



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 31st January 2025

This Week:

Thank you to 3SH for leading our Assembly on Monday and telling us all about Chinese New Year and how families celebrate this festival.

Well done to 4JS for their very entertaining class assembly about The Victorians. Such a confident high energy team effort! Amazing singing, impressive costumes, fascinating facts and spot on lighting crew. Your families and the whole school are very proud of you.



Year 5 are deep into their space topic and have crafted some incredible solar systems for their Challenge Homework. Well done Josh, Bea and Rastin for these examples



"Yesterday, year 5 did orienteering for our maths lesson about fractions and equivalent decimals. We were in groups from different classes. We had a map of the school telling us where the locations of the questions were and we had to get to the locations and find the question cards. There are numbers and when you find the card you solve the question and then you take the answer to Mr A. Our team was brilliant; we did three questions in 1 minute because we had a fast team member and an intelligent team member and good tactics. My team was also really good; we quickly made decisions, took turns and didn't argue. It was fun to run around in a maths lesson, I enjoyed working with children in other classes, in fact I got a new friend. I appreciated it a lot. We think we will remember our maths better because of this orienteering challenge." Ollie, Evan and Emily 5R

"On Thursday 30th January 2025 we went to a Sports Festival at The Ark Pioneer Academy. We had some fun jokes on the way there in the car. Once we got there we found Mrs Capelan and waited for everyone else to arrive. When we eventually all got together, we went in with the ten other schools. We played badminton and indoor golf. We had lots of fun, we won some games and lost some games. You needed good listening and evaluation to help you. There were 8 of us in the team. Thank you to Mrs Capelan for setting up the day and thanks to the Ark Pioneer for giving us a good space and for their students who helped. Thank you to parents for transport. We would love to go again!"

Denver and Noah 3B



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Also This Week:

"This week, year 3 went on a local area walk to Little Wood. We were exploring the different soil types we would find in Little Wood. This is in preparation for our science lesson where we will examine how the soil is by examining the different elements. The children were incredibly well behaved and enjoyed their experience investigating the local undergrowth and looking at insects in their habitats." 3G



"On Wednesday, Year 6 went to the Hindu Temple. We learnt about their gods and demi-gods. We dressed in saris and turbans and used bangles. We fed cows and we were in a cart pulled by ox across a field. The lunch was delicious and we ate like kings. Overall it was one of the best trips, we have been on." Luna, Sky & Ori 6P



Thank you and congratulations to our dedicated chess teams, their coach and parents for their efforts at a 4 hour Barnet tournament last weekend.

"The chess tournament was wonderful. The Brookland teams did very well! The A & B team are joint second out of 20 teams, with a chance of winning the league but the most important thing was that we all had fun! A huge thank you to our amazing coach, Mr Fleetwood, who prepared us for the tournament!" Nick & Uriya 5R



Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association Grant: thank you!

Brookland Junior School have been incredibly lucky to receive a very generous grant from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association. This has enabled us to replace a vital classroom Interactive Whiteboard and install two new table tennis tables on our playground. Our pupils will benefit from these upgrades for years to come.

Table Tennis:

These two new table tennis tables replace our old ones which were broken and unusable for playing games. We now have a revived interest in table tennis and many pupils keen to improve their skills and team work. The new models are likely to last for longer and survive more inclement weather.

"I really like the table tennis. I play it every day with my friends and even if they aren't here, there are always other people to play with. It is my favourite sport currently. The game helps me with teamwork and it is just really fun.

The new tables are very different because the surface is smooth so the ball glides. They feel like professional tables. Our old ones were ripped and it made it hard to play. We have developed our game on the new tables and developed our tactics.

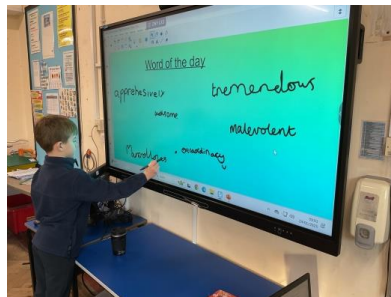
"I play table tennis out of school so having good equipment in school had helped me to practise my skills. Thank you for much for the grant. We love table tennis and hope to start a table tennis club soon." Christopher and Vlad, Year 6



Interactive whiteboards:

The support from the HGSRA and our Parents' Associations has enabled us to replace one of our classroom whiteboards that was no longer interactive or reliable. This ensures that our pupils have access to modern and effective technology to support their learning.

