



## This week:

In assembly this week, we learnt about the funeral of Pope Francis, thought about our Brookland Value of Understanding and the ways we show understanding to others by our words, actions, even our expressions and body language. Well done 3B for your wonderful class assembly about St George's Day. Fabulous fast paced singing and enthusiastic dancing, very entertaining dragons and a fascinating celebration and explanation of St George's Day and the stories of St George! Amazing tech team, skilful lighting, such confident acting and above all excellent teamwork. Your parents and the whole school enjoyed your assembly very much, learned a lot and were seriously impressed! We can't believe you are just year 3!



Year 3 had a fabulous Caribbean Day. They looked at different fruits that are grown in the Caribbean and created their own fruit kebabs. They also went on to taste different breads such as Bun, Banana Bread and Hardo bread. They created fabulous Caribbean art, learned about fair trade and had a wonderful day. *"I enjoyed the whole day but making the kebab was the best."* Lily 3G *"I enjoyed making the Caribbean arts and am very proud of my artwork."* Axel 3G. *"We had a fantastic day filled with learning and engaging in a variety of activities. 3B shared that their favourite part was tasting delicious St Lucian delicacies."* Miss Buckley Thorne



*"Last Wednesday, teams Brookland Blue & Brookland Red Year 5 & 6 played in a tennis festival. Unfortunately, it wasn't competitive as it was a festival! For the Brookland Girls Red Team, one of the teams dropped out so there were only two teams to play. But we beat them every game. Brookland's Blue had some very strong competitors and had mixed results. We would like to thank Mrs Capelan for her support and commitment."* Lyla 6L & Alice 5A

*"On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Brookland Year 4 Team played King Alfred Year 5 Team. The match started at 3:30 and as soon as the game started, Aria had a great attempt with a bicycle kick which was going in but the defender handballed it off the line. This led to a penalty and Aria scored. A few minutes later the goals were flying with Gabe scoring and Ollie scoring two. Just before half time Ollie did an amazing bicycle kick assist which helped Aria score. At half time it was 7-0 to Brookland. Just after half time Kemdi came on and scored a banger in the bottom corner. The goals whizzed by. Aria got 5 and Ollie got 1 more as well as Gabe. The final score was 13-2 Brookland. Thanks to Ariya, Toby and Artin for being a rock-solid defense. Thanks to Gabe for being the heart of midfield. Thanks to Ollie, Kemdi, Ethan and Aria for being amazing attackers."* Ollie & Gabe 5A



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## Also This Week:

Brookland Juniors is working with UCL on a research project to create a gardening curriculum from primary schools. The aim is for gardening to be embedded in our curriculum for all classes as well as our amazing gardening club and eco group. This should enhance our Science, Geography, environmental knowledge and pupil wellbeing.

*"Yesterday, some teachers from UCL came to film us. First, Miss Symons asked us how we felt. Most of the class was feeling blue (tired). I felt happy and excited. In the morning 2 teachers from UCL came to film us. We sat in a circle and went in groups of 4 or 3. We told each other what we remembered from Wednesday. The UCL teacher filmed what we said. We said that we should plant more trees and flowers in towns and cities. Then we looked at our questions: How nature can change your heart and how can we help the World as a community." Miley 4S*

## Gardening Club:

The Eco and Gardening Club visited the Clitterhouse farm this week. Anika, one of the main gardeners, did the workshop with us and we have sown some beans and sunflower seeds in an interesting method, using recycled bubble wrap. We had a good tour of their gardens and learnt about how the seeds disperse. Thanks to all the parents who came to help.



## Congratulations:

Huge congratulations to Andy Francis who was nominated for grassroots coach of the year for his girls' and women's teams and won the women's team coach award. Andy runs a mixed football letting at Brookland, has supported our girls' teams with their achievements this year and has supported Brookland sports for many years.





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## Summer Uniform Rules

As the weather has turned to Summer, here is a reminder of our Summer School Uniform rules. Winter Uniform is still perfectly acceptable too. If children are wearing shorts, these need to be tailored uniform style grey or navy shorts and should be worn with our green polo top. These shorts are easily available in most supermarkets, online or through Braggs, our uniform supplier. Sports shorts or lycra shorts are not appropriate. Sandals with closed toes are the safest for school and should be black, brown, navy or white. Crocs and flip flops are not appropriate. Please ensure that **all** our children follow our uniform policy, unless individual permission from senior leaders has been given for personal exceptions to this. A reminder that everyone needs a water bottle, pencil case, PE kit and healthy snack for school each day and that everything needs your child's name on! Thank you

### WINTER

<b>SHOWERPROOF FLEECE (optional)</b>	Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
<b>PLAIN NAVY FLEECE (optional)</b>	Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
TROUSERS	Grey tailored 'school' type or navy (No tracksuit or leggings)
SKIRT	Navy
<b>POLO SHIRT (short sleeve)</b>	<b>Green</b> , Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
<b>POLO SHIRT (long sleeve, optional)</b>	<b>Green</b> , Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
<b>SWEATSHIRT</b>	<b>Navy</b> , Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
SHOES	Black or Navy (NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS)
SOCKS	Navy, Grey or White
TIGHTS	Navy

### SUMMER

SHORT TROUSERS (optional)	Grey or Navy tailored school type
DRESS (optional)	Green & White check or candy stripe
<b>POLO SHIRT (short sleeve)</b>	<b>Green</b> , Available from Braggs School Wear ' <b>Brookland Logo</b> '
SOCKS	Navy, Grey or White
SANDALS (optional)	Black, brown, Navy or white (No flip flops or crocs)

### SPORT WEAR

SHORTS	White/Navy
'T' SHIRT	Plain white or with Brookland logo, Available from Braggs School Wear
PLIMSOLLS/TRAINERS	White or Black
TRACKSUIT	Navy (P.E)
SWIMMING COSTUME & HAT (TOWEL)	
SHOE BAG	

**ITEMS IN BOLD CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED FROM Braggs School Wear**

### JEWELLERY

No jewellery is to be worn, with the exception of a watch or items required for religious or medical reasons. If earrings have to be worn these must be small stud earrings only - which can be removed by the child for PE.

### MAKE UP

Junior School aged pupils are not allowed to attend school wearing makeup or nail polish.



## Golden Sentences:

*"In the heart of the Amazon Rainforest stands a flowering kapok tree. For years, people debated on whether to cut down the tree or not. Therefore today there is going to be a debate about this."* Ateo 5AM

*"While some argue it's important to build houses, it's important to consider that if you cut it down animals need a home and oxygen."* Uriya 5R

*"On the other hand cutting the tree could affect animals. Moreover the kapok tree takes in carbon dioxide and turns it into oxygen. Would you let animals and insects die first because of a tree? In conclusion, most people say to cut it down but in my opinion cutting those trees is bad for the environment and it takes centuries to grow back to its normal size."* Ethan W 5R

*"In my opinion, I think that the tree should not get cut down because it is the animals' shelter and home where they live and where they keep all their food. How would you feel if someone cuts down your house? Also, if you cut down the tree it will be hard for humans to breathe and if it's raining you won't have protection."* Toby 5AM

*"At the top of a cobbled cliff sat Ely lighthouse. Multiple soothing, golden lamps blanketed all the land except Ely Light. It sat in the corner of darkness. The ominous lighthouse stood out to guide, villagers cheering as spun around!"* Sadie 6D

*"Isolated in my desolate room, I could hear the cheering of the people in the village. I felt so crestfallen that the people out there can have lots of fun and I was stuck doing unfinished work."* Shivani 6D

*"I walk through the wardrobe: I walk through the wardrobe, I will see a school of frogs croaking loudly. Suddenly, I see them lining up for lunch! They all have lunchboxes in their sticky hand."* Lottie 4K

*"I walk through the wardrobe: I walk through the wardrobe, I will see so many animals big and small flying through the sky. I walk through the wardrobe, I will hear, the sound of animals' shells crackling in the summer breeze."* Einat 4K

*"I couldn't quite understand what the story was about but I just had this feeling that I couldn't shake off. I felt like there was some kind of message hidden somewhere!"* Dorothy 3SH

*"Quietly I was gazing at my iridescent candle which was flickering and swaying harmoniously. I was focusing on my work. Although watching the sea rising and the weather changing could sometimes make me irritable. The mesmerising lights glistened through the jet blackness silently."* Aisha 6P

*"High above the village at the edge of the cliff sat my pride and joy, the lighthouse; the candle flickered in my old, barren room. The light was razor-sharp, breaking the darkness, my fountain pen gliding smoothly onto the paper. My back was aching because I had been sitting on the chair for hours."* Fatemah 6P

*"I was just playing with Edward then these two foolish, horrid boys came along and started playing catch with him and they wouldn't give him back. The only thing to do was to rugby tackle them to get Edward back."* Haaris 3SH

*"An elegant beam of warm amber gave out light bright enough to illuminate the majestic moon like a metallic coin over the gurgling of the deep sea."* Taha 6L



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## Next week:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday School CLOSED**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 11.45:** Year 3 4 tennis team tournament

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Wesak Assembly

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 9am: 4S Class Assembly Our Local Area for parents in the hall. Do stay for coffee if you have time**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Lunchtime PA card making workshop see attached flyer

**Week of 12<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 National SAT testing week

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

## 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
<b>Finchley, Lodge Lane car park</b>	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<b>14 May 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Temple Fortune</b>	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<b>21 May 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Middlesex University</b>	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<b>11 June 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park</b>	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<b>18 June 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Finchley, Lodge Lane car park</b>	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<b>9 July 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Temple Fortune</b>	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<b>16 July 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Middlesex University</b>	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<b>13 August 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park</b>	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<b>20 August 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Finchley, Lodge Lane car park</b>	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<b>10 September 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm
<b>Temple Fortune</b>	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<b>17 September 2025</b>	4pm to 7pm



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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	94.50%	98.67%	98.33%	95.33%	98.0%	96.55%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.28%	99.0%	98.67%	99.0%	99.33%	99.31%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	96.67%	98.67%	92.67%	95.16%	98.67%	93.33%	96.38%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.67%	98.33%	98.67%	99.35%	98.33%	98.20%	98.22%

Well done to **3G, 5AM & 6L** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **6D** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake