



This Week:

In assembly this week, we held our Head Teacher Award Assembly to celebrate the many, many ways our children put Brookland Values and Brookland Learning Skills into action and to hear from the teachers about who had been chosen for the Award for last half term and why. Congratulations and thank you for being fabulous and for helping everyone else in the school be fabulous too! Thank you to 5A for leading our Ramadan Assembly today so confidently and especially to the children who shared how they observe Ramadan at home which really helped everyone understand how important it is.



On Tuesday we hosted 25 PGCE students from UCL as part of their training in how to teach PSHE. They thoroughly enjoyed watching our PSHE lessons, looking at the children's work and hearing from Miss Lucas and our PSHE expert Miss Christie. Thank you to the children and staff for welcoming so many visitors and inspiring the next generation of teachers!

Year 5 have been using music and Art to inspire their writing this week. They listened to Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals suite and read poems by Jack Prelutsky. They then created a mind map, drawing inspiration from the music, pictures and poetry to explore rich vocabulary.



These are a few of the first draft poems crafted by the children which they will be editing and publishing next week:

"The Calm Swan
*The swan glides with serenity,
And the spirit of tranquillity,
Roamed the lake.
The swan dabbles discretely,
Gliding gently, with the spirit of silence roaming the land."* Nick 5R

"The Shimmering Swan
*The delicate swan dances across the pond.
It's wings like feathers of light.
The swan is a dancing cloud."*
Ollie 5R

"The Shimmers of Moonlight
*The swan sings it, sings it, sings it.
It spreads its dainty wings,
The swan as regal as the queen,
Glides through the lake as if it is its throne."*
Robin 5AM

"The Magnificent Regal Swan
*Most enchanting bird,
It flocks and twirls and dances,
Like a ballerina."*
Aria 5AM



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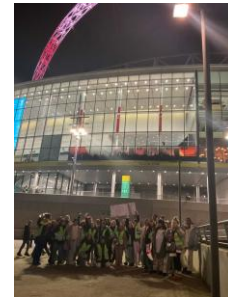
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Also This Week:

On the 26th of February we had Cave Man Pete come in for the day to teach Year 3 more about the Stone Age. They had the most amazing day, filled with fun, excitement and quality learning. *"I loved the day as we dressed as Stone Age people and learnt more about the Stone Age. I really enjoyed learning about spears and spear throwing."* Cruz *"I enjoyed dressing up as Wilma from the Flintstones. I enjoyed making Stone Age jewellery from twine, beads and spacers."* Lily *"I really liked the fact that Pete showed us real animal bones, fossils and artefacts. Having a picture taken during the Ice Age, in the middle of a snow storm, was great...and cold."* Mika.



"On the 26th February, the girls' football team and a few other fans went to see England vs Spain at Wembley Stadium. It was a really fun and exciting experience for us all that we will never forget. Luckily, we secured the win with Jess Park's amazing goal during the first half of the match. The best part was finally beating the world's champions, Spain. It was a really memorable event and that's why we really want to thank Mr A for getting us those tickets." Mia 6L, Jodie 6D & Ruby 5A



Some pupils in Year 4 and 5 visited the Millfield Theatre in Edmonton to see The Shoemaker, an explosive hip hop theatre experience combining electrifying dance, rap, and song with a focus on understanding ADHD, neurodiversity and mental wellbeing. Thank you to Elizabeth Lahav, not only for the tickets but for writing this incredible show!! The children loved the theatre experience and the audience participation at the end. *"It was exciting and fun. We rode on the bus! We got to learn about ADHD – did you know emotions can be 30% bigger with ADHD! Did you know people with ADHD are super creative! I loved the creative show and I wanted to sit and listen to it. Deep breaths & humming help people feel better. We loved the colour changing shoes that lit up in the dancing. They showed us amazing break dancing, street dancing and hip-hop. The music & lights were impressive. The way the stage was lit up was very clever. It was thrilling, exciting and incredible."* Eileen, Amir, Esmae, Isaac, Anastasia, Isabella, Skye 4JS





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Also This Week:

Year 4 have been working collaboratively to create life size posters of our digestive system. Strange to think that all this is inside us!



Parents Evening:

Thank you to everyone who has already booked their Parents Evening times in Arbor. The booking app 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:

Week of 3rd March: Literacy Focus Week. Please see attached letter from Miss Davies for more information.

Monday 3rd March am: Year 3&4 Mixed Team Football Tournament

Monday 3rd March 3.30 KO: Girls' Football team cup semi-final game away v Goldbeaters

Tuesday 4th March: Brookland vs Our Lady Of Lourdes Mixed Team Quarter final football match at Compton Power League

Wednesday 5th March 11.15: Whole School Meeting

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.

Friday 7th March: School Council visit to City Hall

Further ahead:

Tuesday 11th March 4:00-7:00pm: Parents Evening

Tuesday 11th March 6pm: Full Governing Body Meeting in Junior Hall

Wednesday 12th March: Holi assembly led by 3B

Thursday 13th March 4.00-7.00pm: Parents Evening

Friday 14th March 9am: 5A Egyptians Class Assembly for parents please do stay for coffee if you are able

New date: SEN Coffee morning with Miss Lucas and speaker Julie O'Dwyer our Autism Advisory Teacher
Focus: Emotional regulation When: Thursday 20th March at 9am Where: Junior School Library



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Safety and security:

In assembly today, we reminded the children about how to keep themselves safe on their journeys to and from school, about site security and what to do if you are worried. Please continue to help the school keep all our children and families safe by not propping open any gates, using the correct routes into and out of school and leaving the school site promptly after school has finished. Our community is a caring, supportive and vigilant one; thank you for the kindness you model for our children. Barnet operate a SchoolSafe procedure with the police to inform schools of any local safeguarding risks sometimes in confidence, sometimes with instruction to inform our parents and community. If you ever witness any concerning incidents, please help to keep our community safe by reporting them to the police either 999 if someone is in immediate danger or 101 for reporting a less urgent incident. Please be assured that the school has comprehensive risk assessments in place to ensure the safety of the children, staff and school community. These risk assessments are shared and reviewed with the governors in our safeguarding committee and premises committee, but also with the Local Authority. The risk assessments are reviewed all the time as the wellbeing and safety of everyone is our top priority.

Secondary School initial offers for Year 6 children:

You should receive an initial offer of a school place from Barnet on Monday evening. Please can I thank our year parents for the thoughtful way they speak about the many different schools that our children will be moving onto and I know you will continue to be sensitive as some children will be disappointed on Monday. Please do speak with the year 6 teaching team or Senior Leaders if you would like any further guidance following Monday's initial place offer.

Flu Vaccinations:

Has your child missed their vaccination at school? Go to a catch-up clinic in your area.

The flu vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness. It is recommended for people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu. Protect your child by getting their flu vaccination.

Catch-up clinics in Barnet are offering vaccinations for:

- Flu
- MMR
- Meningitis ACWY
- DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio)

Catch-up clinics in March:

- Ravenscroft Medical Practice, Golders Green Rd, London NW11 8BB - 2 March, 10am to 2pm
- Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, High Barnet EN5 4QT – 9 March, 10am to 2pm
- Ravenscroft Medical Practice, Golders Green Rd, London NW11 8BB – 23 March, 10am to 2pm

To book an appointment, or find catch-up clinics in April, visit <https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-barnet>

PA News:

PA have raised an amazing amount **£455.50** on Non-Uniform day that occurred on Feb 14th. Please help them to continue their amazing job by supporting them in the Silent Auction. Melissa Conway is their first sponsor.



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Golden Sentences:

I was terrified, shocked. I looked back, his tiny arms around me. His little mouth was open but no words. I was terrified to look again. I turned away and ran to my room. Aya 4S

"Dressed in a white shirt and a maroon waist coat with a smart navy blue tie, the man opened the door like a showman. The clock fanatic that was desperate for hunting clocks and riches, knew today was the day he would be lucky." Melanie 6P

"Water tickled the tips of the man's toes. He realised. It all came back to him. He had taken too long. 'Come now! There is no time to lose!' screamed the man. He & the girl bolted up the stairs faster than ever before. After they left the building, the girl was nowhere to be seen, she was climbing up a colossal round tower. She entered a large glass room. A car rapidly approached the glass. Closer! Closer! Closer! It hit! It all happened at once: the glass shattered, the man emptied his clocks out, and he picked up the girl." Jonah 6D

"Dear Beast, I hope you are well. I am writing to you to offer you advice that would make your life easier. Firstly, try not to lose your temper so easily. There are many strategies you could try to manage your anger. For example you could take 10 deep breaths and think before you act." Evan 5R

"Dear Cinderella, I hope this letter finds you well. I know you are facing impossible challenges but I am going to help you. Trust me these steps will change your life just follow them! Firstly stand up for yourself. Your stepmother and stepsisters are treating you like you are a servant. Try saying no sometimes." Emily 5R

"The man came sprinting after the girl, shouting 'Come on you have to evacuate. The water is rising and you will drown. Finally the man reached the girl where she was peacefully playing with her toys until the man grabbed her in a rush.'" Dren 6L

"Chiming in unison like a marching band, the sound of the cuckoo clocks, pocket watches and grandfather clocks were all screaming it was twelve. The fire red school of fish were all swimming happily until they realised it was low tide and scattered away. A man, a strange man, at this time would always go searching for clocks. If there were locals they would call him 'the Clock Hunter-.'" Eden 6L

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
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



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	96.33%	94.0%	97.33%	96.21%	90.0%	91.03%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	98.67%	100%	98.97%	99.36%	99.31%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	93.67%	95.0%	92.33%	89.33%	93.67%	84.67%	92.82%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	99.0%	98.33%	97.67%	98.33%	98.62%	98.76%

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

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

Mrs Lake