



Brookland Junior School News



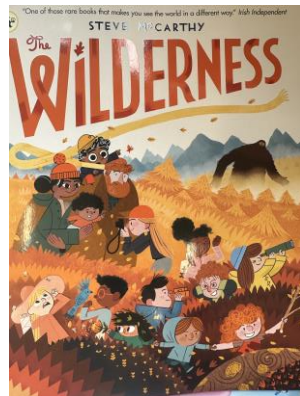
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This Week:

We have had a super start to the new school year with our fabulous children already impressing their teachers with their great attitude and their commitment to being the best they can be with their work and their kindness. Thank you for your support with such a smooth start to the year with uniform, equipment, punctuality and your friendliness, especially welcoming new families and staff.

"When I started on Wednesday, I didn't really know what it would be like in year 3 and it has been great so far. When I went in, I realised I had the best teachers. I liked playing split splat with my teacher Miss Buckley. I liked learning about emotions. When I came into year 3, I was really excited to see my buddy and I had lots of fun playing hide and seek with her. My buddy helped me settle in and know where to go. I feel good about myself. Year 3 is the best!" 3B

The whole school have been studying this wonderful picture book this week and using it to think about our Brookland Values and the Zones of Regulation. Every class is making a display of their ideas; this one is from 6P.



If you are not familiar with the Zones, do ask your children to explain. We have been particularly focusing on these extracts from The Wilderness:

"Scared is how you feel but bravery is what you do so let's do this together and be twice as brave"

"Let's find out together and the more we know the less scary things will be"

"Well" said the Wilderness, "maybe you just need to see where you've been, from a different point of view"

"For me the first week back was really nice. I really like my teacher because she is kind and she teaches us fun lessons. The book we are learning about is called The Wilderness by Steve McCarthy. I think that the illustrations are really unique and the illustrator has very good techniques. Taking care of my buddy is a big responsibility, but she is so sweet and I just want to thank the person who paired me with Eleanor. I'm always looking forward to seeing her adorable smile. Her face always brings me great joy as she is the most delightful friend to have nearby." Billie 6L

"Being a buddy is fun because we've met new people and played with Year 3." Sadie

"I included my buddy in our games when they looked a bit lost." Zain

"It is like having a younger brother or sister and taking responsibility for them at school." Archie

"It is nice to have a buddy to share our experiences about being in the Juniors and show them things around school." Jonah

"Having a buddy has been a great chance to explain the Juniors as it is bigger and more complicated than the Infant school. We have been helping Year 3 if they are scared or worried." Daniel

"My buddy is lovely and was kind to me." Shivani



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Good News:

Our New Roof: "When we were in year 5, we experienced a leaking roof. We had to put buckets everywhere but finally over the 6 week holidays, we got a new roof and it's way better. No more leaks happen and now Mrs P doesn't have to hold an umbrella over her desk. We are happy now. It's great that is sorted because books were damaged in the leak."

Ori & Luna 6P

A huge thank you to Alison, Miladdin and the team at Barnet for our new roof, to roofing contractors GRC Roofing for managing to complete such a large project just in time for the new term and to our cleaning company, Westgate for working so hard to clean up the mess inside including over the weekend.



Brookland Values in action:

Two sets of Brookland siblings hosted an amazing cake and lemonade sale on Tuesday, the last day of the summer holidays. Jamie (5A) and Toby (3B) and their little sister Emily wanted to raise money for North London Hospice, in memory of their grandpa Philip, and were joined by their neighbours Sadie (6D) and Noa (4S) and their little brother Max. Together all six made posters marketing the event all over East Finchley and baked and sold for many hot hours. They managed to raise an amazing £1646.25, which the Hospice said will make a real difference. Thank you to the many Brookland children, parents and teachers who bought cookies, cakes and made donations!



Golden Sentences:

This year, we are introducing a new handwriting style across the school to ensure all our work is presented clearly and is inviting to the reader. Year 6 have already published some engaging poetry!





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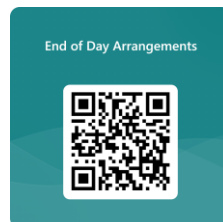
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Breakfast Club:

Please note Breakfast club from Monday 9th September 2024 will start from 7:45am.

End of Day Arrangements:

Please let us know about your child arrangements for the end of each day by going to the link below or scanning the below QR Code. <https://forms.office.com/e/4fmZfy9WNNM>



Can you help? Uniform donations

We would be really grateful for any good quality second hand uniform you have at home, especially for older pupils. We have some new pupils arrived from abroad who need Brookland uniform please.

School Lunches:

We are fortunate in London that the Mayor of London is funding school meals for all Key Stage 2 pupils for this academic year 2024/2025. Most of our children (80%) are having a free hot school lunch every day and some still choose to bring a lunch from home. Mrs Lake oversees all lunch arrangements so do contact her with any questions. To ensure our caterers cook the right amount of food, we ask that children eat either packed lunch or a school lunch from this Monday. If they would like to change after that they will need to wait until half term to change.

Attendance:

As you may be aware from the news, there have been changes to national attendance regulations introduced over the holidays. We are proud to say that our pupil attendance is above national attendance statistically because our children enjoy school, our families value education highly and work with us when there are any issues. We rarely need to resort to fining families. Legally, the key statement in attendance regulations is this:

"Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school."

You can find our parent guide to attendance on our website here: [Brookland Junior School - Attendance](#)

Parents Association AGM Thursday 12th September 5.30 in the Hall:

Last school year, our friendly, enthusiastic and creative PA organised fun events for our children such as pyjama movie night, discos and our fabulous Winter Fair. They also coordinated successful bid writing and wider fundraising for our school resources through their charitable status. The money raised was used to complete the refurbishment of our ancient toilet blocks, repaint our playground markings £2290, install new interactive whiteboards in the Den, Music Room and 4 of the classrooms £13149, purchase a new ipad for each classroom £4020, replace our gymnastic mats £1440, provide resources for gardening club £500. For this school year 2024 25 the PA have committed existing funds to employ our learning mentor Kimberley and to continue to purchase The Week Junior for each class.

We now need your help to raise new money for our school for 2024 25. We need to replace interactive whiteboards in the remaining 7 classrooms £2241 per board, to purchase a new set of teaching ipads £5125 as priorities. We would like to replace the broken table tennis tables on the playground, install new playground equipment for the lower playground and create a wellbeing garden for our children. Please do come to the PA Annual General Meeting to see how you can help.



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Dr Bike:

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in Barnet, particularly among parents/carers and children, these will be running again from July, at the locations/dates/times listed in the table below on a rotating basis each month: 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.

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	11/09/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	25/09/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	09/10/2024	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	23/10/2024	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	13/11/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	27/11/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	11/12/2024	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	18/12/2024	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	08/01/2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	22/01/2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	12/02/2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	26/02/2025	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	12/03/2025	4pm to 7pm
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