



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 21st March 2025

This week:

In assembly this week we thought about the British Values, especially The Rule of Law. We listened to the story of Jonah and the Whale and considered what remorse and forgiveness mean. Year 6 have been focusing on The Rule of Law with a visit from local magistrates, including a former Brookland pupil, and by writing witness statements for Big Write. Following the incident on Hill Top, our primary schools liaison police officer came to school today to speak with year 6 about personal safety and what to do if you witness a crime taking place. Thank you 4K for a fantastic Ancient Greeks class assembly. What a confident, entertaining and action packed, whistle stop tour through the Ancient Greek world. Brilliant costumes, props, script, acting, dancing, tech and as always, very impressive teamwork!



On Monday, we went to Stone X Cophall swimming gala. When we got there we were a little scared and nervous and a bit excited. When we got in, the water was freezing; it was racing temperature! Once we got in our individual races, we were less nervous because people cheered us and we felt comfortable and ready for the relays. There were 14 schools in the competition. The Mayor of Barnet was there watching too. In most of our races we came 1st 2nd or 3rd and we got 128 points overall. In the team relays we came first every time. Overall we did really well and surprisingly, we won! Thank you to Akshay for the practices and being an amazing swimming teacher. Thank you to Miss Lyons for helping and motivating us. We had the best day ever! Kian, Sia, Ario, Bonnie, Rafaela, Reu




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Also This Week:

"Yesterday was Ancient Greek Day and we went to the hall and met a lady named Fiona who said that Athenians were at war. She told us to go to the stalls and make different things to impress the gods so they would help the Athenians. There were many different stalls. The boys started first since they were more important in those times. We made mosaics, amulets, cuffs, wax tablet, oil lamps, offerings to the gods for cures for illnesses and olive oil! In the afternoon a sprinter informed us that the Athenians won the battle. We had 11000 men and the Persians had 600 ships with 30000 men altogether. We had a feast to celebrate our victory. Some people did plays, songs and dances. Others were slaves. It was amazing overall and a good experience." By Zen, Jiya, Jaitra, Jessica & Sami 4JS



"We are very proud to have played in the final of the mixed football team Martin Cup this week. We all played our best and are very happy to get 2nd place. We are sad that we lost. It was a very exciting experience. The year 5s have another chance at being the GOAT next year. Thank you to everyone who participated and for Mr Adjudani who coached us." Jacob and Yoav 6L

"On Tuesday 18th March 2025, the girls' football team played in the final and won a dazzling 5-1: 3 goals Imaani, 1 goal Noa and 1 goal Kayla. The girls' football team has been brilliant from the start of the season. Thank you so much Mr Khan for his kind coaching and helping us get to this point." Noa 6P



We had another wonderful parents morning on Thursday courtesy of Kimberly and Elizabeth from Base. We discussed the importance of giving children time to calm down and process their thoughts and feelings before addressing a challenge that they may have faced. We also addressed different reactions to situations such as denial, exaggeration and blame and how these reactions are initial coping strategies. Another very important point we addressed was that of body language. If we recognise what happens to our own bodies when we are challenged, distressed or anxious, then we can start to recognise this as a form of nonverbal communication in our children. We were also joined by a representative from 'Beyond' who also shared some poignant points. Both Base and Beyond have offered to come and take part in future parents mornings, which is wonderful news. If any parents have suggestions for areas they wish us to address, then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Greenhouse wellbeing@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net Thank you so much to all the parents that attended and please do spread the word. I will promote the next meeting through the school story so please watch for future posts. Have a lovely weekend. Mr G



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Proposed Changes to the Library Service, Budget Consultation:

The Library Service is currently consulting on proposed changes to help find savings for next financial year (2025-2026) of £250,000 from an overall budget of £3.9m.

The Library Service would really like to hear the views of parents and young people on these proposals which are:

- to discontinue the mobile library service
- to cease purchasing hard-copy newspapers
- to reduce slightly the self-service opening hours at Chipping Barnet, Colindale, Edgware and Finchley Church End libraries.

They are also investigating whether they may be able to increase the number of staffed opening sessions in the future and would like your feedback on this proposal. [Find out more and complete the online questionnaire.](#) Paper surveys are also available in libraries.

Gardening Club:

Gardening Club were very pleased to welcome Jane from University College London this week. She has been very keen to help us with our gardening project and we were eager to share our experiences about gardening. We also decorated some washing machine drums that were given to us and we are going to use them to grow our vegetables. Mr Flanagan, thank you for always giving us a helping hand. You are a Superstar.



Next Week:

Wednesday 26th March: Brookland gardeners helping to plant a tiny forest 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 team play off finals

Friday 28th March: Easter Assembly led by 3G

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

Further ahead:

Monday 31st March: Headteacher's Award Assembly & Tea

Tuesday 1st April 15:20: Year 5 Friendly Mixed Football Team match vs King Alfred School @ CCF

Wednesday 2nd April: 5AM Brazil Class Assembly

Wednesday 2nd April: Netball Festival

Thursday 3rd April: Brookland's Got Talent Semi Finals

Friday 4th April 9am: Pop Choir Assembly

Friday 4th April: Last day of term. School finishes **at 3.05**

(Mini market will now take place in the Summer Term)



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Golden Sentences:

"On 22nd June 2035 on Eels Island a boat named Lyca has gone missing. All we know is that the boat was stolen on Eels Island. Lyca is owned by Miss Black who had been stranded on the Island two days ago. The boat in question was about two metres long, 75cm wide and is a two seated boat. The suspects are now in custody." Stylianos 6P

" 'Wolf, don't move an inch,' shouted Police Piggington. 'Why? What did I do? All I wanted was to acquire some sugar for my granny's birthday!' claimed wolf." Toprak 3B

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 17th March - Friday 21st March

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	95.86%	96.0%	100%	91.72%	98.15%	96.9%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.97%	99.33%	97.33%	99.31%	99.36%	98.97%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	87.67%	95.0%	97.33%	88.33%	93.67%	93.79%	94.5%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.33%	99.33%	99.67%	99.33%	98.67%	96.90%	98.87%

Well done to **3SH** for having 100% attendance this week.

Congratulations to **5R** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake