



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 24th May 2024

This Week was Arts Week:

THANK YOU to Mr Greenhouse for all his hard work, time and talent and to Emma, Mr Shone, Mr Knight, Ms Knight, Vera, Miss Ellington, Mrs Alam, Mrs Capelan and all the parents who were able to come in and get creative with us yesterday.

"This week was Arts Week and it was themed on the Olympics in Paris, France. We drew Olympians competing in the Olympics doing various sports, including some new sports like breaking & surfing. Also we made pointillism paintings of the Eiffel Tower inspired by the work of Georges Seurat. On Thursday, with Emma, we made paintings of people swimming. This was an extremely fun week." Levon & Bohan 5A

"We watched a video and chose a Brookland Value and a sport. We then drew it in pastel & wrote the Value."

"Today we finish our medal, we've been really careful while making it because the foil is quite sharp. We also did colour painting. We really enjoyed because it is really fun. We love it!" 3B Art Monitors

"Today we had Vera come in and teach us. She runs the after school art club in 3G and she taught us all about post-Impressionism and Gauguin's art style. We then all created an artwork inspired by Gauguin's 'Road in Tahiti', using oil pastels. We learnt a lot from Vera about how our drawings don't have to have perfect straight lines, to look beautiful." 4R

"Henry Matisse – Figure with Movement: First we drew a stick man, then a bubble man. After, we coloured in and added water. Then, we outlined it with a felt tip. After we finished our embossing medal, we stuck some fellow foam at the back. Finally with a yellow marker we coloured the important bits. Then we finished the medal." 3HD Art Monitors

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"On Tuesday, we made Ancient Greek vases out of cartridge paper, to make them 3D and we decorated them in an Ancient Greek style. We liked that we were allowed to choose what Ancient Greek figure we could draw in the middle of our vase and also what border decorations we could use.

On Wednesday, we did an Olympics themed French lesson, where we learned the motto of the 2024 Summer Olympics, 'Games Wide Open'. We also learnt the French names for some of the Olympic sports and we also made our own Olympic ID card in French. We liked that we could choose our favourite sport and how many medals we won. The French word for rowing is aviron, the French word for fencing is escrime and the French word for swimming is natation." 4R

"Today for Arts Week we looked at Paul Cezanne and how he used oil paint. He used a palette knife to make the texture thicker. He made goo oil painting. Instead of us using oil paint, we used chalk pastels and blended the colours with our fingers. He is the father of cubism." Elsa & Benjamin 6P

"Today, we learnt about the contemporary artist Alvin Armstrong who aims to represent normal, regular people in his work to make his art more relatable. He uses bold, bright colours to make his art stand out. Despite his simplistic art style, it was quite difficult to recreate." Adam 6P

"Today we learned Cezanne's art and his style /history. He also inspired the cubism and impressionism art movements. He died on October 22nd, 1906." Joori, Adam & Queenie 6D

"We felt it was very relaxing and calming so thank you to Mr Greenhouse for organising this lovely event. We also liked doing painting because it might have taken a long time but we were stunned with the results. Especially Maria because she took her time and it turned out amazing! Also Jodi didn't quite finish but her blossom trees and the dotted sky was fantastic and you can tell she took her time." Dylan & Oli 5E



Arts week day 1 5AM: *"Today we did art based around Keith Haring and Olympics France, 2024. Keith Haring was an artist who draws bubble characters with movement. We drew our own version of the characters but doing an Olympic sport based in France. Inside the figure, we drew a design of a French artist. It was lots of fun."*

Arts week day 2 5AM: *"Today we did a piece of art about pointillism inspired by George Seurat. He was a very good French pointillist artist. We used cotton buds, paint brush tips and the back of pencils to make different sized dots. We did a background with the Eiffel Tower in the front, we had different shades of colours to make it realistic and filled in every white space. We were only allowed to use dots on our paintings, it was really fun."*

Arts week day 3 5AM: *"Today we started the 3rd day of arts week. We did a mosaic of different sports and a collage of athletes doing different sports. It was based on no artist in particular. For the collage we were not meant to work with the person whose number was before or after us because the collage was meant to be made up of random pieces of art. We all had a lot of fun making the artwork."* Yoav and Mia 5AM





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"Today in our French lesson we made our own French Olympic Identity Cards. We had a sheet that we had to fill with information about ourselves including: name, age, sport, country, etc. We also had a picture to stick in of ourselves and we had to write in French. It was really fun as it was a French lesson that connected to the Olympics 2024."

Yoav and Mia 5AM

"This morning our parents came in and we had cups to make brilliant art work. We also had paint brushes and paint and some of the parents helped us paint. We did it with the Olympic colours." Esme, Kemdi, Maximus, Hari, Ariela, Benjamin 3B



Also This Week:

We held our half termly Head Teacher Award Assembly to share and celebrate all the diverse ways Brookland children and adults have put our Values and Learning Skills into action. We heard from each class teacher about who they had chosen for this half term's awards and why. Well done and thank you for the impact you make for the rest of the school; such a pleasure to have afternoon tea with you all.





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Also This Week:

"We had a fun but rainy day trip to London Zoo. In Geography, we are learning about the Rainforest so we went to The Rainforest Area. There were lots of tropical animals there such as monkeys swinging from tree to tree, bats hanging from the swing, mice scurrying on the ground as well as turtles. Overall we had a very fun time." Olivia & Esther 5A



Thank you very much to Hari in 3B and his Dad for really bringing to life the teaching and practices of Sikhism for Year 3 and for answering all the children's great questions.



BROOKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL PA AUCTION THANK YOU!!

The Brookland Junior PA Auction has been a great success, raising £4629 with a further £270 of donations AND being great fun for children and adults. I hope everyone is looking forward to their prizes! A huge thank you to our PA committee; Angelos, Nilit, Adi and Zoya for their hard work, determination, teamwork and positivity with this and all the other events this year. True Brookland Values in action! If you have a prize involving Brookland staff, they will be in touch with you to arrange a date.

The school is very grateful to all the families and friends of Brookland who donated amazing prizes to our auction, especially to our local community small businesses. A particular shout-out to the generosity of the founders of premium ticketing firm Seat Unique for their amazing Cricket and money-can't-buy American Football experience, of Astrid & Miyu for a £200 jewellery gift voucher and to Suri for their very generous toothbrush donations worth more than £400.

A special thank you to Sam Playford, Lucy Tobin, Tal Wagner and Sarah Rubin for their time, persuasive skills and tenacity to source so many excellent prizes.

Our PA and school community have raised an impressive **£24,000** this school year. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Following discussion with the PA Committee this week, these funds we be used to continue to employ our BASE learning mentor Kimberley next school year, to replace exhausted interactive whiteboards in 5 more classrooms and to give each class a new ipad tablet. High quality technology is absolutely essential to running a modern classroom, to support teaching and learning and continue innovating with our curriculum. The Government capital funding (7K a year) is not sufficient and we have been able to maintain up to date and fully functioning technology only due to the generosity of our community.

We do still need funding to replace the remaining 3 classrooms interactive whiteboards (currently £2241 per class) and to replace our set of 16 pupil ipads £5125 used for computing lesson and many other lessons across the curriculum. If you are connected to a company who might be able to access a charitable donation for this purpose (maybe for ESG reporting?) we would of course love to discuss this further. Do contact the school office or the PA team directly.

Thank you once again to everyone involved in creating and supporting the PA events this year- you have made a very real difference to our school and our children.





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The Gardening Club News:

We have been very busy this week. We are very grateful to Mr Flanagan for making a wooden frame for our live roof. We have created a draining system and succulent plants called house leaks to encourage more wild life into our Nature Area. We also created a flower bed and planted some sun-loving plants to invite pollinators. The plants have been mulched with our own compost.

A huge thank you to Mr Mastel (Rapha's Dad from 6P) for organising some tomato seeds kits for us to try. We placed them in our green house and we hope they will germinate over the holidays. Fingers crossed!



Hope you all have a great half term break.

Next Week:

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

Further Ahead:

Monday 3rd June: INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4th June: Back to school for everyone

Sunday 9th June- Wednesday 12th June: Y6 residential trip to Osmington Bay PGL

Tuesday 11th June: Y3 visit to Verulamium Museum

Wednesday 12th June: talk on Humanism for Y4 and Y5

