



# Brookland Junior School News



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## This week:

In assemblies this week, we introduced our Arts Week, thinking about the continents, key artists, music and dance and thanked Mr Greenhouse for his many late nights and impressive talents preparing yet another fabulous week of creativity. We held our Head Teacher Award assembly to celebrate the many ways our children and staff have shown Brookland Values in action this half term and to hear from the teachers who they have chosen for the award this half term and why. I look forward to having afternoon tea with you all after the half term break. We also congratulated our 6 superb chess teams who competed over the weekend in the national primary school semi-finals. Thank you for representing our school at such a high level with resilience, determination, positivity and friendship. Thank you to the amazing chess parents for giving their weekends to support Brookland chess and to Mr Fleetwood for his superb coaching. *“Today we went to Tower Bridge to explore its amazing facts. We walked to East Finchley to take a train to London Bridge Station, and then we walked for a little bit to the bridge. An educational person took us for a tour about the engineers. We split into groups of 1 & 2 and we climbed up the stairs where we saw the glass on the top of the bridge. Then we had lunch in a grass area next to the bridge. We really liked climbing the glass bridge.”* Adam & Zee Toby & Gabe 5AM



Year 4 have been exploring the geography and history of our local area on their Garden Suburb Walk



## Arts Week:

Year 4 enjoyed a full Arts Week this year. We first started with Australasia looking at Maori Art. The rest of the week we looked at African Art. We were very lucky to have Mr Shone to teach us to use water colours with a wash inspired by tribal art. We had the best time with Kimberly from BASE taking our Afro Beats Dance Workshop. We learnt moves from Nigeria, Ghana, Gabon and it was so much fun. We also had the opportunity to listen to and appraise different music from various counties in Africa which was interesting and we all learnt something new. Thank to Mr G & everyone who helped to make this fabulous week for us. Year 4





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## Arts Week:

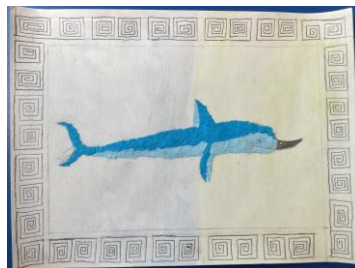
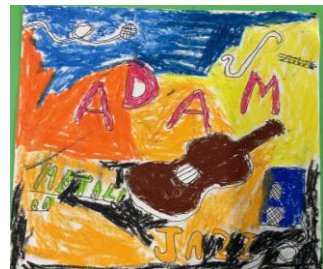
Well what an amazing Art Week! The children have been looking at the continents of the world and artists, music and dance related to them.

Year 6 were looking at Europe at the beginning of the week and were very lucky to have Emma from GetCrafty come in to work with them and create a piece of art in the style of Degas based on The Green Ballerina. Noa from 6P said *"I really enjoyed the complexity of the method, and I was really happy with my final version."* Year 6 also had Vera come in to work with them to produce album covers inspired by the jazz age and Archibald Motley. Sadie from 6D said, *"There were so many ways to create your design and make it individual. I was both pleased and proud of my final piece."*

Meanwhile, year 5 were busy creating their interpretation of the Blue Guitar based on work by Pablo Picasso. Maya V from 5A said *"It was a great experience and I soon discovered that creating your own shades of blue created a more realistic tone."*

They were lucky to have an artist called Claire come in and work with them on a Moët inspired design created by Hiramatsu. Tara from 5A said *"I really enjoyed the fact that we did not copy the design, we created our own picture. I was happy with my finished water lilies."* Finally they created a Warli print with a musical link, which was quite complex. Tamar said *"It was challenging and took a lot of focus but I was proud of my work."* Year 5 also had Bollywood lessons. Mr G said that he walked in to one of the sessions and could not believe how the class picked up the steps and the moves so quickly; they looked like a professional dance troop.

Year three were very lucky to have Kim and David come in to work with them and teach them how to tango. All three classes thoroughly enjoyed their experience and picked up the moves quickly and confidently. Mohsin said *"I liked all the foot movements and how dancers communicate through their hands. At first, I was not happy about dancing with Mr G, but then we made it work."* Year 3 then created Aboriginal art and looked at how the art, culture and music come together. Cruz said *"The patterns are almost hypnotising and I made my art interesting by adding lots of detail and colour in a traditional way."* Year 3 then created Britto art work, inspired by the famous South American Artist. Kiana said *"I loved including the musical instruments and the abstract lines and symbols. The bright colours really made it pop."* Finally, in year 3, we created Frida Khalo portraits using pastel pencil and paper towel. Axel said *"I loved making the flowers from kitchen towel because it created a 3D part to my art which was fun to create."* Mr G said that he was incredibly impressed by the use of shading and warm tones.





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## A Huge Thanks to Our Wonderful & Hardworking PA:

*"On Wednesday Hannah, Sophia, May and I (Savannah) decorated cupcakes with Miss Davies because Hannah won the PA Auction! The experience was very fun we all got to decorate cupcaes with different nozzles and it was really tasty."* Hannah, Savannah, May & Sophia 5AM



Our wonderful PA team have worked so hard all year providing great events for our children and raising money for all the children in our school. I am really proud and excited to let you know that the PA are now able to fund the remaining £11K needed to complete the replacement of the classroom whiteboards for all 12 classes! We will action this as soon as we can. **THANK YOU** so much to everyone who is helping to run events and support our PA you are making a very real difference to the quality of our children's learning every day. More to come next half term!

## Gardening Club:

The Gardening Club has been hard at work this week and our school grounds are blooming beautifully! We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to **Anna's mum (3G)** and **Harry's mum (5AM)** for their generous donation of bedding plants.

Thanks to their kindness, our planters are now bursting with colour and charm, creating a warm and welcoming entrance to our school's main door. 🌸🌿

We're so proud of our green-fingered team and grateful for the support from our school community!

We still have **lots of plant containers** to fill, and we would **greatly appreciate any additional donations** of:

- Bedding plants
- Shrubs
- Perennials

Every contribution helps us make our school a greener, more beautiful place for everyone to enjoy!





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## Occupational Therapy Sleep Support:

Is your child struggling to settle to sleep or stay asleep at night? Join this training to learn about the stages of sleep, and evidence-based strategies that you can implement to support healthy sleeping habits and bedtime routines.

- Date: Monday 7 July
- Time: 1-2pm (with optional 30-minute Q&A)
- Link: [Join the meeting now](#)  
Meeting ID: 361 903 192 251  
Passcode: i9fH3YN2

The link can also be accessed on our training menu:

Barnet CIT Universal training menu: <https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/document.ashx?id=15232>

It's advertised for age 2-11 years, but families with older children are welcome to access this too.

## Next week:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Inset Day School Closed to Pupils**

## Further ahead:

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 8.50: Back to school for everyone**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June pm: HT Award afternoon tea**

**Weeks of 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 national multiplication check taking place**





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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
<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
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