



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## This Week:

In assembly this week, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day together and explored the ways in which we challenge discrimination, show an open mind and put our Brookland Values of Tolerance and Respect into action every day.

Well done 5R for your fabulous Ancient Egyptians class assembly; a very confident, entertaining and slick performance taking us to meet key figures from your History topic. Great singing, wonderful costumes, awful jokes and superb tech team! Your parents and the whole school loved it!



3G were incredibly lucky this week as they had a parent visit to talk about his job. We were joined by Jensen's father, Simon, who spoke to us about his role working for a company called *Loop Me*. Loop Me is a company that creates adverts for mobile devices. He explained how the adverts work and why so many companies are now choosing to advertise on mobile platforms.

Hiba, Jensen and Emilia explained that Simon showed them how, in his role, he needs to demonstrate good teamwork, communication and listening skills. He also needs to be confident in his role and confident in his product.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the talk and would like to thank Simon very much.



## **Big Wood Visit:**

*On Monday we walked to Big Wood. Mrs Lyons helped me to dig up some soil. The soil was hard and felt cold & wet. We put it in plastic bags. Sulaiman 3SH It was lots of fun. I got to see different soils. I used a shovel to dig in the mud. I took some top soil & others took soil from deeper in the ground. Scarlett 3SH Monday morning, we went on a trip to the woods. I collected some clay soil. I chose a patch of the woods where there was clay soil and I used a shovel to dig up the soil and put it in a jar with water & shook it up and put it on the window to see what it does & what happens to the soil. Oscar 3SH*



## Also This Week:

On Wednesday before our Full Governing Body meeting, we held our annual curriculum tea with Brookland Infant School teachers and our governors. We had so many valuable professional discussions about each subject and area of work together, enjoyed sharing successes and supporting each other with next steps to continue to make sure both schools are the Best they can Be!

*On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of January the Brookland Football Team competed in the regionals Pokémon Cup. We had to beat a lot of teams to get there. We were representing Barnet which is a huge accomplishment. In the first match we unfortunately lost which was not a good start. Then in the next match, we won 1-0 and the last we drew 1-1. We unfortunately didn't make it to the top group but we still didn't get eliminated so we had 3 more matches and we won all of them (1-0 then 3-0 then 2-0). Overall, we had a great time and we were really happy that we made it that far and got into the actual tournament. Gabe & Toby Year 6*



Year 6 really enjoyed their [visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor Hare Krishna Temple](#) as part of their RE topic learning about Hinduism:

*"I liked feeding the cows. Visiting the worship ceremony was special. Riding in the cart was fun. It was interesting to feed the cows. I enjoyed feeding the cows because it made me feel special and that I was doing something good for them. The food we were served was delicious! It was better than expectations! I liked interacting with the music in the temple. I liked learning about the culture and religion and what makes it special. Elizete, Kylie, Lucas, Kate, Ella and Ofri 6D*

*I loved dressing up because it was unique and fun to experience traditional dress. I liked going in the cart to visit the cows and the celebration was amazing with the incense and flowers. It was nice to have our shoes off! I found it interesting that there was a dairy kitchen at the farm. They make their own cheese, butter, cream and yoghurt from the milk the cows provide. The ox that pulled us on the cart weighed 100kg (1 ton) each! They are very strong. Ethan. Rayan, Blake and Samuel*





# Brookland Junior School News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Year 4 are learning about teeth in Science at the moment and are asking for your support for Food Bank Aid's 'Healthy Smile Campaign':

Next week, our school will be taking part in **Food Bank Aid's 'Healthy Smile Campaign'**, helping to support families who are unable to afford basic dental care.

### **How you can help**

We are inviting families to **donate toothpaste and toothbrushes** to help fill the dental care gap for children and adults using local food banks.

You are welcome to purchase toothpaste/toothbrushes as part of your usual shop or by **clicking the following link to the [Food Bank Aid Dental Shop](#) (or by scanning the QR code below).**

**Please note: each donation made via our Dental Shop will be doubled as part of Food Bank Aid's Charity Extra fundraising campaign this term.**

Every donation helps families take care of healthy smiles - thank you so much for your support!

### **Make it fun: the Two-Minute Toothbrush Challenge!**

To bring the campaign to life, children are invited to take part in the **Two-Minute Toothbrush Challenge** - a simple, fun way to practise good oral health at home.

### **How it works:**

- Pupils brush their teeth for a full **two minutes** each time for the whole week (use a timer!)
- For an extra challenge, they can try brushing while **standing on one leg**

If your child has an appointment at the dentist this term, you could tell them about this Food Bank Aid campaign and ask if they have any samples to donate!

### **Help spread the word**

To help raise awareness of dental hygiene poverty, you're welcome to share a photo of your child doing the challenge on social media (no need to show faces).

Please tag **@foodbankaid** on Instagram and Facebook to help spread the message and highlight the ongoing need for support.

Thank you for helping us make a real difference - **one smile at a time.**





# Brookland Junior School News



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## School Council News:

This week some of our school councillors met with Jimmy, our school chef, to discuss school lunches. Recently, our school councillors have been carrying out lunch satisfaction surveys and talking with their class about popular lunch dishes and changes that they would like to make.

*On Tuesday some school council members had a meeting with Mrs Lake and the head chef and spoke about changes for the school food. Some suggestions were:*

- 1. Make the curry less spicy.*
- 2. Different options instead of mac & cheese on Friday.*
- 3. A taste test of tuna lasagna*

*We thank Miss Christie, Miss Lake & the head chef for organising this meeting.*

By 2 school council members Maya 6P, Hannah 6L



We also went to Akiva school last week to meet with their school councillors and Martin Primary school councillors for our annual exchange of ideas. It's always a great opportunity to hear more about other schools and to learn what they are working on. It's surprising how similar the themes are.

*On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> January we went to Akiva to have a school council meeting. The schools there were Akiva, Martins & us. When we arrived, we talked about we have done towards our school. We also copied some ideas on how to improve our school and these ideas were written on some sugar paper. After we wrote and chatted, we had some water and biscuits which were very delicious. We really enjoyed our visit there. One idea we brought back to our school is Worldwide Food Day e.g. Italian, American & India. Miley & Bonnie*



## Junior Duke Award:

We have 126 children taking part this year in the Junior Duke Awards. I have made a class dojo for all participants so please do check for reminders and updates. I will send out a proper schedule soon but the first dates to sign off some challenges will be:

Year 5 and Year 6 - Wednesday 25th February

Year 4 - Thursday 26th February

Year 3 - Friday 27th February

Myself and the rest of the team are very much looking forward to learning more about each child and helping to develop life-long skills. Miss Christie



# Brookland Junior School News

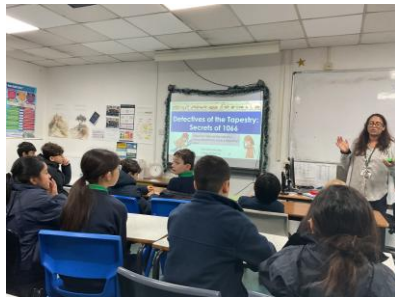


Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Our Day @ Christ's College:

*On Monday all of year 5 went to Christ's College. We had an exciting and unique science lesson taught by Ms Pienaar, the head of six form. We used a Bunsen burner and changed the flame from safety flame to a roaring flame. We also tested lots of elements such as calcium, lithium, sodium to see what colour flame it made.*

*5R also went to Christ's College for an interesting history lesson. Lottie & Yonatan 5R*



## Next Week: Online Safety Week "Smart Tech, Safe Choices"

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 3:15pm:** Girls' Football Match v King Alfred @ Compton Power League

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 4pm:** Mixed Football team match v Colindale Primary School @ Colindale Primary School

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 4 Portrait Workshop in school

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Online safety workshops for all classes

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 3.15:** Girls' Football Team match v St Mary's at Christ College astro pitch

## Further Ahead: Children's Mental Health Week

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 3:20pm:** Netball Team Match v Kerem School @ Lyttelton Park

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2pm:** Brookland's Got Talent Finals

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.20pm:** Netball Team match at home v Hendon Prep School

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9am:** **3B Stone Age Assembly in the Hall – Parents warmly invited. Please stay for coffee & a chat if you can.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9:30-12:** Year 5 group of pupils at Basketball Festival

**Week of 16<sup>th</sup> February:** **HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK SCHOOL CLOSED**



# Brookland Junior School News



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## **BICS Coffee Morning for Parents:**

We are having our next session with Georgia on **Thursday 12th February**, with coffee from **8:40am**, the talk starting at **9:00am**, and a **Q&A at 9:30am**.

The topic will be **Self-Care: Why Self-Care Matters — Parents Need Looking After Too**.

Parenting is one of the most rewarding roles in the world — but it's also one of the most demanding. Between school runs, meal prep, work, and the emotional ups and downs of family life, it's easy for parents to slip to the bottom of their own priority list.

But here's the truth: **taking care of yourself is one of the best ways to take care of your children**.

### **You can't pour from an empty cup**

When parents run on exhaustion, everything feels harder — patience is shorter, stress is higher, and small challenges can feel overwhelming. Self-care isn't selfish; it's fuel. Rest, hobbies, social support, and quiet moments all help parents recharge emotionally and physically.

### **Children learn from what they see**

Kids watch how adults manage stress, emotions, and the pace of life. When they see their parents setting boundaries, taking breaks, and being kind to themselves, they learn to do the same.

### **A regulated parent creates a regulated home**

When parents look after their own wellbeing, the whole household benefits. Calm, connection, and consistency become easier — and children thrive in that environment.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Greenhouse

## **Attendance and Punctuality:**

As we reach half way through this school year, it is a good time to review your child's attendance and punctuality record which you can access through Arbor. A reminder that national attendance expectation is 96% of sessions and attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and will be a focus for Barnet's Education Welfare Officer when they visit us each term. You can find our parent guide to attendance and the more formal attendance policy on our website and you might find this NHS guide useful if you are not sure whether your child should attend school if they are unwell: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you have any queries about your child's attendance record, please do speak with Mrs Lake either by phone, in person or email: [welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net). If there are any barriers to your child attending school routinely and confidently, please do speak with class teachers or Mrs Lake so we can work together to understand and address them. Thank you



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Golden Sentences:

*Tristan banged on the glass eyes of the viewer, he was a dog without its bone. The more he hit, the harder it got. "This can't be the end!" Tristan exclaimed hopelessly. He must have been banging for hours as now his mum came in, this time for dinner. "Tristan, dinner!" She screamed.* Sami 5A

*The sky shimmering in hues of violet & orange but something wrong.... In the corner of his eyes, he spotted a kingdom of guards radiant in resplendent royal armour with swords as shiny as a star.* Kemdi 5A

*The workhouse was covered in rust and grime and had spiders and insects crawling around. The workhouse was filled with fear and dusty cobwebs.* Adam 4JS

*The machines that were on, were making a very loud noise. Oliver walked slowly to the master.* Tom 4JS

*Every time you inhaled, your lungs were filled with disgusting dirty air. The machines which were giving off a gentle whirr were incredibly dirty and grimy.* Alfie 4JS

*Deep, deep below the malevolent, prison like workhouse, depressed, enslaved children served heartless killer nobles who barely let them live a fraction of their own lives.* Benji 4K

*Oliver & the other workhouse children played a game that whoever got the longest straw had to ask for more food and you guessed it right, it was Oliver. He timidly went up to Mr Bumble & said "please sir I want some more"* Leah 4K

*The mighty metal mountain awoke. Wires snapped like angry snakes and lightning roared like a dragon. Machinery hummed like caged thunder. The Iron Man stepped with his right foot, his enormous right foot and crunched onto the floor.* Guy 6P

*The evil scientist's lifeless body jerked in surprise as he went into an endless spasm of electricity. The glass cracked under every step the mega titan took.* Alina 6P

*I am at the museum looking at fossils and artefacts. I touch a spear and I am transported in a time portal!* Harrison 3B

## Well Done & Congratulations:

*On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, I performed at the Barbican with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC singers and a Danish soloist. I am part of FCMG (Finchley Children Music Group) and we sung a piece of music called UN-Earth by an American composer called Julia Wolfe. It was the UK's premiere & we had rehearsals very late at night at the BBC studios. It was an amazing experience & was very special.* Lucas 6D





# Brookland Junior School News



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

| Class        | 3B     | 3G     | 3SH    | 4JS    | 4K     | 4S     |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ATTENDANCE%  | 99.23% | 97.33% | 99.33% | 94.29% | 93.45% | 100%   |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 100%   | 99.33% | 99.33% | 97.86% | 98.97% | 99.76% |

| Class        | 5A    | 5AM    | 5R     | 6D     | 6L     | 6P     | Whole School |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| ATTENDANCE%  | 96.0% | 96.67% | 96.21% | 97.67% | 99.0%  | 96.67% | 97.15%       |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 97.0% | 97.33% | 98.62% | 98.33% | 98.67% | 97.0%  | 98.49%       |

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

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

Mrs Lake