



# Brookland Junior School News



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Quality, about Advent and the patience and thoughtfulness we need to wait with positivity. Well done 6D on a fabulous class assembly sharing your history topic with such confidence, sophistication and creativity. Your singing and dancing were brilliant, you looked very authentic, your tech team was spot on and you showed great Blitz spirit managing to cover for 4 ill classmates at the last minute. A wonderful team effort 6D!



## Last weekend:

On Saturday, **the choir** sang in East Finchley to celebrate the lighting of the Archer. Their behaviour was impeccable and their singing was angelic. When they sang "Walking in the Air", the crowd fell silent as their hearts melted.

Alice led the choir and ensured that they performed to the best of their ability—which was incredible. Mr G said, "This was their seventh year supporting East Finchley, and the event has become the highlight of my year. This year, they were model pupils, representing the school amazingly, and their singing was just beautiful. My sincere thanks to the amazing and talented Alice for her invaluable support and enthusiasm." Ilona from 3G said, "I felt really emotional, but it was also great fun. Every word of the songs filled me with happiness." Ariana said, "It was such good fun singing with the choir as everyone is so kind and caring. We all have a great friendship."



"On Sunday, we went to a **chess tournament** at Frith manor with Mr Fleetwood, our chess coach. There were 6 rounds and we played against 30 other teams. We had an under 9 and an under 11 team and we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 30 schools making Brookland the best state school at chess in the South East of England (according to Mr Fleetwood!) It started with 20 minutes on the clock with a 5 second increase with every move. Most of us were a bit nervous but not our captain, Barsam, who managed to score 5.5 out of 6! We encouraged and supported each other between the breaks and we were patient and determined to get the highest score we could. Mr Fleetwood was very impressed with our quality performance. Thank you to Mr Fleetwood for coaching us, parents for taking us and waiting for us. We are very proud of our school!" Barsam, Reu and Aaran

5AM conducted a fieldwork study to find out the extent of urbanisation around Mutton Brook, our local river. 5A and 5R will be going next week.





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## SEN Coffee Morning – Emotional Regulation:

**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December      **Time:** 09:00am.      **Location:** Brookland Junior School Library

You are invited to attend a coffee morning on Emotional Regulation. We will be discussing strategies that we use in our school to support children’s emotional regulation and how these can be used at home too.

Areas we will focus on:

- Zones of regulation
- Energy accounting
- 5-point scale
- Size of the problem

If you would like to attend, please email Miss Lucas on [senco@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net)

**The ZONES of Regulation®**

<b>BLUE ZONE</b> Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	<b>GREEN ZONE</b> Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	<b>YELLOW ZONE</b> Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	<b>RED ZONE</b> Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

**Size of the Problem**

Remember the size of your reaction has to match the size of the problem!

How big do others see the problem?  
How big should your reaction be?

How does it feel?	What happens to my body?	How does it look?	What do I need?
5			
4			
3			
2			
1			

**Things that drain my energy:** **Things that recharge my energy:**

## Sensory Tools:

Sensory tools are used for children when they feel dysregulated and are used as strategy to help children to self-regulate. Not all children need sensory tools. We have seen a big increase in the amount of children who are bringing in sensory tools.

If you believe your child needs a sensory tool please can you email Miss Lucas to arrange a time to discuss this further. Children should not be bringing in sensory tools unless it has been agreed by Miss Lucas and the class teacher.

Please can we ask you to not bring any sensory tools in until you have spoken to Miss Lucas and it has been agreed. Once it has been agreed your child can use a sensory tool from school or bring in one that has been suggested. Please do not send your child in with any putty or slime!

**Below are some sensory tools we use in school:**





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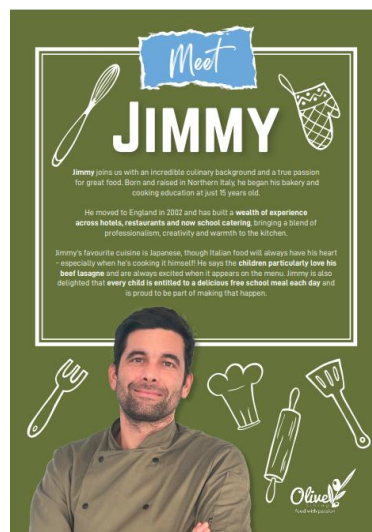
## Attendance:

Thank you for prioritising our children's attendance each day, helping them to be the best they can be with their learning, to thrive socially and to be confident Brooklanders. Can I remind families to let the school know if your child is unwell and will be absent before 9.30am. Please contact Mrs Lake by phone 02083466937 or email [welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net) as we need to account for every pupil by 9.30. National Expectation for school attendance is 96% or above. Below 90% is classed as persistent absence and will be highlighted during Barnet's Education Welfare Officer visits. Remember you can see your child's attendance record in Arbor. You can find our parent guide to attendance on our website here: [Brookland Junior School - Admissions and Attendance](#)

## Ms Small is retiring:

After 13 years at Brookland looking after our children at lunchtime and as part of the admin and welfare team, our lovely Mrs Small is retiring at the end of this term. She has been such a kind, generous, positive and thoughtful member of our team and I know you will all want to wish her every happiness ahead and thank her for all she has done to care for our children (and to care for our staff and parents too!)

**Olive Dining our catering company would like to introduce Brookland Schools' new chef manager to you:** He has already made a great start to his new role and I am hearing lots of great feedback from children and staff. If your child would like to change from packed lunch to school lunch in January, please let Mrs Lake know by the end of term! In case you were not aware, school lunches are free for all Junior School children in London thanks to the Mayor of London funding them.



## Lost Property:

Have you seen this coat? If this coat has come to your house by mistake please bring it back to school office. Thank you. Please encourage your children to come to lost property before the end of term to hopefully find any missing items. If you want to pop in to look yourself, just come to the office.





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## Eco Group Message:

Ruby (6P) from Eco Group asks you to:

1. *Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.*
2. *Walk or cycle! Don't drive!*
3. *Use scrap paper &/or both sides of paper when you draw/write.*
4. *Reuse! Recycle! Reduce!*



## Winter Fair:

Don't forget to get your tickets for the most important event of the year: The Winter Fair on Saturday, 13th December.

If you can, the PA also needs your help to make it all happen:

1. Due to the success of last year we plan to have The Green Store again, please bring in ANY small or big (new or like-new) items to donate. Drop off at the office.
2. Unlike last year- we will have outdoor heaters!!! Does anyone have mushroom patio heaters and can lend us the gas balloon for the day? Contact us if so- we can arrange a pick up.
3. Volunteer sign-up forms will be shared next week, please give an hour of your time...
4. Finally we rely on parent donations for the cake stall. Let's start baking 🍰

A Big Thanks to our sponsors:



## Next Week:

On Thursday we are looking forward to our first whole school visit ever! Thank you to Rev Aled Jones and The Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church for their kind invitation to the whole school to see the King's Chamber Orchestra rehearsal. If you would also like to see them perform there are still tickets available to see these superb musicians at 7pm on Thursday for the full Christmas Concert. You should have received a letter about the trip from Mr Greenhouse and Mr Khan.



**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:00am:** Pop Choir Assembly

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** R.E. Focus Day- thank you Mrs Musani

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12.30:** Whole school trip to Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Crazy Hair & Trainers Day non- uniform day. Bring £1 for Winter Fair

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 12pm-4pm:** Winter Fair!!!



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## Further Ahead:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9am:** Headteacher's Award Assembly & Afternoon Tea

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9am:** 3G Christmas class assembly for parents in the Hall. Please do stay for coffee if you are able

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Chanukah Assembly led by 6D

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December pm:** Year 6 & 5 class parties

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December pm:** Year 3 and 4 class parties

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9am:** Christmas singing with the Infant School

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11am:** Year 5 visiting Christ College for Christmas Concert

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: END OF TERM SCHOOL FINISHES @ 1:30PM**

## Golden Sentences:

*Abdul Kazam's finger tips were sparkling & glowing. He was glowing in the dark. He asked for a volunteer. Tina 3B*

*It's me, Leon, I have really amazing news. Last night amazingly, I found an old ancient tent. There was a sign that said Magic Show Tonight! I was very excited so that night I went to the magic show, I felt excited as I sat down on the grass. Poppy 3B*

*As the three jugglers finished, they bowed and leaped off the stage like frogs in a pond. Then with pouff, Abdul Kazam was on stage with purple smoke surrounding him. Lola Belle 3SH*

*As I sat there waiting, I was seeing that the actor was turning off the silver lanterns and I heard some laughter which made me think the show was going to be scary. I'm feeling a bit worried. Kaivy 3SH*

*Secondly, you must always feed your dragon, not any type of food. This is important, dragons have a greedy appetite. They need to be satisfied with their meals. Mohammad 4K*

*I will give you my best advice which hopefully will help you with initiation. It is a good way to start your journey. I'm sure it will work out well for you. Evangeline 4S*

*My trunk twisted sickeningly. The spikes of cold hit me; I was choking and my eyes were burning. All of a sudden, I couldn't feel my body: my legs & arms felt like they were made of lead. Shayna 6P*

*The sea salt burned in my cuts & scars as the waves went over my head like a slap to my face. The vicious sea crashed against the iridescent stone. The vortex of water enveloped me in a dome of darkness in an endless void.*

Eben 6P

*Going out to sea, the wind whispered quietly but then intensified! All in a few minutes everything changed. My face from jaunty to wan, pasty and as white as flour. The sky from aquamarine to as black as soot. Jamie 6P*

*On one sunny evening, I found myself in a magical tent. I was mixed between excitement & confusion. The only reason I was here is because there was a sing: Live Magic Sho Tonight so it was very risky. Tom and I were beside ourselves with disbelief. Nasr 3SH*



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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.67%	94.33%	91.07%	94.64%	93.93%	98.67%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.0%	96.79%	97.14%	97.50%	96.67%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	95.33%	97.14%	91.79%	92.0%	94.33%	88.0%	96.66%
PUNCTUALITY%	92.67%	97.50%	97.14%	98.33%	97.67%	95.33%	97.06%

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

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

Mrs Lake