



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 20th December 2024

Festive celebrations at Brookland:

We have had a lot of fun and happiness enjoying Christmas lunch (thank you to the PA for the crackers which kept us all entertained and to Olive for an excellent meal) and Christmas parties (thank you to parents for their help and feeding everyone). The whole school gathered in the dining hall to sing for the kitchen staff and today we squeezed into the hall with year 1 and 2 to share our Christmas songs and wish everyone a happy holiday. A huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for your cards, gifts and kind words as we reach the end of a very successful and action packed term. Wishing everyone good health and happiness for the holidays and the New Year!





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Also This Week:

In assemblies this week we held our Headteacher's Award Assembly to celebrate the many ways that the children have put Brookland Values and Learning Skills into action and to congratulate the children chosen by their teachers for the Head Teacher Award. Thank you to 6D for leading a lovely Assembly on Chanukah and to Mrs Pejakovic for a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story.



Message from our Chair of Governors:

Dear Brookland Community,

From all the governors, thank you all for making this such a successful and happy term. We wish you all Happy Holidays and hope that everyone has a chance to spend time with loved ones and recharge their batteries.

We are very grateful to the staff who all work tirelessly to give the children an exciting curriculum, keep everyone safe and help give them very special memories. A big thank you goes to our wonderful parents and carers who help at school, support their children at home and help to raise money for the PA.

Most of all, well done to our wonderful children who try their best, are kind, and make our schools a very special place to learn and work.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and restful break - see you all in 2025!

Laura Pincus

Chair of Governors

Brookland Infant and Nursery and Junior Schools





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Winter Well - Stay Connected:

As the festive period approaches, let's stay connected. There are many services in Barnet who are here to listen and help: (Please note all the writing in blue which are underlined are live links and you can go to the link by holding your mouse over them and control+ click)

- [Barnet Wellbeing Service](#) is a one-stop shop for all your wellbeing needs. Call 03333 449088 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or email info@barnetwellbeing.org.uk (Phone lines opened Tuesday 24 until 12pm, closed from Wednesday 25 December to 1 January)
- [Sanctuary Barnet \(Crisis Café\)](#) provides access to immediate emotional support to anyone over the age of 18 experiencing distress. Call 020 8343 5704 (Mon-Fri 4.30-10pm, Sat & Sun 12-6pm) or email sanctuarybarnet@mindeb.org.uk Open Christmas Day & New Year's Day.
- [Andy's Man Club](#) Barnet host sessions for men 18+ to offload in a supportive environment, free from judgement. The sessions are every Monday at 7pm at the Meritage Centre (excluding Monday 30 December and bank holidays).
- [Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust's Crisis Telephone Service](#) provides advice to young people experiencing a crisis. Call 0800 151 0023 (24 hours) to speak to a trained advisor.
- [Don't Hide Your Mind- Talk About It](#) BICS support young people and are open Monday to Friday 9-5 excluding bank holidays, and Kooth.com are open weekdays 12pm - 10pm & weekends 6pm - 10pm. Exceptions - 24 December (Christmas Eve) 12pm to 8pm; 25 December (Christmas Day) 4pm to 8pm; 26 December (Boxing Day) 12pm-8pm; 31 December (New Year's Eve) 12pm to 8pm; 1 January (New Year's Day) 4pm to 8pm
- [Samaritans](#) is a safe place for you to talk at any time about whatever is getting to you. Call 116 123 (24 hours) or email jo@samaritans.org

Reaching out isn't always easy, but many free online support tools are available. [Good Thinking](#) and [Every Mind Matters](#) offer loads of helpful resources to support you, including sleep, anxiety, low mood and stress. The [Stay Alive app](#) helps you or your friends and family to stay safe.

For a full list of services, visit www.yourhealthbarnet.org/stayconnected

Feeling overwhelmed due to financial pressures? [Get help](#) for heating costs, food and childcare.

Further Ahead:

Monday 6th January: Inset Day – school closed for children

Tuesday 7th December 8.50: Back to school for everyone for the start of the Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January pm: Year 5 talk from Dr David Green (European Space agency)

Tuesday 14th January 9am: Year 5 talk on Mental Health from BICS

Friday 17th January 9.00: 5R Class Assembly on Space for parents- please do stay for coffee if you are able to

Monday 20th January 1.30pm: Barnet Schools Police Officer talk with year 6

Monday 27th January: Chinese New Year assembly led by 3SH

Friday 31st January 9am: 4JS Class Assembly on The Victorians for parents- please do stay for coffee if you are able to

Full Spring Term Calendar to come in January

