



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 29th November 2024

This Week:

In assembly this week we thought about the meaning of the British Value, "Individual Liberty" and learnt about Nila Ibrahim who has just been awarded the International Children's Peace Prize. Congratulations 6L for a fabulous class assembly sharing your History topic on WWII with your parents and the whole school. Well done for your great singing, dancing, entertaining script, costumes, props and tech support. I was particularly impressed by your teamwork and enthusiasm; you have clearly really enjoyed putting your assembly together!



This Week in DT:

"In DT, we worked hard by sawing wood in preparation for our moving toys. The values we showed were teamwork to help each other when we needed. Like helping our partners, making sure they don't injure themselves. Determination for when we measured the length of the stick wrong by accident." Armaan, Maya V, Joseph, Alice 5A



6D were very impressive in their cooking lessons with Mrs Pejakovic showing Master Chef commitment to a quality product, impressive teamwork and focus. A very tasty vegetable turnover was the result of their efforts!



"Today, we built a weather vane out of straw, blue tack, paper and a pencil. We got to find out what's in the middle of North & East, etc. We got to see which direction the wind was going. We used our geography books as a weather journal. It was fun waiting for the wind to come. Outside there were no clouds so it was a whole lot easier. It was THE BEST THING EVER!!!! It's still in progress. There's still more fun to come in the next few days." Haaris, Alexis, Aysan Year 3





'Not Yet' Smartphone campaign:

Barnet Head Teachers have been asked to raise awareness of the smartphone free childhood campaign across the borough today. Since 2019, Brookland have only allowed text and talk only phones for independent travelling pupils, which are handed in each day to the class teacher, knowing that this keeps our children physically safer on the journey to and from school as they are less vulnerable to theft and more focused on what is happening around them and crossing roads safely.

Smartphone free childhood is asking schools to raise awareness of their campaign particularly in the lead-up to Christmas when parents may be considering whether to purchase a phone for their child.

Issues children may face as a result of owning smartphones are widely researched:

- According to Ofcom, 84% of bullying in 8 to 17 year olds is via their phone.
- A report by King's College, London found those with high phone usage are twice as likely to have anxiety.
- New research in America shows the younger a child gets a smartphone the worse their mental health is as an adult.

Buying a smartphone for your child while at primary school is, of course, a parental decision.

Should you feel that the time is not yet right; the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' campaign offers advice on handling any discussions and decision making with your child at home and offers a list of smart phone alternative options.

This movement encourages parents to only purchase their children smartphone access at an older age in order to reduce the negative impact that comes from having a smartphone in their pocket.

You can find more information here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

If you do buy your child a smartphone in primary school we always advise that you should regularly check your child's phone; have no-phone spaces and times within the home; discuss usage with your child and agree ground rules including that the phone ultimately belongs to you as the bill payer.



Gardening Club:

Gardening club asked every class in the school to help plant bulbs across the school site; thank you on behalf of gardening club for everyone's support and efforts. Looking forward to beautiful flowers in the Spring.



Safeguarding reminder:

Can I remind all parents that they should not approach other people's children in school, especially if there is an issue. It is very frightening for all children to see angry adults. Always encourage your children to discuss issues with their teacher and inform school staff about any concerns.



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Can you help:

With all the exciting winter festivals coming up, I will be really grateful if you would be happy to share family photos of the celebrations with me by email. We are creating a Winter Festivals Brookland community profile for our Religious Education units that can be used in our School Assemblies and Displays or in lessons when we discuss how our communities come together and celebrate different festivals. Please email your photos to Mrs Bickdeli (farnoush@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net) Thank you Mrs Musani



Golden Sentences:

"It's Leon, I went to the circus and felt excitement creeping up my spine. I saw surprising jugglers & colourful skittles. I felt excited and I cheered." Sebastian 3SH

"We are going to crash!" braced Bob. Flailing their arms, the boys clung to anything in sight, screaming. Thrown about like a baseball, the boys lay in a heap upon landing there. On the planet. 'We've made it' rejoiced Bill. 'I must have got the coordinates slightly wrong!' recounted Bob 'but the more important thing is that this is Shikouseh, the place loved by outlaws!" Joseph 5A

"Bewildered, the man thought that it was some kind of code. As he started looking for help, a gallant, gentle and inviting lady raised her eyes from her book as the man politely asked for help." Aisha 6P

Please do enjoy talking with year 4 about their dragons. They will be very animated!

"The Basic Red Dragon is known to be small but very powerful; it is from the rock eating family." Alexander 4JS

"Vicious Venom are really good dragons if you are a child. They are very scary but easy to tame." Bonnie 4JS

"Lava fighter: killing everybody with one blow. Pointy tail to whack enemies. " Ilya 4K

"Slimy Toxic Mouth: perfect for poisoning people. Horrible Horrid Tail: fabulous for being Horrid. Heart Broken Wings: perfect for making people sad." Sophie 4K

"The ferocious savages can eat the sea dragon and can breathe fire and spit out sleeping gas on dragons and kill them. They are in fact very rare." Hadar 4K

"Bloodthirsty monstrous teeth perfect for biting. Big sharp toe nails, perfect for kicking" Nir 4S

"Emerald, eerie, exotic eyes perfect for spying on his enemies and prey. Cutting crimson, callous claws, perfect for killing his prey." Isla 4S

Thank you to these companies for supporting the PA Brookland Winter Fair 2024





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Next Week:

Thursday 5th December: catch up NHS Flu nasal vaccinations in school for children who were away on the first date

Thursday 5th December : Mixed year 5/6 football team match v St Mary's away

Friday 6th December 9.00: 6P Class Assembly on WWII parents warmly invited to watch and stay for coffee if you have time

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 12- 4pm: BROOKLAND WINTER FAIR!

Further Ahead:

Monday 9th December: Year 4 visit to Norrice Lea Synagogue

Monday 9th December 2:30pm-3:30pm: Netball Team match away v St Theresa's

Wednesday 11th December 11.15: Whole School Meeting (all governors invited)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 25th November- Friday 29th November

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.0%	96.33%	99.0%	98.97%	95.56%	96.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.67%	98.33%	99.0%	95.52%	98.15%	98.33%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.0%	96.0%	97.67%	95.17%	90.69%	95.0%	95.56%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	98.0%	97.67%	97.98%	96.21%	94.67%	97.54%

Well done to **3SH** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3SH** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake