



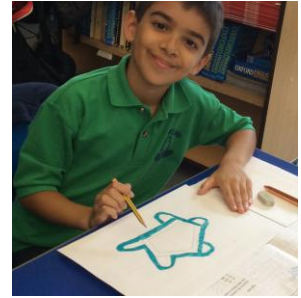
Brookland Junior School News



Friday 12th September 2025

This week:

Everyone has been impressing their teachers across all 10 subjects, putting our learning skills of Teamwork, Determination, Quality, Listening and Evaluation into action and enjoying new knowledge and experiences. Did you know that after lunch each day we have a short mindfulness time to help us settle back into learning. We might spend a few minutes reading, drawing, listening to a calm down visualisation, thinking about our breathing or a mindful movement activity.



Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend our year 3 and 4 meet the teachers sessions. It was lovely to get together and think about the year ahead. Our children thrive and make excellent progress because our families and staff work so closely together to support and challenge each child to be the best they can be. Thank you to all the parents who came to our Parents Association AGM, offered to take on committee roles and support the PA work for our school and children. Thank you to Nilit and the PA team for a very successful year last year and all their hard work running fun events for our children and raising much needed funds for our school.



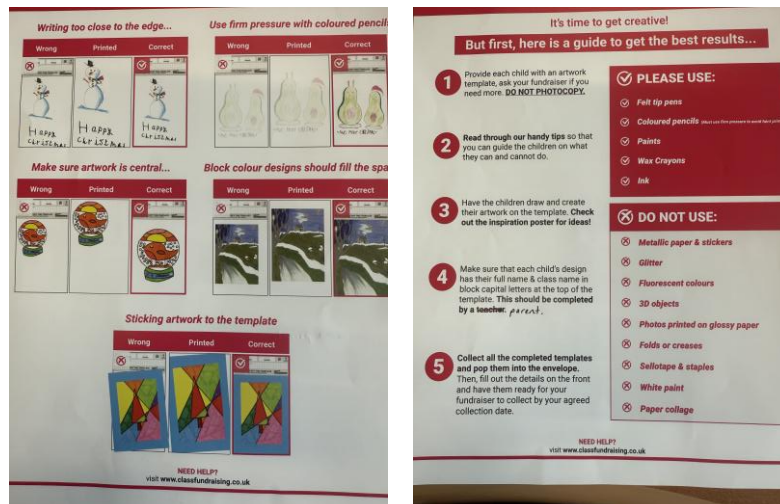


School Council Nominations:

We're getting excited to vote for our new school councillors for the year ahead. Children who wish to nominate for this role will need to fill in an application form and hand it in to their class teacher by Friday 19th September. If your child would like to nominate themselves but does not have a form, they can collect one from their class teacher or come and see Miss Christie. After speeches are held, classes will vote on who they think will make a great school councillor this year. Democracy in action!

Holiday Artwork:

Our wonderful PA have organised a terrific fundraiser that will bring you joy as well as raise some much needed funds for the school. Your child should have come home today with a holiday art work form where they can show their creativity by drawing, painting, crafting. These designs can then be made into cards, coasters, wrapping paper, keyrings etc. ready for the holiday season. When your child has completed their artwork, simply bring it back to your teacher. You will then be given a code to order products with your child's design - all in time for Christmas, Chanukah and the winter holiday season. Please see the attached information for more details.



Arrangements and Reminders:

Medical information: Thank you for ensuring the school is aware of any medical needs for your children through the Arbor platform. If there are any changes to your child's medical needs, particularly any new diagnosis such as asthma or an allergy, please would you speak with Mrs Lake by phone or in person so we can ensure all appropriate arrangements are in place to support your child.

A reminder that we have been a **smart phone free school** since 2019. Thank you for supporting us to keep all our children safe online and in their journeys to and from school by ensuring children do not bring any smart phones, watches or other smart devices to school. If there are any independent travellers who use a text and talk only phone, please ensure this is handed to the class teacher each day for safe keeping. Please try to avoid using phones as adults when on the school site wherever possible too. Thank you



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Big Writing:

What an impressive start to 360 Big Writing books today! *"Year 5 have been retelling the poem The Highway man. We worked in groups to understand the old English and worked together to write the key vocabulary and events from the poem"* Noah P 5AM

"The moonlight shining on the purple moor, a path illuminates in the dark misty height. The wind was a wonderful spectre. The moon was a ghostly galleon, the highway man comes riding!" Jonathan 5R

"The sun fell like a sinking stone and a black cloak was drawn across the sky as the highwayman came riding on his trusty stallion." Hadar 5R

Year 4 have been retelling the story, "The Proudest Blue" from a different viewpoint.

"On the way to the hijab shop, I thought that this is a new life experience. Mama held the princess, pretty pink hijab but I gazed at the blue, ocean like hijab. As we bought it, I felt like a princess that was calm like the ocean. I couldn't wait to get home!!!" Yedel 4JS

"I am worried, will my friends accept my hijab. As I wrap it around my head, there are butterflies in my tummy. 'Calm down if my friends are friends they would understand that my hijab is part of me, my culture and my family.'" Anna 4K

"Next morning was the first day at school with my hijab. Mama said that the first day of hijab was important and special. Smiling, I ran out of the front door. When I got there I was very excited. I hugged Faizah, waved good bye and ran to my friends." Alisa 4JS

"Strolling through the school the boys snickered and pointed at my hijab but I stand tall and proud. Faizah smirked at them and made silly faces back to the boys. I feel grateful, I have a nice sister." Noah 4K

Year 3 have been writing letters to give advice to a new student on how to make friends.

"Dear Marshall, How are you? Do you have many friends? I am writing this for you to give you information to help you settle in easily." Maya 3G

"If you need help in your new school, you can ask your parents if you can have a playdate. If your parents say no, you can make a card and put it in their space." Shane 3G

"I go to Brookland Junior School. How are you doing buddy? I know how it feels moving into a new school it's quite scary! You should always be gentle and never be mean, punch, kick or hit." Aiden 3SH

"I have some top tips for you to settle in. Talk in a chatty way. Be kind and helpful to everyone. Show great attitude to adults and teachers so they know you are respectful. You should probably go to an after school club too." Marli 3SH

Year 6 have been writing some impressive descriptions in response to a short video about Alma.

"One winter Monday morning, snowflakes tumbled from the gloomy grey clouds from above. The crisp winter air burned the faces of laughing children in the soft powdery snow. The rooftops were glazed with snow and ice like icing on a cake. Soft fuzzy blankets of snow covered the cobbled streets. Families sat together around their evergreen trees covered in glowing candles and silver and maroon baubles. Everyone was inside their warm, cosy homes. All except one!!" Lucas 6D

"Whimsically, the figure bound in blue and red meandered down the cobbled street, taking shape as a sprightly girl. What that?" Joseph 6P

"The little girl was storming through the snowy street, further and further she ran. She stumbled across a quaint doll store." Hugh 6P

"The old abandoned shop smelt like pure dust and was full of old china dolls. She saw the doll, she was looking for on the table. Alma walked towards the table and found a doll on a bike. She saw him moving. She let him go. When she stood up the doll was strangely missing!?" Maria 6L

"As Alma turned around, the arch-shaped window caught her eye again. This time, it was different. There was a doll standing in front of her. Alma looked exactly like the doll, almost like a clone. She turned around in amazement but when she turned back, she realised that it had disappeared!" Sarah 6L



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Next week:

Tuesday 16th September 9am: Year 6 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

Wednesday 17th September 9am: Year 5 Meet the Teachers for parents in the hall

Thursday 18th September 8:45am: Parents Coffee Morning with Mr Greenhouse – Early Help in the hall

Further ahead: Times Tables Tournament Week

Thursday 25th September: Emma Carroll Author Visit

Thursday 25th September: Bronze Sports Ambassador Training for group of year 5 children

Friday 26th September: Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Assembly led by 5AM

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
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	17 September 2025	4pm to 7pm

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 8th September - Friday 12th September

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	98.67%	98.67%	91.67%	97.04%	97.14%	100%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.67%	99.33%	98.52%	98.57%	99.33%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.33%	96.0%	97.59%	91.94%	99.33%	94.0%	96.51%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.33%	98.0%	96.55%	98.06%	99.33%	96.0%	98.39%

Well done to **4S** for having 100% attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3G** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake