



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 14th February 2025

This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Modesty, enjoyed singing with Alice and today we help a Whole School Times Tables battle! Thank you to all the talented and courageous musicians who shared their pieces with us in Performance Assembly on Wednesday- what a treat!



Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the online safety workshop from ECP and for your positive comments about the event.

Here are some reflections from year 6 on what they have learnt from their online safety workshop with ECP this week. *"You should not talk to strangers. Be careful your location is off. Always think before you do anything that is unusual. Turn off your phone if you see an inappropriate picture and give it to an adult. Challenges can be fun but also could be dangerous so talk to an adult about them. I learnt that doing something inappropriate like trolling or bullying online can cause police trouble. I learnt about ghost mode in snapchat. I learnt that AI can make you appear different. Being online can be a lot of fun but don't share your name or location."* 6D

Gunnersbury Park Experience:

"Victorians: Firstly, we had a workshop in the kitchen and about life below stairs in a rich house. Next, we went to the Victorian School and were treated like Victorian school children. It was very strict. In the school if you were slouching you had to have a back straightener and if you got an answer wrong you had to wear a dunce's hat! IT WAS SO FUN!!!" Sophia & Hadar



The Microbits: Computing

"Year 4 have been learning about Microbits. We made a rock, paper, scissors game using logic blocks, variables & maths code. We showed different random icons by shaking the Microbits to represent different symbols." Lottie & Yonatan 4K





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Smartphone free childhood:

Please find attached an important letter from Barnet schools collectively, drawing your attention to the Smartphone free childhood campaign and explaining some of the reasoning and research behind this. Can I also remind parents that Brookland has had a no smart devices policy since 2019 which means that no children are allowed to have smart devices on school premises. Any independent travellers needing to bring a talk and text only phone to school, should give this to their teacher to look after each day. We know from direct experience that our children are physically and emotionally safer on their journeys **without** a smartphone. Thank you for your support with this part of our safeguarding practice.

Cars and safety on the driveway:

Thank you to the vast majority of Brookland families who never drive onto the school site, who walk to and from school and who use the school footpaths with their children. Can I remind all parents and carers that they should not drive into the school site unless by prior special arrangement, for example if a child is injured or the driver or child uses a Blue Badge. The driveway is busy with 50 staff cars each day needing to enter the site before school starts and then leave after school, the car park is full throughout the school day and there are also regular delivery vehicles and contractors needing to access and move around the site. Recently, we have seen an increase in parents attempting to tailgate staff cars under the barrier, blocking the driveway and buzzing to drive in. This behaviour is unsafe, unfair, frustrating for school staff and does not set a good example for your children. It typically causes gridlock and blocks essential emergency vehicle access for an ambulance or fire engine. Thank you once again to the vast majority of our parents who would never dream of behaving in this way.

Parents Evening:

Parents Evening times will be live for you to book in Arbor from 6pm on Tuesday 25th February and will close on Monday 10th March at 9am. Working together with our parents to support and challenge our children to be the best they can be academically and personally is key to our children's achievements and happiness. We expect to work closely with you to celebrate their many successes and to share any concerns honestly, finding ways forward together. If you are not able to make an appointment for the 11th or 13th March slots for any reason, please message your child's teacher through dojo or call the office and we will arrange a different time to meet or speak on the phone if needed.

Next Week: HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24th February 8.50: Back to School for Everyone

Further ahead:

Monday 24th February 9am: Head Teacher Award Assembly and afternoon tea

Wednesday 26th February: Year 3 De-Lux Caveman adventure in the hall

Wednesday 26th February am: Cross Country Team Meet

Wednesday 26th February am: Millfield Theatre trip for group of year 4 and 5 pupils

Friday 28th February: Ramadan Assembly led by 5A

Week of 3rd March: Literacy Focus Week

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day- Children are warmly invited to celebrate the joy of reading a great book by dressing as their favourite character or wearing cosy clothes.



Golden Sentences:

"On a mysterious island, in a mysterious cabin, on a mysterious sea was a mad scientist. Leaf-fringed windows disguised a dimly lit candle light where the scientist worked. Spider webs were trapping squirming flies and no life stirred but the professor. There lay in his lap, ancient blueprints of a mechanical giant that his great- great grandfather once held. He must build it and restore his family's honour." Esther 6P

"Louder than a lion, thunder boomed. No wait! That wasn't thunder! And then realisation hit him. It was the roar of a deadly creature. A dragon." Priyansh 6D

"Clank, clank, clank.... That was the only sound heard here on Iron Planet, as all iron creatures great and small trudged as loudly as an earthquake; they tried to head over to the massive, metal rocket. Every piece of living Iron was sent to different planets all over space. One particular Iron Man was sent down to Earth. All of them had to get something metal, as they were suffering terrible metal poverty." Daniel 6D

"The lab was dark, except for the flashing lights on the walls. The Iron Man was just lying there, big and still, like a giant pile of scrap metal. He had been there for what felt like forever. His body was covered in rust, parts of him bent & broken. But something inside him suddenly woke up." Jacob 6L

"Stomping on for miles & miles, his great iron feet took massive steps, denting the shaking ground. His stiff metal head turned in many different ways; from left to right. He tried to figure out what way to turn next. Animals scuttled out of the way: treating the Iron Man like royalty. Having no clue or sense of direction, he followed his own path, going left, right & straight." Mia 6L

*"**Weapons & Tools:** People in the Stone Age used all kinds of items like spears and sharpened sticks. The most popular thing to hunt in the Stone Age was deer and fish. They caught fish with nets made out of twine and they made harpoons out of bone."* Shania 3G

*"**Food:** If Stone Age people wanted dessert, they would have honey. They would eat things like woolly rhino, mammoth, wolves, wild boar, lion, salmon, birds, fruits, nuts, seeds, sabretooth tiger, antelope and deer."* Cruz 3G

*"**Homes:** In the Stone Age at first people constantly moved homes. They lived in homes such as grass huts and mammoth bone huts. Some homes were constructed from timber. At the end of the Stone Age people stayed in one place and made their forever homes"* Noah 3G

"First clean your shelves with cloth, water and soap. The shelves are dirty and it's up to you clean it. Next don't be angry with you sisters. Save your energy. Your stepmother will be angry at you and your energy will be wasted."

Yehonatan 5AM

"Then believe in yourself but don't be too overconfident. You were overconfident when Ursula offered the deal. You thought you could trust her right away. You must never do this again. This could cause you into lots of trouble."

Sarah 5AM





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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
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

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 10th February - Friday 14th February

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.67%	94.0%	94.48%	90.69%	96.97%	97.24%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.01%	98.33%	100%	98.97%	98.52%	98.28%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	92.67%	95.67%	98.33%	91.67%	93.0%	93.45%	94.62%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.33%	98.33%	97.33%	98.33%	98.33%	95.86%	98.30%

Well done to **5R** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3SH** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake