



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 24th October 2025

This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Resilience and held our first Head Teacher Award Assembly of the year to celebrate the many ways everyone has put our Brookland Values and Brookland Learning Skills into action this half term. We heard about the children chosen by their teachers for Head Teacher Award. It was a total pleasure to have afternoon tea with you and to say thank you for helping everyone around you to be their best selves too.



Thank you to 6L for leading our Diwali assembly this week. Thank you for explaining the story, history and traditions of this colourful festival to the whole school and especially thanks to everyone who shared the ways that their family celebrates Diwali together.



Thank you so much to the parents and staff who helped to run the PA PJ Movie nights which were great fun and much appreciated by the children. Thank you to our fabulous PA team for organising everything so well.

"The year 3 & 4 movie night was amazing! I think I really liked the Movie "Lilo & Stitch". Stitch was so cute!!! Snacks were outstanding. Thank you so much! I, personally really enjoyed the party and I would like to thank all the PA who helped with it. Thank you so much!" Kaina & Leah Year 4

"I really liked our movie night. We watched "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" and the snacks were great. We enjoyed it because all of our friends were sitting next to us." Ario & Noah P 5AM *"We watched "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" which was really funny. It was about a really long drive and no phones, tablets or laptops. And finally, they found a famous game and they became famous too."* By Aya & Miray 5AM



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Also This Week:

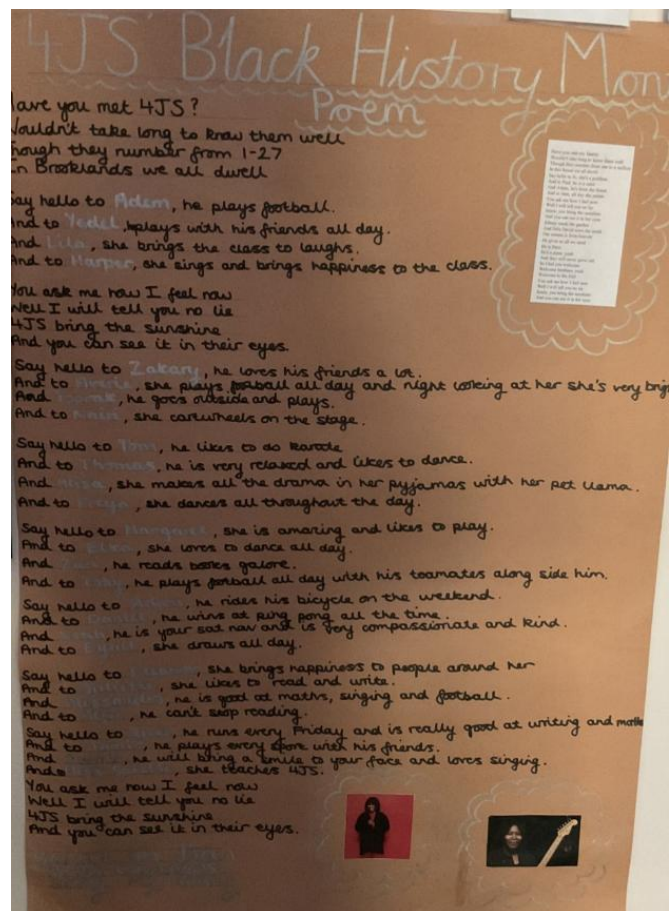
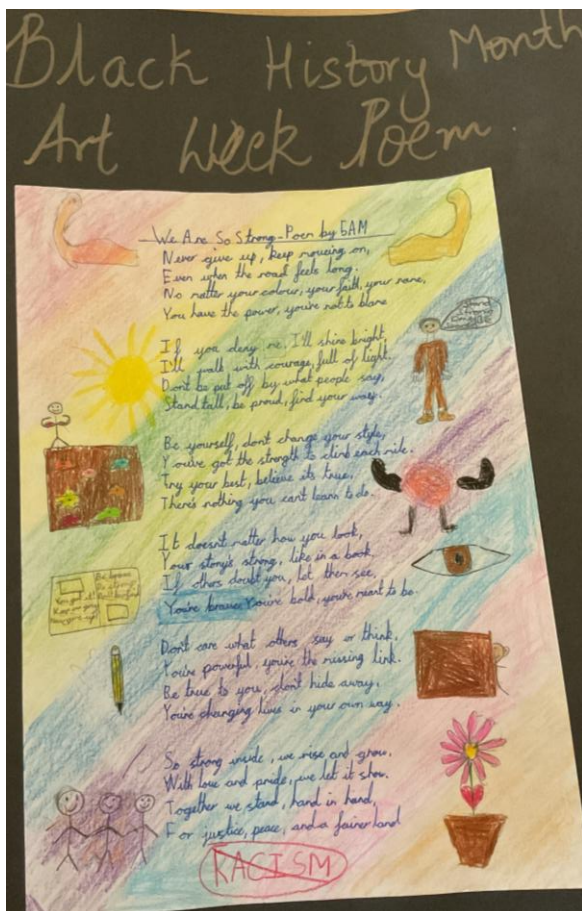
Year 4 have done a brilliant job in their DT/ Science project making working lamps.

"Today, we made lamps that actually worked. We had to use materials like cardboard, paper cups, shiny paper & more. It was a fun lesson and we got creative. Although our group faced challenges, we dealt with them and used the challenges to make it better. We had to work hard. Although it was hard we kept working. At the end of it we were proud of ourselves. At the end it was difficult connecting a circuit to the bulb to make it light up because we had to plan where to put the battery, switch, wires and bulb! We used all our learning skills, especially teamwork and determination and did lots of problem solving. We are very proud of ourselves and it was a lot of fun." Kenzo & Haaris 4S

Haaris 4S



We have enjoyed creating poetry as a whole class as part of our Black History Month learning. Thank you to Miss Roghey for planning our focus activities.





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School Council Update:

Welcome to our 2025-2026 School Councillors! We've already been busy finding out what children want in our school and we've narrowed down some priorities to work on over the year. These include: pupil voice and more say in our school lunches, fundraising and charity opportunities, adding to the playgrounds and running Brookland's Got Talent next half term. Our very first job was to choose the films for our school's Movie Nights!



Step Teachers' Annual 'Halloween Art Competition':

Congratulations to Brookland Junior School's talented artists who won £200 of art supplies for our school. Below is a few of the drawing sent to Teach Plus UK.




Food Bank Aid thank you:

Please see below the message from The Food Bank Aid Team in response to your generation contributions:

We are absolutely *utterly delighted* by your incredible generosity! Thanks to your efforts, we can continue supporting well over 20,000 people every week across North London who are struggling to afford life's essentials. Please share our thanks with everyone involved. Every single box, packet, and donation makes a tangible difference! I've included both certificates, as you collected both cereal and other items.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mia and all The Food Bank Aid Team 



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Next Week:

Week of 27th October is Half Term Holidays School Closed

Further Ahead:

Monday 3rd November: Back to School everyone!

Wednesday 5th November 9:00-10:00am: Year 3 & Parents' Maths Workshop with Miss Lally in the library

Thursday 6th November 2.45: Year 4 mixed and girls football teams matches v King Alfred away

Friday 7th November 9am: 6P Class Assembly on Remembrance and WWII topic for parents in the hall. Please do stay for coffee if you can

Week of 10th November: Power for Good anti bullying focus week

Tuesday 11th November 4-7pm: Parents' Consultation *(Please book your appointment on Arbor)*

Thursday 13th November 4-7pm: Parents' Consultation *(Please book your appointment on Arbor)*

Keep enjoying reading and writing over half term!

Finding a great read is a lovely way to recharge over the holiday. If you are looking for recommended reading, you can find suggestions for each year group on our website here: [Brookland Junior School - Homework Help](#)

Also here: <https://files.booktrust.org.uk/docs/documents/GreatBooksGuide-2025-digital.pdf?v=1757069257>

And here: : <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

Miss Davies is always keen to hear recommendations and reading achievements and would love any photos of Brookland children reading at home or out and about to be sent to reading@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net for our dining hall display.

Half Term in Barnet Libraries:

Libraries have some great activities lined up for half term. Children can learn how to DJ and explore Afrobeats sounds at Superstar DJs. For Green Libraries Week, take part in Seeds of Change, an eco-craft activity with seed planting. There's a Sing, Story and Sign session for children to learn some simple British Sign Language and a solar system coding and robotics workshop. There are craft events to celebrate Halloween and a spooky drama workshop based on the book 'Room on the Broom'. Like a Choose Your Own Adventure book, 'Lose the Path, Find Your Way' is an interactive show with enchanting movement, music and puppetry. Booking is required for some events. All events are free or low cost. [Explore the full programme and find booking details.](#)



You might also be interested in:

500 words writing competition:

The UK's largest children's story writing competition is open for entries until Friday 7 November at 9pm.

Here at 500 Words, we have always wanted children to have fun writing stories, to be as creative as they can be and to make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. Over the years there have been thousands of incredible stories submitted.

For all details, follow the 500 words link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



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Golden Sentences:

"In the late hours of Tuesday, the 19th of February, 2 evacuees pulled in a small boat carrying 32 people to safety. This task took place on the coast of Budmouth Point and many of the refugees were trying to escape the rule of the tyrants, Germany in Austria & France." Nick 6D

"Esther Jenkins and Olive Bradshaw brought in a boat with simply a rope and their strength. Everyone was safely out of the boat but some were terrified, drenched and soaked. Luckily everyone was safe and no one was hurt, as it was very dark, the two girls used torches to guide their way through." Amar 6L

"While I was waiting in the hall, in one of the corners suddenly, smash! Grendel was here! My heart was beating fast while Grendel picked up one of my friends. I was not letting that slide. I ran up to Grendel and grabbed Grendel's arm and ripped it clean off." Mollie 5AM

"Wow what a day, I finally defeated Grande and saved Herot. The fight with Grendel which I have been dreaming of for years is finally over. I'm absolutely shattered with joy. Now let me tell you how amazing & magical it was." Amelie 5AM

"Lightning flashed against the mountains. Thunder shook the mountains with its almighty roar. Rain eroded the mountains until they were no more. The storm kept on moving, terrifying the world!" Eli 4K

"I blinked; I saw juicy sweet mangoes. I blinked; I saw a sugary pineapple nesting. I blinked; I saw sour tasting dragon fruit. I blinked; I saw very bright orange oranges nesting. I blinked; I saw sour ripe massive dragon fruit nesting. I blinked; I saw a very bright blue blueberries nesting." Fatima Rhea 3B

"All swept me away and back. I blinked; I saw beautiful fresh mangoes shining in my eye. I blinked; I saw butterflies spinning in circles, nesting. I blinked; I saw rabbits jumping up and down, nesting. All swept me away and back. I blinked; I saw broken branches nesting. I blinked; I saw wild rabbits nesting. I blinked; I saw golden sand and crashing waves nesting." Elsa & Ilona 3G

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.33%	97.67%	93.57%	98.52%	98.57%	94.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.0%	99.0%	98.55%	98.89%	98.93%	98.67%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.67%	93.57%	92.14%	97.33%	98.67%	92.67%	96.02%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.33%	97.50%	99.29%	99.0%	98.67%	98.33%	98.42%

Well done to **6L** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **5R** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake