



10th May 2024

This Week:

We had a spectacular day celebrating some of the joys of St Lucia through various activities. The children took part in sports that are played in St Lucia such as 'Chinese skip', cricket and 'Shandy Dandy'. The children learnt about fair trade and how important it is around the world. The children should now be able to spot the fair trade symbol. We purchased fair trade fruit and got the children to spot the symbol on the fruit they were using. Delicious fruit cocktail sticks were made with a variety of fruit which they got to eat and enjoy. We hope that the children use this learning and encourage you all to purchase fair trade products too. They also tasted some Caribbean delights such as Banana cake, spiced bun and cheese and hard dough bread. All in all, it was a wonderful day! The children were extremely enthusiastic and willing to try and learn about Caribbean culture. Miss Buckley-Thorne and 3B



Well done 4K on your brilliant class assembly this morning. Your families and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed your singing, your French speaking skills, your confidence and of course your excellent teamwork. So many great facts shared so memorably about France, amazing tech and props including of course the guillotine and blood stained platform!



In assembly this week I reminded everyone about how to walk home safely and sensibly from school. The Summer Term is a good time to encourage our older pupils to build a bit of independence in their travel and learn how to do this safely, maybe meeting you a little distance from school initially. Please can you inform the office if you have decided as a family to change your end of day arrangements, for example giving permission for your child to now leave the school site by themselves, so we have up to date information about this. If your child is travelling all or part of the way to school independently in the mornings please also let us know they are an independent traveller and we will check they are in school as a priority each day.

"On Thursday 9th May 2024, The Brookland Junior School Tennis Team travelled to Oakleigh Tennis & Squash Venue to play an exhausting tennis tournament. Moments after we arrived we were called onto the court to be explained the layout of the tournament. Firstly, we began with two friendly matches to warm us up. In between each match we ate some mouth-watering sandwiches and snacks. Later that afternoon, we started playing our tense and intriguing group matches. Luckily we all won our first match but in the end, horrible news telling us that we were eliminated." By Nouriel & Ollie 4K



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Also This Week:

Year 3 have been working really hard practising their measurement skills by collaboratively creating to scale mini me models!



We are fortunate to have such a beautiful school site including our field! Such a joy to see everyone having fun together in the sunshine.



Gardening Club:

Gardening Club have been looking after the veg we have planted this week. We weeded the veg beds and Mrs Pejakovic made some nettle soup and brought it in. We diluted the nettle feed 1 part to 10 parts of water and we applied it liberally.

By the way, it smelt disgusting but the leafy vegetables apparently thrive on it. What a clever way to make a free organic fertiliser.

We also tried to plant some wild flowers near the Big Den. Fingers crossed. Please avoid stepping on it.





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Next Week:

Year 6 National SAT testing week. Our Year 6 team of children, adults and families have been working together really hard throughout the year to help all 91 children be ready for secondary school personally and academically. The Year 6 national tests are one indicator that they are academically “secondary ready”; the children are confident to show off what they are able to do next week and have developed their Brookland Learning skills of Determination, Evaluation, Quality, Listening and Teamwork as they have prepared for the SATs. The administration of a week of these tests, following hundreds of pages of guidance, will require additional adults and time. Apologies if we are a little less available than usual. Thank you in advance to the rest of the school community for your support, including ensuring a very quiet, calm atmosphere.

Wednesday 15th May 6pm: Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 17th May: Cophall Stadium Athletics Meet

Further Ahead:

Week of 20th May: Art Focus Week- Olympics themed

Monday 20th May 9am: Head Teacher Award Assembly and afternoon tea

Tuesday 21st May am: Choir rehearsal for Barnet Music Festival hosted at Brookland

Wednesday 22nd May: Year 5 visit to London Zoo

Thursday 23rd May: Boys and girls teams cricket tournament

Friday 24th May: INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Monday 27th May- Monday 3rd June: HALF TERM WEEK SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 3rd June: INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th June: Back to school for everyone

Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

Year 6 are becoming such accomplished writers now, even mastering the challenges of writing a formal letter this week.

Dorset County Museum

High West Street Dorchester Dorset

Friday 10 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you about a once in a life time discovery. I am a well renowned local historian who enjoys exploring beaches for ammonites & other unique fossils.” Saanchi 6L

“I have found a historical artefact last week on the Dorset Coastline. I have spotted an old tarnished gold coin in soft sand. It’s a priceless artefact which was used for smuggling.” Dominic 6L

“Furthermore, I found a compass on the local Dorset beach. The artefact was golden and engraved on the sides. The glass is still intact on the compass, however, the needle might be slightly dented but is still in a good working condition.”

Benazir 6P

“The object was exposed to weather elements; hence the huge amount of rust. I think there is a sentence engraved in the side of the artefact that states something about success. It is lucky to be all in one piece as it looks like it has not been taken care of.” Benji 6P

“This new discovery of mine is incredible for locals to be interested in this artefact.” Amelia 6D

“It would probably be the star attraction of the museum. It’s made of glorious shaped stones and it was able to be crafted into this sharp bird. You could appreciate this art and make it a part of your museum plus I wrote in some history about pterodactyls.” Adam 6D



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More Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

"In further conclusion, we would like to offer you this one of a kind deal. We would like to give you this valuable worthy, historical and educational item. We hope to receive and read your response to this wonderful letter. Even though The British Museum is interested, we would like to offer it to you. Out of kindness we would like to make an offer of this amazing commodity, pricey or priceless. If I were you, I would automatically accept this amazing artefact. We hope to hear and read your response." Andy 6D

"So much more happened. If we will see each other again, I will tell you the rest that I didn't have time for and more." Carmi 3B

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	93.97%	93.30%	94.64%	98.79%	92.50%	97.92%
PUNCTUALITY%	95.26%	98.21%	98.21%	97.98%	98.75%	98.33%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	95.0%	94.58%	96.67%	98.33%	95.95%	98.33%	95.87%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.75%	99.17%	99.58%	97.92%	97.57%	96.67%	98.04%

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

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

Mrs Lake