



Brookland Junior School News

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This Week:

In Assembly this week, we focused on our Brookland Value of Honesty, we shared our ideas about learning in groups from last term's Whole School Meeting and we learnt about charities who provide warm spaces to people in need. All year groups were fabulous in their First Aid Workshops and we now have 360 certificated first aiders on site! The trainer thoroughly enjoyed working with our school and was impressed by the children's listening and focus as well as how well year 5 and 6 had remembered their learning from 2 years ago. Learning first aid is such an empowering life skill- please do ask the children to share their new skills with you (and if you have not yet had a moment to pay your contribution for the cost of the workshop, please can you do so).



"On Monday 15th January, Year 6 was learning about First Aid in the hall with a man called Martin. In the workshop, we did many activities such as CPR & leaning how an epi-pen works. To do CPR, you have to do 30 pushes on the unconscious person's chest and then blow in their mouth twice and repeat until you hear them breathe. An epi-pen is for allergies. It's used when a person eats something that they're allergic to. To use it, you must open a cap where the needle is then you must put the needle in your thigh for almost 10 seconds. If you're feeling weird still you call the ambulance. There is instructions on the epi-pen on how to properly use it." Max & Ananya 6P *"I learnt how to do CPR and what D(anger) R(esponse) A(irway) B(reathing) C(irculation) means. It helps us if it happened in real life, we would know what to do and it's a life lesson."* Tori & Maya J. 4S *"I thought it was really fun and a good way to teach children First Aid. We used these dolls and learned how to treat burns, bleeding and we learnt how to do CPR."* Jospeh 4S

Thank you to Emma Jennings for sharing her time and impressive talents with year 4 today:

"Today, we had a really good artist come in and we did face portraits and we did it step by step & we used chalk pastel and art pencils. It was hard but we all had fun and they all look good." Bella 4S





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Year 5 have begun their Art project to recreate Ancient Egyptian canopic jars. I have been impressed by their determination, focus and attention to detail and am looking forward to seeing their finished work.



Attendance update:

As you may be aware, there is an ongoing national focus on school attendance at the moment and concern about the impact of absence on children's wellbeing and outcomes. Our attendance for the whole school for last term was 95.5% which is above the national and Barnet average and is part of the reason our children are thriving and making great progress. Thank you for your support to ensure your child is in school as many days and hours as possible. Thank you for arranging your appointments out of school time and supporting your child to be at school on time each day. To help us to maintain or even increase our attendance this term, I have attached information from the NHS about "is my child too ill for school?" The link to our website information for parents about attendance is here: <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/brooklandjuniorschoollondon/UploadedDocument/9b7abfeb-0f42-4b0e-9231-cc5382b1f431/attendance-information-for-parents-2022.pdf> Above all, please let your class teacher, Mrs Lake or our safeguarding team know about any issues impacting your child's attendance so we can always work together to keep our children thriving at school. Mrs Lake will be sending a message to families where their child's attendance is below 90% in the next few weeks so that you would be aware of this figure half way through the school year.

NHS "Is My Child Too Ill for School":

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. You can get more information by going to the link below:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)





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Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

"This cave includes 3 astonishing bedrooms, amazing bathrooms and a spacious living room. This cave is 5 star rated for the local sports facilities. To get this marvellous, comfortable cave, you only need to pay 15 silver stone money." Isaac

3B

"Today was the most bewildering day I am still shaking with terror as I write this entry. If I hadn't stayed up so late, if I hadn't even come then I wouldn't have seen the monstrous beast. Frozen to the ground, I dropped my fishing rod and made a run for it. The earth trembled under my feet as he strode towards me with antagonism." Agastya 6L

"Tristan anxiously gazed at the city dump and walked towards it. He could taste the petrol as he looked around for treasure. He examined more and more and just beside him, he found a car license plate, broken wood and a half broken statue" Dren 5AM

"Shrouded in a blanket of snow, creepy, cluttered objects hid in the sunken sand. Trying to escape the darkness, one lonely boy wondered through the isolated dump, parting the items aside, he seemed to be looking for something. Though oblivious to it all, he casually strolled past abandoned cars, forgotten chairs, spiders & dusty clocks, as if they were never there. As if they never existed. Hideous black smoke slithered all around the curious boy and swam to the sky to smother the Earth in its black venom but the boy merely smiled and turned his gaze back at the objects." Maria

5E

"Curiously Tristan trampled further into the dump then he ventured with no fear. He passed the tower and its mound of junk around observing a nail and broken pieces of china plates." Jacob 5AM

"Patiently I wait staring at the shimmering water of the sea for a single fish to arrive in my cold, small hands. I could only imagine how happy I'll be when I watch the huge creature struggle but every time, the strings get caught. It's only a stinky fisherman boot though, the strings could be caught in the wrong boots. I had faith on the last one. I'll catch a giant fish and I'll make my father proud as ever. As my watch's hand ticked and ticked more, I became bored and lost my patience then as if it was a miracle, I lifted my strings more energetically than ever and I saw the most struggling fish on my own hands. I couldn't stop grinning at the salmon, I caught with my own strength and the only thought that came in my head was how my father would be so proud." Rin 6P

Next Week:

Tuesday 23rd January 11am: Boccia team tournament at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre

Wednesday 24th January 9.00: Workshop for parents with external speaker: Anxiety and mental health for children

Wednesday 24th January 5pm: Full Governing Body Meeting in Junior School Hall

Thursday 25th January: Y6 visit to Bhaktivedanta Hindu Temple

Friday 26th January 9am: 6D India Class Assembly for parents- please do stay for coffee if you are able

Further Ahead:

Monday 29th January: 4K visit to Gunnersbury Park for Victorians experience

Tuesday 30th January: 4R, 4S visit to Gunnersbury Park for Victorians experience

Wednesday 31st January am: Y5 visit to North Finchley Mosque

Thursday 1st February am: Netball Team tournament

Friday 2nd February 9am: 5A Space Class Assembly for parents – please do stay for coffee/ tea if you are able



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Anxiety in Children Workshop:

On Wednesday the 24th at 8:40 in the Junior hall we are having a coffee morning with a guest speaker. We are giving a talk on anxiety in children and children's mental health. This will be an insightful talk explaining the causes of anxiety and strategies that parents could put in place to support their children when they are challenged. Mr Greenhouse is looking forward to seeing you and having a cup of coffee & a slice of cake with you all.

Driving & Parking Around School:

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who are considerate and careful drivers. Please remember we are part of a community and we need to be kind & considerate to each other. One of our neighbours contacted us to tell us that she had asked the driver of a white Tesla, who was parked near her drive, to reverse so she could drive to her driveway but the driver was rude and very disrespectful.

Message from Barnet about Dr Bike:

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks, particularly among parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the new year. I can therefore announce we will continue to run these through January, February and March at the following locations/dates/times on a rotating basis each month:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	10/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	17/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	24/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	31/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

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.





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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 15th January - Friday 19th January

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	93.57%	97.24%	98.57%	94.19%	98.67%	96.67%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.43%	98.62%	98.57%	98.39%	97.67%	98.67%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.00%	97.32%	97.59%	93.33%	96.67%	97.93%	96.54%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.00%	99.66%	100%	99.00%	96.33%	97.59%	98.23%

Well done to **4R** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **5E** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake