



Brookland Junior School News

29th September 2023



This Week:

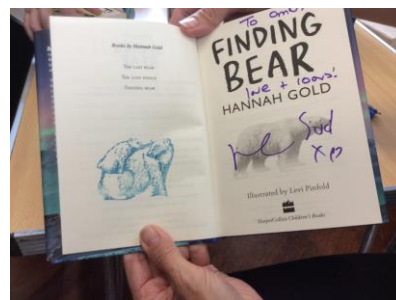
In assembly this week we have been thinking about our Brookland Value of Caring, our Brookland Learning Skills of Teamwork, Determination, Quality, Listening and Evaluation and learning about Democracy.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the MacMillan Cancer Care coffee morning and especially to everyone who baked cakes. The coffee morning was unexpectedly interrupted by an unplanned fire drill. I am pleased to say that the drill went very smoothly and I am confident that all of our staff and pupils know what to do!

Thank you to all the year 3 and 4 parents who were able to attend the English workshop with Miss Davies and Mrs Huckerby. It was a lovely workshop.

We were delighted to welcome author Hannah Gold to school on Wednesday

*"Hannah Gold spent a long time finishing her book. She travelled to Svalbard but didn't see a polar bear. It was nice to meet an author. She told us that even if you think your dreams are **too big, they are still possible. It took her a long time to have her book published.**"* Negin 5A *"Hannah told us about the characters in her book. There is Bear and a baby bear- when she revealed the baby bear, the whole hall gasped!"* Fatemah 5A *"It was really exciting that Hannah Gold came in because she is one of my favourite authors. I loved reading The Last Bear and I am excited to read her other books. She was as interesting in real-life as I thought she'd be. I was nervous to meet her but she asked me some questions about reading. I also got to help Sanchita from the bookshop with the sale. It was fun. At the end Noa and I got to take a photo with her: I will remember this day forever."* Olivia 5A



Today we had a very interesting Anglo Saxon Day. The most interesting bit was the clothes dye purple was made of sea snails which were sent all the way to Turkey to turn them into dye. To make white you had to use urine! We learned that porridge in Anglo Saxon time was made from lots of things they collected like meat, cabbage and anything else they could find. It was a very common meal. We got to dress up in Anglo Saxon outfits and we had a battle to scream at our enemies. We learnt a lot and we will remember the day. Robin and Sofia 4R





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Gardening Club:

"Our Gardening Club have been busy this week sowing onions. As they need a rich and fertile soil, we added some well- rotted farmyard manure and fresh compost. We will leave them to settle over winter and we hope for a good and abundant harvest."



Eco Group are already planning projects to raise awareness and challenge our community to support sustainability and the environment this year. Here are their tips for the week:

Sustainability Superheroes:

- *Plant new plants & create a birdhouse to increase biodiversity.*
- *When possible walk or ride your bike in order to avoid producing carbon emissions*

Jack & Esther 5A Marielle 4R



Next Week:

Week of 2nd October: Literacy Focus Week and Book Fair Please see attached letter from Miss Davies

Tuesday 3rd October am: Year 3 visit to St Jude's Church

Tuesday 3rd October 6pm: Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 6th October 8.50am- 9.15: Parents and carers invited into classes for Literacy Week activity

Further Ahead:

Week of 9th October: Food Bank Aid collection

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

Friday 13th October: Y4 leading whole school Harvest Assembly

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

Polite Reminder from Brookland Infant School:

Brookland Infant School have asked me to remind parents that the new play equipment on the Infant playground is not to be used after school by Infant or Junior pupils or parents should you be tempted! Thank you



Big Writing:

These wonderful pieces of writing were awarded Gold Star Book today:

"The Desert was dusty. He saw nothing but cactuses and sand. The sand felt hot and soft under his feet. Tom chased his cute dog through the burning hot desert." Gali 3HD

"The misty mysterious and melancholy moon full as day glistened in the gloomy ink black sky, illuminating up his way. You could see the silhouette of this figure, this haunted gloomy figure as he came riding, riding, riding. The Highwayman came riding down the dark gloomy pathway. You could hear him trotting; "Clickity clak, clickity clak!" through the field. Here the grass was dead and the plants were rotting. You could taste the dirty air all around you, hear the wind howling and the trees were closing all around you. As death and danger ran at you, you couldn't escape. In the distance through the fog you could see a house and the house would see you. Watching you until death's cold embrace finds you. Crestfallen that your life had to end here. Here in this cold deserted and lonely place." Maya 5E

Gold star was also awarded for teamwork in PE, for kindness, for determination in maths, for knowing how to improve, for focused learning, for helping others, for contributions in discussions and for this impressive piece of Art.



Picture by Jodie 5E

Year 6 have been thinking about dealing with worries in their PSHE lessons and writing replies to worried readers. Liya has some excellent advice here:

"Dear worried,

I am so sorry to hear that you are worried about tests at school but I can assure you that your problem can be dealt with easily. First you should find a way to calm yourself on the night before a test. For example, you can try to take deep breaths, read a book, listen to music or watch something on television. Also you can try studying your subjects and especially maths since you struggle with it.

When you feel panicky, you can take deep breaths and focus on the questions. Only do what you can and don't push yourself too hard. By Anonymous" Liya 6P



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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 25th September - Friday 29th September

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	91.84%	88.62%	94.53%	92.26%	94.0%	93.79%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.23%	98.97%	100%	99.03%	98.67%	97.93%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	89.0%	90.67%	85.0%	92.0%	92.0%	93.21%	91.48%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.67%	98.67%	99.67%	99.33%	97.67%	99.64%	98.86%

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

Congratulations to **3HD** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake