



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 14th March 2025

This week:

In assembly this week we learned about International Women's Day, thought about equalities, our Brookland Values and how the small things we say and do make a big difference. Thank you to 3B for leading our assembly about the festival of Holi on Wednesday and sharing the ways you celebrate with your families so confidently. Well done 5A on your fabulous Ancient Egyptian class assembly. What an entertaining, fast paced and fact packed tour through your history topic! Brilliant costumes, props, tech team, singing and an excellent example of Brookland teamwork in action. You clearly enjoyed putting your assembly together and your families and the whole school very much enjoyed watching you!



It was lovely to see so many proud parents, children and teachers this week. Thank you for 360 excellent, honest, collaborative conversations celebrating our children's many achievements and great progress as well as discussing next steps together.

Huge congratulations to our chess teams who were in the final round of the Barnet league last weekend and will be competing again this weekend in the North London stage of the national primary chess competition; good luck! Thank you so much to parents for your time and support and of course to our incredibly talented coach Mr Fleetwood.

"First the A team were against Akiva B team at Akiva schools. We were all extremely worried about if we weren't going to win because we really wanted a medal! Some of the best schools were Woodridge, Akiva and Sacred Heart. In our first round we won 4 matches out of 6. In our second, we played the hardest team there, Woodridge, which came first in the full tournament. We did pretty well. In the end we came 2nd out of 20 teams and earned a silver medal. The Brookland B team did extremely well and placed 3rd, earning a medal too. So in the end we both came home with medals!" Christopher, Zain and Zac.



Catch Your Child Reading:

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Our Day at Christ's College:

"On Wednesday 12th March, some children from year 6 & year 5 went to Christ's College to see what it was like in secondary school. When we arrived, we did an art lesson with a teacher called Mr Scott who gave us some colouring pencils where we had to draw a self-portrait of ourselves without taking our pencil off the page. We had to draw three drawings. The first thing we drew was our faces with one colour, the second one we had to draw our faces with five colouring pencils, and the last one we had to draw with looking at the paper or closing our eyes with five different colours as well.

After we finished, we had a break in a quiet area with biscuits and blackcurrant squash. After break, we went to the science classroom where we also got to see the school's bearded dragon Lola who is 3 months old and cute. She is used to calm people down.

After our break, we went over to the music rooms, where we were put into groups to learn chords to a song. There were three students who helped us, as the instruments we played were their area of expertise. We played the ukelele, piano and the drums. We learnt how to work together and perform in unison." Talia & Tamar 5A Navid, Yehonatan & Kamyar 5AM, Evie & Shreya 6L

School Council's Updates:

Bottom playground equipment:

We are buying an outdoor picnic table and two trolleys for children to have drawing equipment and books on the playground at playtime. We met with Miss Ayles and Mr Flanagan and our tables and benches will be made with recycled plastics. They will be green to represent our school. We chose recycled plastic so we can be eco-friendly. There will be trolleys with art materials and books to read. And maybe, just maybe, a sound system for dancing. This should be on our playground by the end of the half term.

City Hall Trip:

It was an amazing trip and everyone really enjoyed it. We saw many amazing sights as well. We had fun going on the DLR and some of us even got to use the sound system to announce the train arriving on the platform! We also enjoyed going on the cable car over the River Thames and, even though most of us were nervous, at the end we were quite happy and excited by it and want to go again. In the City Hall workshop, we learnt many facts about London's history – some facts were a bit sad, and some were funny and also enjoyable. We learnt about the history of Britain and what happened in this country before we were alive. It was really cool to discover that Winnie the Pooh had actually been a real bear in London Zoo and Christopher Robin was a real boy. We also found out about how the City Hall today was designed and made. We got to sit where the London Assembly sits and where they oversee the decisions that Sadiq Khan, our Mayor, is making.



Brookland's Got Talent:

This week we launched Brookland's got talent which is all about people from Brookland showing their talents off to everyone in school. Over the next few weeks, children are encouraged to practice in front of their friends or family and perform in front of their class. If you have a talent you want to show, you're welcome to participate on your own or in a group. You are welcome to bring in props, instruments and costumes from home to make your act even more amazing. Children are going to be voting for the acts they like the best and school council will be counting the votes. May the best act win!



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Olive Dining:

Our school meals are proudly prepared by Olive Dining, who cooks from fresh ingredients daily & delivers meals to the Silver Food for Life standard. This means:

- 95% of meals are cooked from fresh ingredients
- Every meal contains organic ingredients
- Fresh seasonal fruit, yoghurt, salad, and bread are available every day.
- Cooked desserts are made with fresh fruit and contain no added sugar

We are committed to providing nutritious, balanced meals that support the health and well-being of our children.



Golden Sentences:

"Tick, tick, tick... Time was running out. It was coming. The tide was coming. The timekeeper (who believed he was the only person who survived the flood) was worried: he worried about the tide. He worried about his family. He worried about the plethora of clocks that he kept. He knew that today would be his last chance to find anything to prove that there were still other humans out there. He had to find someone." Zac 6D

"The girl stood next to ginormous glass window. You can't see the end. After ten seconds, there was the big old car. CLINK! The window started to crack crrrr!!!!." Lena 6D

"Why did you blow those house down? Asked the judge. The wolf replied: I did not blow the house down. I have a cold and issues with my nose. You Liar! The judge said loudly to the wolf. The wolf replied nicely: I didn't fight with the last pig. He was rude to me about my grandma." Rayan 3G

*"Its eyes like an infinite pool of darkness, as dark as coal.
Everyone should know about their kindness.
All the time it gets divine while being so fine,
His skin is silk, as the sun reflects on it."* Gabe 5AM

"The Swan Called Grace:

*Most regal bird majestically swims through the mystic lake,
Swan sings, sings, sings and unfolds its delicate dainty wings.
Moonlight shines upon the graceful swan,
Soft silken feathers shimmer in the enchanted lake."* Marielle 5AM

"A man wandered through fields of coral threatening to take the deserted cities. Through caves patterned with sulphuric yellow fungi, glistening green seaweed and creamy white coral. He picked up all the watches he met, whether covered in seaweed, gleaming gold or dented miserably." Levi 6L

"Tic, Toc, tic, toc, it was nearly time! Chiming in unison like a marching band, the group of grandfather clocks, cuckoo clocks and pocket watches struck twelve. Vibrant schools of colourful fish drifted gracefully in the diamond blue water. A shard of beaming light pierced through dense blue water. They day had begun. The sulphuric blue fungi sat on the cold rocks of the chilled water." Rafeeq 6L



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Next Week:

Monday 17th March: Barnet Swimming Gala at Copthall pool

Tuesday 18th March: UCL visiting Gardening Club

Tuesday 18th March 4pm: year 5 & 6 Gils' Football League final vs The Hyde School @ Compton Power League

Tuesday 18th March 3.20: mixed football team finals v Broadfield @ Compton power league

Wednesday 19th March am: Year 6 Rugby Festival

Thursday 20th March: Year 4 Ancient Greek Day workshop in school

Thursday 20th March pm: Magistrates visiting year 6

Friday 21st March 9.00: 4K Class assembly on Ancient Greece for parents. Please do stay for coffee if you are able

Friday 21st March: year 5 visit to British Museum

Further ahead:

Wednesday 26th March: Brookland gardeners Planting tiny forests along Mutton Brook

Wednesday 26th March 9:00-10:00am: Year 6 SATs & PGL Meeting with parents in the hall

Wednesday 26th March 12:00-3:00pm: Netball play off final

Friday 28th March: Easter Assembly led by 3G

Friday 28th March pm: all Year 6 going to The Archer Academy for Spelling Bee event

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.41%	95.33%	98.67%	95.86%	95.16%	94.83%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.93%	99.33%	100%	99.30%	98.15%	99.66%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.67%	95.0%	93.67%	94.33%	96.33%	95.52%	95.16%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	99.0%	99.33%	93.0%	98.33%	97.24%	98.78%

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

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