



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 04th April 2025

This week:

In assembly this week we held our half termly Head Teacher Award assembly to celebrate some of the many ways that all the children and staff have put our Brookland Values and Brookland Learning Skills into action and to hear from the teachers about who they had chosen for the award and why. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all you do to help Brookland be such a happy and positive place. It was of course a pleasure to have tea with you! We enjoyed learning about Eid together on Tuesday; thank you to the staff and children who shared their family practices with such confidence. Today we were treated to a phenomenal performance from Pop Choir with songs from Matilda; powerful, clear singing with wonderful solos which really engaged the emotions and had everyone enthralled.



On Wednesday, 5AM shared their superb class assembly about Brazil with their parents and the whole school. You were phenomenal! Such high energy, talented, confident performers. Amazing dancing and singing, incredible acting, costumes, lighting and tech support. You entertained us throughout and showed off your excellent team work. Your families and the whole school were seriously impressed!



Brookland's Got Talent Semi Finals were a joy. So many amazing displays of talents from dancing to singing to magic to magnificent piano playing. 8 acts have been voted through across the school to the finals after the holidays. Parents of the finalists are welcome to come and watch at 2pm on Friday 25th April, space is limited though so please maximum of 2 audience members per finalist.



Thank you to our fabulous Parents Association for all your hard work this term. Thank you for putting on the Brookland online auction. I hope you enjoy your prizes; thank you to everyone who made a bid or donated a prize. Thank you to the PA and Miss Christie for organising the Easter orienteering trail this week which has been a lot of fun as well as good learning about Spring festivals from different faiths.



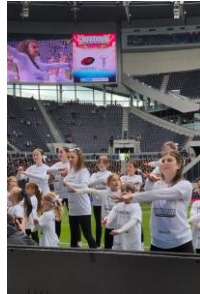
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Well Done & Congratulation:

Congratulations to Seren for all her hard work training as part of the Saracens cheer leading squad and for having the courage to share her skills with a huge audience at the Tottenham stadium!



Gardening Club News:

Gardening club have worked very hard to revamp our nature area. We have established a new border with some perennial plants to invite the wildlife and pollinators. We chose the plants that are suited for that type of soil and how many hours of sunshine they would have.

PS: We planted our first broad beans and peas.



Equipment for School

The holiday break is a good chance to ensure our children have correct school uniform, including school appropriate shoes and to check they have all the stationery they need for lessons, including a green pen. As the weather gets warmer, all children also need a named water bottle in school every day.

Absence attached to a holiday:

Just to remind everyone that an absence attached to a holiday will be unauthorised unless we have been given proof of the absence (if it is an illness or medical appointment) or the absence has been approved beforehand (through an Application for Leave of Absence form). We have been informed by the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) that any unauthorised absences attached to a holiday are at risk of being issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.





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A last minute coup for our wonderful and well connected English leader and AHT Miss Davies: We have two fabulous authors visiting to inspire us after the holidays!

Matt Goodfellow visit 23rd April 2025 in conjunction with The Children's Bookshop, Muswell Hill:

An exciting and engaging speaker for Years 5 and 6: Matt is a teacher, poet and author. He rarely visits London schools so we are very lucky that he will spend the afternoon at Brookland Junior School.

His verse novels are powerful and have won many awards. He will share his writing with us as well as perform some of his poetry.

He will sell and sign his books on the day. Preorders are available in the Arbor shop (closing Monday 21st April) or cash on the day (exact cash please if possible)

The Final Year: £8

The First Year: £9



Andy Griffiths Visit: Thursday 24th April 2025 in conjunction with The Children's Bookshop, Muswell Hill.

Andy will be speaking to Years 2, 3 and 4 in the afternoon then selling and signing copies of his new book The Land of Lost Things. The bookshop is selling these for £7 each.

The book sale will take place in the Junior School library. Andy can stay until 3:40 but he must leave then to get to the bookshop for his event at 4pm! Parents welcome from 3:05 after Y3/4 queue has finished. The bookshop will be here with a card reader and cash will also be accepted. For Junior School pupils, books will be available to preorder via the Arbor shop (closing 21st April).





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Golden Sentences:

"Lady Macbeth: Come on!!!! I want that crown and I know you want it too, so kill him. (Angry)

Macbeth: I... I ... can't. He came here. So no is a NO!!! (Silence in the crowd)." Zee 5AM

"Lady Macbeth: No buts, don't you want the crown, the throne and the power. You are not scared are you, you cowardly cat?

Macbeth: Fine. I'll do it but if I get caught, big consequences will come my way!" Kiyla 5R

"Macbeth: is this a ghostly dagger I see before me? It's like I could hold it but I can't. Maybe this is a sign to kill King Duncan.... and the dagger is covered in blood! I know what must be done!" Blake 5R

"My name is Levon Gardener. I am the agent of Luna Almeida-Fairclough. Having graduated from Cambridge in law & politics, Luna is a prominent student but wishes already to emphasise to us her care for the environment. She is qualified to lead the country well." Levon 6P

"I found a seagull with claws as sharp as blades. I was so scared when he picked me up and flew me, year after year after year, until he dropped me in a lush green forest." Lucas 3SH

"It was very warm under my feet. I felt the mud squelch and smelt the colourful fresh flowers. The birds were flapping their wing to find a new home." Savannah 3SH

"Exploding, the violent waterfall made me hazardous, like I'm going on a journey to the North of the other side. It made my whole body feel like the cracks of the earth." Janelle 3SH

"Munchkin laughed wickedly, 'You didn't ... did you?' ' I thought you didn't need it so I threw it while I was running from the battlefield. Good luck finding it!' Munchkin grimaced in delight. Zoe's mind started to get blurry. Darkness engulfed her vision. Grief & fear...." Melanie 6P

Next week: HOLIDAYS! SCHOOL CLOSED UNTIL 22nd April

Further ahead: (full Summer Term calendar to follow)

Monday 21st April: Easter Bank Holiday Monday – School closed

Tuesday 22nd April: First Day of Summer Term for everyone

Tuesday 22nd April: year 5 forest school workshops

Tuesday 22nd April: Earth Day: screen free and outdoor learning, Eco Group Assembly

Wednesday 23rd April pm: Matt Goodfellow (author) visiting year 5 & 6 – Book Sale & Signing

Thursday 24th April pm: Andy Griffiths (author) visiting year 3 & 4 – Book Sale & Signing

Thursday 24th April: year 5/6 Tennis team Tournament

Thursday 24th April 3.30: year 3 and year 4 RSE Talk with parents in 3SH & 4K classrooms.

Friday 25th April 9am: 3G Class Assembly on Easter for parents and carers in the hall. Do please stay for coffee if you have time

Friday 25th April 2pm in the Hall: Brookland's Got Talent Finals

Friday 25th April 9.30am: Year 5 visit to Christ's College for a taste of secondary school life



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Dr Bike:

The free Dr Bike sessions will be 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.

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	9 April 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	16 April 2025	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)	14 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	11 June 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	18 June 2025	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)	9 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	16 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	13 August 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	20 August 2025	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)	10 September 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	17 September 2025	4pm to 7pm