved the singing and the outfits and most importantly the fun and getting the famous tour."

Artin & Aaran 3G



Hello Brookland community,

Join us on Tuesday 17th 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



Next Week:

Week of 9th October: Food Bank Aid collection all week to be delivered Friday 10am

Monday 9th October 9am: Head Teacher Award Assembly and afternoon tea

Friday 13th October: Y4 leading whole school Harvest Assembly

Further Ahead:

Week of 16th October: Black and Asian History focus week

Tuesday 17th October 6:30pm: PA AGM in school hall everyone welcome

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

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October: HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 30th October 8.50am: Back to school for everyone

Monday 30th October: School Council visit to Houses of Parliament

Tuesday 31st October: Deadline for Y6 secondary school online applications for Sept 2024



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Book events nearby:

Excitingly, Lucy Farfort, the author- Illustrator behind *In Our Hands* is joining us at Tate Britain and Tate Modern for two events in London on the 7th October!

At both of these events, you'll be able to meet Lucy in person, listen to her live reading of *In Our Hands*, take part in creative activities with Lucy. Plus everyone that comes along will get to add their own pledge for change in their community to their kindness trees on-site. The event at the Tate Britain will be BSL interpreted. Please see the Tate website for more details: these events are free!

Barnet Libraries are celebrating Black History Month and have author JT Williams visiting the Finchley Central library on 7th October.

More information here: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/events/morning-jt-williams-discussing-lizzie-and-belle-mysteries>

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 2nd October - Friday 6th October

| Class | 3B | 3G | 3HD | 4K | 4R | 4S |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ATTENDANCE% | 94.14% | 97.33% | 95.10% | 94.33% | 94.0% | 98.62% |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 98.97% | 99.0% | 99.65% | 99.0% | 99.33% | 99.66% |

| Class | 5A | 5AM | 5E | 6D | 6L | 6P | Whole School |
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| ATTENDANCE% | 95.0% | 94.67% | 98.98% | 97.0% | 92.76% | 99.29% | 95.92% |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 100% | 98.0% | 99.32% | 98.0% | 98.62% | 100% | 99.12% |

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

Congratulations to **5A & 6P** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake