



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 23rd January 2026

This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Honesty and we enjoyed a History Assembly from Miss Roghey who helped us practise our chronology skills with some whole school challenges. We also reminded everyone about who to speak with if we have a worry, whether that is a worry about school, about home or about events in the news. We reminded the children that all the adults are here to listen. I am sure you are all mindful of our Iranian community at the moment and the impact of recent and ongoing shocking events in Iran on families and staff in our school. Please let the school know if your family is directly affected so we can quietly keep an extra eye for you and offer support.

There is a useful link here to support staff and parents with how to discuss distressing events with our children which you might find helpful:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/talking-about-distressing-current-events-with-kids->

The whole school were treated to an incredible Victorians assembly this morning from 4K. Your singing, acting, actions, dancing, costumes, tech support and teamwork were just superb and you informed, entertained and amazed your families, staff and children. Be very very proud of yourselves!



Yesterday, we made canopic jars in 5A using clay. We made them inspired by Egyptian Gods who took care of different organs. Our strategy was to coil the clay which some of us found very hard but some of us found it really easy. All of us found it fun. Carmi, Jessica & Bonnie 5A



This week, we had another very successful **wellbeing coffee morning**. We were joined by Beatrice from BICS, who works with families with neurodivergent children. It was a very informative session and she shared lots of ideas as well as signposting to organisations that can offer support. Thank you very much to Georgia from BICS for organising this. Please go to the link for PowerPoint presentation of the meeting: [download.asp](#)

Just a reminder that on 12th February we have another workshop focused on self-care. As parents and carers, it's important to remember that when we look after ourselves, we are in a much better position to support our children.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Mr Greenhouse



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Also This Week:

On Tuesday, we judged spectacular talents for the semi-finals of Brookland's Got Talent. We had the chance to witness a wide variety of performances, including; dancing, piano, singing & comedy. We had a great experience being judges and it was a privilege to sit at the back of the hall at a table. We thank all the people who had the courage to put on a show for the Brookland students. Adam, Hannah & Nouriel Year 6 School Council



We are excited to begin teaching our new Gardening Curriculum units of work as part of our Gardening Project Focus this year with UCL Institute of Education. We used part of our January training as staff to learn the skills we need to teach these units which will help bring our Science Curriculum to life quite literally!

Today, we made compost jars. We made them out of: food scraps, recycled paper shreds, soil, water, leaves and coffee granules. Then we stacked all the materials on top of each other in the jar, put the lid on and gave them names! It was really fun. Noa 5AM



Match Report:

On the 16th January 2026, Brookland Year 5 & Year 6 played a very important game against Akiva, whoever won would get into The National Qualifiers. We started the game strong with Aria giving us a 1-0 lead. At half time we had a determined team talk, we entered the pitch for second half with only one target on our mind, that was to win. Akiva gave us a hand to secure a 2-0 lead. Akiva didn't give up and fought for their first goal, in the dying minutes of the game. Matty made an unbelievable save to secure the win and send us to The National Qualifiers! Ollie & Uriya 6D

Eco Group Message:

*Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags
Pick up rubbish & throw it away so our nature & sea are clean
& everyone can survive.
Find it! Bin it! Throw it away!
Sofiyah 5AM*



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Our Day @ Christ's College:

Thank you to the staff at Christ's College for inviting our year 5 classes to experience lessons across the curriculum in a secondary setting. We are also grateful to Christ's College for hosting the badminton and golf event for year 3 and 4 teams across Barnet too.

At Christ's College, we learnt about personification. We first were told what it was, then we did a task where you put the words in the blanks. Then we wrote down what we feel about school and also secondary school. We read a poem and wrote our own poem. It was very fun indeed. Jaitra 5A



We really enjoyed playing badminton & golf. We liked the game that we played. We also got lots of points from the game and our team won. Ariana & Elliot 3B



On Thursday, we went to Christ's College and had an art lesson there. We learnt about Wassily Kaminsky and tried to recreate his painting, concentric circles with squares with oil pastels, Kaminsky was born in Russia but grew up in Ukraine. He went to art school and left aged 30 to do painting by himself. He was born in 1866. Ari & Nir 5AM



On the 23rd of January 2026, 5A went to CCF to do DT. First the DT teacher explained to us what we were doing. Then we went to another room and drew an apple on a piece of wood then we cut it with a saw until it was an apple shape. We found it a bit tricky. Next, we coloured it and made a hole. We put a ring in it and made it into a keyring. Sia & Emma 5A





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Our Pond:

Thanks to our wonderful and proactive governor, Lucy Tobin, our Gardening Club has received a generous £2,000 grant from Thames Water. This funding will be used to rejuvenate our much-loved—but long-neglected—pond.

Mr Flanagan has already been hard at work this morning, beginning what is a huge task. Carefully emptying the pond has been essential to ensure that all healthy pond plants and wildlife were saved. During the process, he successfully rescued fish, a frog, and several water lizards.

These creatures will thrive in their temporary home and will be returned once the pond has been fully cleaned, replanted, and lovingly restored. When completed, the revitalised pond will become a tranquil space for reading and reflection, ready to be enjoyed as the weather improves.



Next Week:

Monday 26th January: Year 5 participating in a science lesson at CCF

Tuesday 27th January: 5R participating in a history lesson at CCF

Wednesday 28th January 3.30pm: Infant and Junior teachers curriculum meeting with governors in Junior Library

Wednesday 28th January 5pm: Full Governing Body Meeting in Junior School

Thursday 29th January: Year 6 Trip to the Bhaktivedanta Manor

Friday 30th January 9am: 5R Ancient Egyptian Class Assembly for parents in the hall. Do stay for coffee if you are able

Friday 30th January am: Year 6 team Basketball Tournament

Friday 30th January 3.30: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football Team match v Brunswick at CCF astro pitch

Further Ahead: Online Safety Week “Smart Tech, Safe Choices”

Monday 02nd February: Year 5 participating in a science lesson at CCF

Tuesday 03rd February 3:15pm: Girls’ Football Match v King Alfred @ Compton Power League

Tuesday 03rd February 4:00pm: Mixed Football team match v Colindale Primary School @ Colindale Primary School

Wednesday 04th February: Year 4 Portrait Workshop in school

Friday 06th February 9am: [Online Safety ECP Talk for Infant and Junior parents in the Junior Hall Please save the date and come to hear an expert speaker on this crucial, constantly changing topic- all welcome. Highly recommended by all parents who have attended.](#)



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Golden Sentences:

The Name Igneous is derived from the Latin word ignis which means fire. So Igneous rocks are formed when the molten rock inside Earth, called magma comes out of a volcano and later cools down and solidifies. Noah 3B

This luxurious, peaceful cave is the best cave in Stone Age City & you really don't want to miss out on the best bits as it will change your life. Don't you want to buy this cosy, warm & calm cave? Emilia 3B

The workhouse, where you could hear the forbidden echo of crying babies. Toprak 4JS

The workhouse was disintegrating & colourless, was wafting with an ear-piercing whisper. Hungrily, the children who were famished and ravenous, licked their bowls in seconds, licked their spoons in seconds, licked their lips in seconds. The murky decomposing hall which was shadowed by doom, despair and death stole the children's soul, stole the children's heart, stole the children's brain. Shreya 4S

Oliver was brave enough to go and ask for more gruel and master said no and chased Oliver & went to the governor who laughed at him. River 4JS

Oliver who was covered from head to toe with dirt & crawling with lice, tiptoed up the bumpy steep steps to Mr Bumble to say "Please Sir, I want some more!" Haaris 4S

Tristan opened his eyes. He was in a dark, black room with a glass wall looking out at his room from the box of the viewer. He remembered flicking through the frightening images... but how had he ended up here? Why had his mother left the room so abruptly? What had happened to him? Emilia 5AM

Clash, bang, clang! In a secret bunker, located in an ominous, eerie scrap-yard, impossible, impenetrable to go through, a secret organisation: a secret clan. "There!" called an ominous voice, with a plan to rule the world. An Iron Man lay in a capsule waiting to be awakened. Maria 6L

Confusion lit him up like a candle. The Iron Man stared upon the broken town. What destruction had happened here? His eyes flashed yellow, then red, then yellow again. The giant touched the pod from which he had emerged. What was this? Nick 6D

The Iron Man came walking, his feet making crunching noises against the floor. His huge eyes turned white, then red and then infra-red. His silver nose twitched as he smelled the delicious metal. He slowly smiled after he gobbled all of it up. Emily 6D

Silence echoed through the dark, eerie countryside: shadows loomed from the moonlight; gnarled vines made the winding path impenetrable. Aishwarya 6L

There stood an old, ancient castle, cloaked by an army of trees. It was an unsettling, dark place, eerie screeching engulfing the area. Thin branches grazed the window. Guy 6L



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 19th January - Friday 23rd January

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	98.62%	99.33%	97.24%	96.67%	93.10%	99.66%
PUNCTUALITY%	100%	99.67%	98.62%	98.15%	100%	99.31%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.67%	96.33%	98.28%	95.67%	98.0%	92.33%	96.90%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.67%	96.67%	96.90%	98.33%	98.67%	97.67%	98.45%

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

Congratulations to **3B & 4K** for having the 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake