



Brookland Junior School News



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This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Resilience. Thank you to Mr. Knight for a fascinating assembly starting our Black History Month activities; we learned lots of fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt. Thank you to Miss Symons for leading our assembly today discussing how we Show Racism the Red Card. It was great to see so much red today demonstrating our support for this very important campaign.

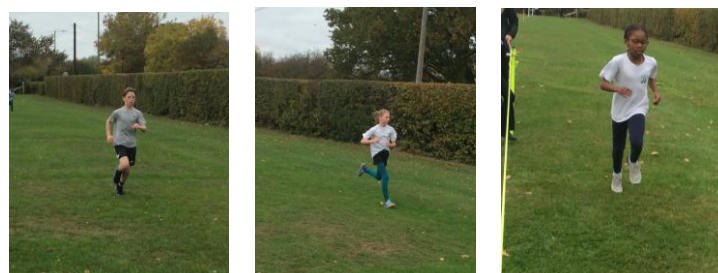


Well done year 4 team on a superb Harvest Assembly, sharing how and why harvest is celebrated, new and intriguing fruit and veg and reminding us about Food Bank Aid and why it is needed. Your singing was top quality and so joyful. Thank you on behalf of year 4 for the many boxes of cereal donated for Food Bank Aid.



Congratulations to our Cross Country team for representing Brookland with great determination, a superb attitude and for bringing home some medals too!

“The Cross Country was painful & amazing and was the most fun Cross Country race ever. It was at Cophall and there were so many people running. Thank you to our parents and to Miss Flynn and MOST importantly to Mrs Capelan. Also thank you to Mr Kemp who helped us with training but wasn’t able to be there. We missed you!!!”
River, Savannah & Elizabeth Year 4





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Also This Week:

"On Thursday the 16th of October 2025, the Girls Football A Team participated in a cup game. WE WON!! 3-1 to us which means we are through to the next round. Our goals were scored by Alice (6P), Maya (6P) and Kate (6D). thank you to our parents for supporting us and Mr Khan for coaching us. Also Mr A for organising the match." Alice 6P & Maya 6P

"Last week on the 10th of October, the Brookland Mixed Football Team had their first football fixture for the Martin Cup. As soon as the match kicked off a few minutes later we scored which was great. So it boosted our confidence a lot but at half time it was still 1:0 to us. In the second half we turned on and we always had the ball. In just a few minutes we scored 2 goals by Aria and Gabe. For the next 15 minutes nothing but in the last 5 minutes we scored again. It was our first win of the year and a whopping 4:0 to us and hopefully a long line of a winning streak in the future." Gabe & Ethan 6D



On Monday we held our first planned **fire drill** this year. All went smoothly and we are confident everyone knows exactly what to do to leave the building as quickly and silently as possible.



We are very proud to have once again been awarded **Gilt standard for the Primary Science Quality Mark.**

The review team highlighted the school's work to develop pupils' use of scientific vocabulary and critical thinking, the quality and depth of staff training, the impact of teaching on our children's progress, our many visits and visitors to make learning real and our open ended approach to scientific enquiry and independent learning. Thank you to Miss Jennings for her efforts to collate our submission, to our teaching team for their professional expertise and always striving to further improve our practice and of course to our 360 enthusiastic young scientists!



Gardening Club:

This week, Gardening Club have been hard at work! We harvested the last of our carrots to make space for our early autumn planting of garlic and onions. All of our freshly picked produce has been donated to the school's kitchen—so be sure to check the salad bar at lunchtime for a delicious taste of our home-grown goodness!





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On Tuesday, Year 3 enjoyed their annual visit to St Jude's Church, where they received a warm welcome from the wonderful Reverend Emily. During their visit, the children explored the church's rich history, learned about the various ceremonies held there, and discovered the roles of key figures within the church community. They were especially captivated by the stunning murals adorning the walls.

In addition to the religious artwork, the church features a beautiful chapel and murals that celebrated influential women throughout history, highlighting their selfless contributions to society and humankind.

"I enjoyed my time at the church, and I was asked to light the candle that welcomed us. Emily was really cool." Hiba
"I really enjoyed meeting Reverend Emily and loved the singing. I even got to ring the bell to welcome the community into the church. I had a fab visit to St Judes." Marli
"I loved singing as part of the church choir and found the bell ringing calming and welcoming. Reverend Emily was really interesting and taught us so much about the church—I wanted to learn even more!" Elena

Year 3 were an absolute credit to the school, demonstrating curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm throughout the visit. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their continued support—it is truly appreciated. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Reverend Emily for her warm hospitality and for helping the children understand the vital role the church plays within the local community. **Year 3 Team**



Parent donations through Arbor:

On behalf of the children, staff and our school, thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the termly donations through Arbor. Your generosity, kindness and support means we can continue to provide the best curriculum resources to support all 10 subjects across the school. If you have not made a contribution, you can do so in Arbor in the Accounts/School Donations section.

Parents Consultations:

Individual parent consultations will take place for all our children between 4 and 7pm on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November. Please book a time to discuss your child using the booking slots in Arbor. They will be live from 6.00pm on Tuesday 21st October and will close on Monday 10th November at 9am. Working together with our parents to support and challenge our children to be the best they can be academically and personally is key to our children's achievements and happiness. We expect to work closely with you to celebrate their many successes and to share any concerns honestly, finding ways forward together. If you are not able to make an appointment for the 11th or 13th November slots for any reason, please message your child's teacher through dojo or call the office and we will arrange a different time to meet or speak on the phone if needed.



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Lost Scooter:

One of our year 3 children's scooter has gone missing from school. It has a name on the bottom. Please check in case you have taken it home by mistake. Thank you



Golden Sentences:

"In the darkness the thunder roared and growled above the petrified city. The rain was dancing as it fell to the ground. A gust of wind flew by me knocking out my feet. The clouds cackled as the ground was shaking with fear." Lila 4S

"As soon as the mists started to clash each other a storm started to brew, a thunder storm to tremble beneath the citizens." Aleck 4K

"Friendship is a responsible thing. Right now you should have a calm swim. In school they will give you a hug." Bella 3B

"I got my jet ski and crossed the biggest lake in the world called the Black lake. It took me two years. Finally I sat there. It looked like a crafted forest." Aaron 3B

"The storm dashed through the city as the storm fiercely fought with the dull dull gloomy dark sky. The thunder shattered through all the glass in the street. The lightning crashed on the city concrete" Elka 4JS

"The ferocious fearsome storm blazed like an explosion, boom outburst the thunder crackled. The wild wind wiped out all the trees on the street. Like a monster the crash took down the powerlines." Toby 4JS

"In the early hours of Wednesday 19th February 1941, a boat filled with 32 terrified refugees on the beach at Budmouth Point was pulled to safety by two young evacuees. All came from Austria, because of how horribly they were treated."

Uriya 6D

"It has been reported that the rescue mission occurred at none other than the beach next to the lighthouse. We still don't know exactly where they came from but a local resident claims, they are from Austria. Nobody knows why Esther Jenkins and Olive Bradshaw were near the beach anyway especially because of the tempestuous storm. They had to be really strong to pull a boat with thirty two refugees on board." Armaan 6P

Next Week: : Black History Month focus

Monday 20th October 9am: Headteacher's Award Assembly & Tea

Monday 20th October: Food Bank Aid Collecting donations

Tuesday 21st October: 6L leading assembly on Diwali

Tuesday 21st October 5:30-7:30pm: PA PJ Movie Night for Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 22nd October 5:30-7:30pm: PA PJ Movie Night for Year 5 & 6

Week of 27th October is Half Term Holidays School Closed

Further Ahead:

Monday 3rd November: Back to School everyone!



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Online safety issue shared with us from the local authority:

WARNING: The "Salt & Ice Challenge:" ⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top. This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite). Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts. Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

ⓘ Beware the "Salt & Ice Challenge."

🧊 + ❄️ = Burns

✅ Warm area with warm water by immersion for 30 – 60 minute

✅ Cover with cling film

✅ Seek medical help

❌ Do not rub or massage the area or it can cause further tissue damage Don't let a trend leave permanent scars

You can find a range of advice for parents relating to online safety on our website here:

<https://www.brooklandjuniorschool.co.uk/online-advice-for-parents>

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 13th October - Friday 17th October

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	96.33%	98.33%	95.36%	98.52%	95.71%	98.0%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.33%	99.67%	99.29%	99.26%	99.64%	99.0%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	96.67%	96.21%	97.86%	96.33%	96.33%	95.0%	96.71%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.33%	99.66%	98.57%	98.33%	99.0%	97.0%	98.83%

Well done to **4JS** for having the highest attendance this week.

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

Mrs Lake