



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 7th June 2024

This Week:

Welcome to the final half term of the year! I hope you have a good half term break and a chance to recharge. As always a busy half term of events and lots of exciting learning ahead. This is a very special half term with a bit of extra Summer magic which helps everyone to really excel across the curriculum and look back with pride on their journeys over the school year. Please note the date for Open Evening (Thursday 27th June 6-8pm) when families, children and staff celebrate this year's achievements together, meet next year's teachers and welcome our new children and families in Year 2. In assembly this week we announced the winners of the PA auction in school events and thought about our Brookland Value of Positivity. We reflected on the idea that, "in lifting others, we rise".

Thank you on behalf of the whole staff team for the generous and thoughtful brunch arranged for us by Year 6 parents today. We have been thoroughly spoiled and feel very appreciated.



"This Week Year 4 had a times table test check. They all did their best and have been practising since the beginning of this academic year. The test includes 25 questions, 3 practice questions and 6 seconds to answer a question. Thank you to Ms Lyons and Miss Lally for spending their spare time for year 4. Thank you to parents for encouraging them to do their best." Nouriel 4K We will share the Year 4 National Multiplication Check Test results with parents in the end of year reports.

Today for Maths, Year 3 carried out an orienteering exercise. They had to use the maps to find different places around the school where they were able to collect data. They recorded their data and at the end of the lesson we discussed different ways that that data could be represented in either bar charts or pie charts. Ayan, from 3G said *"It was challenging but that actually made it interesting and great fun!"*



Golden Sentences:

"News Flash: Wolves close to extinction with another wolf murder taking place at 9:30am on 9th March 2016 in Big Wood." Sami 3B Year 4 have really enjoyed writing the middle of a story about a washing machine monster!

"She Glared at the Apex predator, she screamed in horror as the thing got ever closer. The Apex predator came swarming. The glaring predator, its starving teeth, boomed in front of her in utter horror. Her heart dropped like never before and pounded in her ears." Hugh 4S

"Suddenly out of the indigo darkness I glimpsed a horrific shape in the depths. Darting through the deep, a long, looming monstrous creature appeared. Death threatening white teeth as sharp as glistening arrows came towards me." Oliver 4K

"I gazed into its beetle black eyes, its face covering the look of a ravenous piranha. I twisted and turned and my feet were carrying me to safety. I scanned the thick expanse of the sea, searching for a way out, my predator was rearing but this time not alone but carrying a troop of 100 jean monsters!!!!" Nouriel 4K



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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 will 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.



Thank You:

Thank you very much to Ms Knight and Francis Philips, a former Brookland parent, for reshaping our willow shelter in the nature area. It was a big task and the school is very grateful for your generous gift of time and skills.

Gardening Club News:

Today we have planted tomatoes in our brand new vegetable bed. We have used some of the money from the grant given to us by the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Associations. Thank you for your generosity; your money has been put to good use.

We also grew some radishes from seed and they found a new home too. Y3 grew some runner beans as part of their Science experiment and guess what? We planted them too. Y5 chitted some potatoes as part of their Science topic – we were very pleased to finally plant them.

Mr Flanagan installed the rainwater butt and today we have used it for the very first time to water our seedlings.





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Independent Travellers to and from school:

In assembly this week we 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. We have reminded the children that when they are walking wearing Brookland uniform, they have a responsibility to represent their school well in our local community, being careful with litter and considerate of others, which the vast majority of our children do routinely.

Lime Bikes:

Our governors have been in contact with the Lime Bike company to ask them to remove bikes left outside the school as they are blocking the pavements where the children cross the road. There were 8 bikes parked here recently. Please can I ask parents and carers who might have people in their household who use Lime Bikes to ensure they are not left parked at the school entrance. Thank you

RA Summer Fair:

The Residents' Association Summer Fair is on at Central Square in Hampstead Garden Suburb this Saturday with lots for everyone in the family to enjoy.
Please see attached the flyer!



Next Week:

On Sunday, year 6 leave for their residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset. They have a fabulous few days ahead with PGL trying many new activities, overcoming challenges together, building new friendships and deepening old ones. They always return a little taller, more independent and with great memories. A huge thank you to Miss Davies for leading the trip and to the wider year 6 and staff team; Miss Christie, Mrs Pejakovic, Miss Lally, Mrs Lake, Miss Lyons, Mr Shone, Mr Opong, Mr Knight and Mr Kirk, who are leaving their own families and homes behind as well for 4 days. Thank you to everyone covering roles back at school as well. We will keep you updated on their trip via the school website special events page.

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

Tuesday 11th June: Y3 visit to Verulamium Roman Museum

Tuesday 11th June: Year 6 London Group volunteering in Infant School

Wednesday 12th June: Year 6 London Group visiting Central London

Wednesday 12th June: Sally, Humanist speaker with Year 4

Further Ahead: Please see attached updated Calendar for Summer II dates