"Our new board is excellent. It is interactive, so we can play fun maths games with the whole class after we have finished all our work. It helps all of the children show their qualities to the rest of the class. We want to say a very big thank you to the PA and HGSRA. Our teachers are super excited to use all the great features on it. We all thank you deeply." Year 5





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Gardening Club:

"Gardening club have been very busy this week. We have made bird feeders and hung them around our school garden. We also took part in Big Garden Birdwatch and Mrs Pejakovic submitted our data. The most spotted birds were magpies and wood pigeons. Some of the robins and blackbirds have been hiding in the hedges but we recognised their birdsong." Gardening Club



Golden Sentences:

"As you are probably already aware, we have loads of attractions from scary high roller coasters to relaxing in the very demure spa. Ride 1: "surfing on extreme waves on phone cases, you will feel so exhilarated. Want to experience surfing but not like the regular runs? Come on over and have the best time of your life. To make this ride even better, you will get a free phone case and lip tint!" Mika 6L

"Tristan's eyelids fluttered open. He took a moment to scan his surroundings. The darkness encased him, drifting towards him like dark ghosts surrounding him. Out of the corner of his eye Tristan saw a small patch of light slightly dimming the lonely, empty room." Nouriel 5R

"Tristan blinked and found himself standing on the deck of a massive wooden ship. He screamed in fear of the situation he was in. His hands shook, knowing he couldn't escape...!" Kylie 5R

"Tristan woke up and found himself on the metal floor by knick-knacks and gizmos. 'Where am I???' Tristan muttered as he looked around at the puzzling objects he could see. The silence broke when he heard a grimy can rattling on the filthy floor. He jumped to his feet. 'Who's there???' he shouted as he cowered in fear." Guy 5AM

"Ahhhh!!!. Tristan screamed helplessly. He could feel his body about to burst with flames, his heart almost stopped. Tristan's body shrunk and whirled until ...Boom! He fell unconscious. After a while he gradually awoke to the burning stench of the car in the dump." Talia 5A

"In a post-apocalyptic world, Space Park is under attack from an alien race. From an abandoned church station, you'll blast through a surviving billboard, fly under a crashed plane wing, narrowly escape the rotating blades of an abandoned helicopter and skim past an explosive fire engine!" Natan 6P

"After, you've had the fun of your life and whimsical memories with your family, we would appreciate if you could give us feedback so we can have the knowledge we need to make your next trip even more alluring!" Negin 6P

"Hi! Are you looking for a cave? Well then I have the perfect one. This is a one of kind cosy cave with lush green space." Eva 3R

"The garden has a super safe fence that can protect you from dangerous animals. It also has a front and back terrace with spectacular views of The River Thames and sometimes sunset or rise." Evelyn 3SH

"This 5 Star cave is meant for you and your family. Don't miss your chance to live in luxury." Nairi 3B

"The unique cave consists of one comfortable bed, one cosy living room and one kitchen." Sara 3SH



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Dr Bike Service in Barnet:

The free Dr Bike service in Barnet for the current financial year has been running since last July, and has been hugely popular, particularly among parents/carers and children. 160 bicycles have been checked and adjusted by the cycle mechanics at the 13 Dr Bike sessions that have taken place so far.

The Dr Bike sessions are 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. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary.

There are a couple of changes to the dates for the remaining Dr Bikes up until the end of March, which are highlighted in the table below:

| Location Name | Location Description | Date | Time |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|
| 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) | changed to 19/2/25 | 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 |
| Temple Fortune | By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL | changed to 19/3/25 | 4pm to 7pm |

Next Week:

Week of 3rd February: Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 3rd February 3.20pm: Year 5/ 6 netball team match v Chalgrove away

Tuesday 4th February am: Da Capo String Quartet workshop for all classes

Tuesday 4th February: 4S visit to Gunnersbury Park for Victorians experience

Tuesday 4th February 2pm: Year 5 School Council meeting at Martin Primary School

Wednesday 5th February 11am: Mindful Moon Workshop for all classes

Thursday 6th February 8.40am in the Library: Parent workshop on building resilience for children led by Kimberley our BASE learning mentor. All welcome

Friday 7th February am: Year 5 /6 basketball WUMA competition for group of pupils

Friday 7th February pm: Sarah Sackman MP meeting with School Council

Friday 7th February 3pm: Girls Football Team quarter finals match v Tudor away

Further ahead:

Week of 10th February: Online Safety focus week

Monday 10th February 9am: **Online safety talk for parents from ECP. Please do attend this really important information session from a visiting expert speaker. Our parents always find this very valuable, practical and up to date with the latest online trends and advice.**

Monday 10th February: Online safety workshops for all year groups from ECP

Tuesday 11th February: 4K and 4JS visit to Gunnersbury Park Victorian experience

Friday 14th February: TT Rockstars Day

Friday 14th February 9am: Year 3/ 4 Girls Football team tournament at Compton Power League

Week of 17th February: HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24th February 8.50: Back to School for Everyone



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 27th January - Friday 31st January

| Class | 3B | 3G | 3SH | 4JS | 4K | 4S |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| ATTENDANCE% | 96.9% | 93.67% | 96.9% | 95.86% | 93.7% | 92.33% |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 97.93% | 99.0% | 100% | 97.93% | 98.52% | 97.67% |

| Class | 5A | 5AM | 5R | 6D | 6L | 6P | Whole School |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| ATTENDANCE% | 94.33% | 92.67% | 96.0% | 94.33% | 92.67% | 91.03% | 94.19% |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 99.33% | 99.67% | 96.33% | 99.67% | 98.0% | 99.31% | 98.61% |

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

Congratulations to **6D** for having the 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake