



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 25th April 2025

This week:

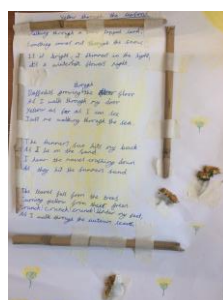
I hope everyone had a healthy and enjoyable break. The children have certainly come back with plenty of energy and enthusiasm and are working hard in all we ask of them! I have attached the draft Summer Term dates set so far for your information.

Our first assembly of the term was led by Eco Group marking Earth Day, sharing their knowledge, encouraging us to appreciate the world around us and to reduce our energy use. Our Brookland Value focus this week is Understanding and we reminded everyone that our school is a happy and thriving place to learn because of the way we show understanding through our kindness, generosity and respect for each other. Well done 3G for a wonderful class assembly today. You shared so many Easter traditions and beliefs in such an interesting, thoughtful and entertaining way. Confident speaking and acting, beautiful singing, impressive tech and lighting; what a treat for your families and the whole school. We are all very proud of you!



"Tuesday 23rd April was Earth Day. We started day Earth Day with a fact packed assembly. Then we presented a poem called to 'Make a Garden'. Eco Group put lots of effort into the fact files & posters. In our classes, we did lots of fun activities for example in year 5, we made nature collages and whittled and much more." Bella, Ruby, Alice 5A

"On Tuesday, it was Earth Day and we had a screen free day with lots of outdoor learning. Firstly, we explored the nature area and top playground and wrote poems inspired by what we saw. Then, we learnt about lots of different types of trees that grow in the UK and the mythical properties they have. We created artworks inspired by the tree mythology we studied. In the afternoon, we had a Forest School workshop which was led by Miss Symons's Mum. We learnt how to whittle and we our own flag. It was a really fun day, we learnt a lot of new and interesting things and we really enjoyed being outside." 5R



Thank you so much to Linda Symons and Julie Coleman for leading year 5 in such an engaging forest school workshop and with such enthusiasm!



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Also This Week:

Brookland's Got Talent finals was a very special event this afternoon following class and year group earlier rounds. Huge congratulations to all the finalists and to everyone who was brave enough to enter. There has been such a lovely buzz about this event across the whole school. Thank you to Miss Christie and School Council for arranging and compering it so well. Final votes to be counted and verified and announced next week!



Author visits: Year 5 & 6 were wowed by poet and author Matt Goodfellow on Wednesday. He shared his poetry on a range of topics from squirrels to starting secondary school. We explored poetry as a style of writing and how the genre allows us to break the rules of writing. It was such an inspiring visit! Thank you to those families who supported the book sale.



We were also highly fortunate to welcome Andy Griffiths, author of the Treehouse books. In a very loud and exciting presentation, he engaged Years 2, 3 and 4 as we learnt more about being brave, creating our own adventures and building treehouses! There was lots of advice about fighting dragons, flying cards and how to pet dinosaurs. The children asked brilliant questions and were delighted to meet and talk with Andy. Thank you for supporting the book sale via The Children's Bookshop.



Some of our keenest year 3 mathematicians have been coming to school extra early to work with Mr Greenhouse before school. Thank you to all our teachers who give their time so generously to support, challenge and give so many extra opportunities for our children. *"We have been working with Mr G and he has been challenging us in maths. For instance, we have been using different strategies to find ways to solve word problems. Also, we noticed if you use 3 consecutive numbers and add them together the answer will be in the 3 times tables. We also discovered same will happen with 5 & 7 consecutive numbers."* Sadie 3SH



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This Week continued:

"On Friday 25th April 2025, year 5 went on an exciting trip to Christ's College Secondary School. We did Mandarin and science with our classes and were thrilled by the activities. We were making conversations while speaking Mandarin and for science we used some fascinating microscopes. We thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and thanks to Christ's College for the fun things they did with us." Alina & Zak 5A

"Today, year 5 went to Christ's College. Two year 7 students kindly showed us to each class. Firstly our class, 5AM, did philosophy and religion. We learnt the 6 main religions in the world which were: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Hinduism. Secondly, we did science, where we got to use microscopes to see onion cells and other things. We really enjoyed going to Christ's College." Sarah & Hannah 5AM



Gardening Club:

"Gardening Club have sown some red and white onions this week donated by Mrs Pejakovic's friend. We hope they will grow quickly and reliably with minimal maintenance. Mrs Pejakovic taught us that onions like a warm, sunny spot in well-drained soil, with watering in dry spells and regular weeding. We also created a climbing tepee for our runner beans and peas we have sown before the holidays."





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Important Notice: Damage to Nursery Fence:

Please see the following message from Brookland Infant and Nursery School: We regret to inform you that at around 5pm on Wednesday after school, a child entered the outside nursery classroom area and deliberately damaged the new fence. This resulted in several slats becoming loose and others needing to be removed entirely due to health and safety concerns for our nursery children. Unfortunately, this act of criminal damage will now incur a cost to the school to repair. It is disappointing that neither the child nor their parent, who was there has come forward to take responsibility. Please can I ask that everyone speaks to their children about respecting school property, as these incidents impact the whole school community. We would also like to remind all families that once children have been collected from after-school clubs, parents and carers must leave the premises promptly. The school playground should not be used as a park or a place to linger after pick-up. Sadly, it is during these unsupervised times that incidents like this can happen. Please help us keep our school safe and respectful for everyone.



Next week:

Monday 28th April: Gardening & Eco Group visit to Clitterhouse

Tuesday 29th April: Class Photos Year 3, 4, 5 (Year 6 if they were absent last time)

Tuesday 29th April 3:30pm: Year 5 Relationships Education lessons talk for parents in 5AM

Tuesday 29th April 3:30pm: Year 6 Relationships Education lessons talk for parents in 6L

Wednesday 30th April: Year 3 St Lucia Day in school

Thursday 1st May: UCL filming in 4S and interviewing gardening club and eco group for gardening curriculum project.

Friday 2nd May 9am: 3B Class assembly on St George's Day for parents in the hall. Please do stay for coffee if you are able

Friday 2nd May: Shoe maker Workshop for group of children in Year 4 & 5.

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday School CLOSED

Further ahead: (See full Summer Term calendar attached to this newsletter)



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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
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