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This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Tolerance and we held our Head Teacher's Award Assembly for this half term. Congratulations to everyone chosen by their teacher for this very special award and well done to all our children for the many ways you put our Brookland Values and Learning Skills into action every day, helping all of us to be the Best We Can Be as learners and as humans.



Well done 3B on your superb Stone Age Class Assembly! Your confidence, team work and independence were so impressive. Your parents and the whole school were smiling the whole way through because we are so proud of your fabulous singing, drama, tech skills and dance moves and because we were truly entertained by your performance!



On Wednesday, we had Evie's dad come in to talk about his job. Evie's dad works for the City of London, where he takes care of many different parks (such as Golders Hill Park). He helps keep people safe and supports them when they need it. Living in London, we recognise that these open spaces are invaluable for residents' wellbeing, providing areas for leisure, exercise, and an appreciation of nature. *"I'm really proud of my dad because he helps lots of people—and animals too."* Evie, 3G





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Also This Week:

Year 5 have been making terrariums together as part of their Science unit on the water cycle.

Making the terrariums was absolutely amazing. It was totally fun and it is good for the environment. In science, we are learning about global warming so we combined gardening & science and here are the steps, we followed:

Step 1: Get a clean glass jar or a bottle. **Step 2:** Put 1 layer of pebbles another layer of charcoal and some soil in the dirt by the roots. **Step 3:** Put the plants in the dirt by their roots. **Step 4:** Decorate it. **Step 5:** Spray a few sprays of water. **Step 6:** Close the jar or tape the top of the bottle. **Step 7:** Place it by the window with a bit of sunlight. Enjoy your terrarium. Ruben & Rayan 5AM



I found newts in our school pond. I was really excited to see so many. I can't wait to see how they grow & see what they do next. Younus 6D



Girls' Football Match v Saint Mary's School: *As we ran up the pitch, we knew that this was our chance to score a goal so we did our best. First Kate scored a goal & then in the second half, Kiyla did too. As Mr A taught us more tricks to tackle & defend, WE WON!!!!* Elizete, Ofri & Natalie

This Week, the year 6 netball team played 2 matches: one against Kerem School on Monday and one on Thursday against Hendon Prep. We won both matches, 10-0 & 14-0. Mr. A. is very pleased with us and we all hope that our winning streak continues. Alice & Ruby 6D

On Thursday 12th February we had a cross-country race. We were all very nervous at first but when we cheered each other on, we all felt much better! Then when we started the race. It was a very tough competition but, in the end, we won 2 gold medals! Even the people who didn't get a medal were very proud of themselves and got in the top 20! The skills we used were: Determination, Teamwork, Resilience. It was a really fun day! ♥ Einat 5R, Zen 5A & Rafaela 5AM





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Huge congratulations to our **chess teams** for your efforts at the English Primary Schools Chess Association competition on Sunday. We now have 4 teams through to the national semi- finals in May and a lot of medals! Thank you to all our chess players who help make chess at Brookland such a popular, enjoyable and quality experience. Thank you to the chess parents for all your support, time and transport and of course thank you to our hugely talented coach Mr. Fleetwood ably supported by Emily. *Last Sunday, the 8th February, at Akiva school, 5 chess teams went to the national qualifiers, and 4 of them qualified! Amazingly, in age groups, the A and the B team got a bronze and a silver medal. Thank you to Mr Fleetwood for coaching us.* Lucas, Nick, Rayan 6D 😊



In the Brookland Got Talent Finals Assembly, we watched some amazing acts! Even including Mr. A. doing the Macarena dance! There were 3 wonderful acts that won. 3. Ali Singing. 2. 4K's comedy (the act that made Mr. A. do the Macarena)! 1.6L's girls dance with "You Got the Power" but I think that all the acts were great. Esmae 5A. Some of the acts were dancing, singing & comedy. I enjoyed the acts because the people in them were fun, talented & creative. I especially enjoyed act 5 because the dance was very good & act 6 because Mr A had to dance to Macarena. Other acts were instrumental piano, comedy, singing & dancing and rapping! The one I enjoyed was the ballroom dance because she is the 3rd ranked in the UK. I also like Harper & Freya because their moves are really nice. I enjoyed 4K comedy show & 6L girls because they were talented! Shreya, Sara, Aysan 4S



Golden Sentences:

Are you tired of going to the same boring, brain-draining theme park? Then come to skull crusher: the most fascinating, jaw dropping & demonic theme park in Europe. Aria 6L

Are you tired of brooding at home watching Instagram & scrolling Tick Tock? Do you need a relief from your everlasting boredom? If you do then come to Danger Zone, a thrilling atmospheric, military based bonanza of daring fun. Nouriel 6D

Next, time for the scary rides! A roller coaster with twisting, flipping, turning and twirling which will have your mouth speechless and may even make you hold onto your eyeballs. Even the strongest men may hold hands! Kate 6D



Year 6 Art Champions:

This week, the Year 6 Art Champions visited Year 3 and taught in all three classes. They introduced the idea that different types of trees can symbolise different values. For example, an oak tree was described as strong and wise, while a willow tree could represent emotional balance or sensitivity.

Each child created their own individual tree to express their uniqueness and identity. At the end of the lesson, the Year 6 pupils explained that although we are all unique, when we come together to form a forest, we become stronger and more resilient. This served as a powerful metaphor for community: we are all individuals, but as a group we are stronger, more resilient, and better supported.

The Year 6 team were absolutely amazing, and Mr G would like to thank them for their leadership, maturity, and the kindness they showed to our younger learners.

Teaching art to Year 3 was amazing. Instead of learning, we were the teachers! The children listened well to us. We had some challenges such as getting started but once the children settled, it was fun. We felt responsible for the art. The children were creative and it was fun to see everyone's work at the end of the lesson. Kiyla, Rayan, Kylie 6D Planning the art lesson was fun. It was interesting and fun to make the PowerPoint. We had to make things simple so year 3 could understand it. At the beginning it was a bit chaotic, but we managed to settle the children down. Surprisingly, most of the children listened to us really well. We are proud of being their teachers for the afternoon. It was great to give out Dojos and marbles. We can't wait to do it again! Hosna, Ashley, Arsam 6P

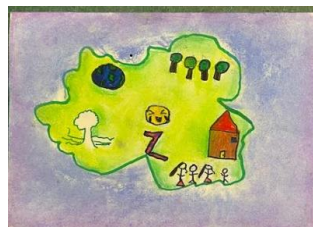
Teaching Year 3 art was fun as we had to understand the different ways to help children learn (such as drawing it out, explaining.) We had to ask questions about how they did it and how to improve. It was lovely to include the Year 3s with our PowerPoint as we had some interactive bits- we got their opinions; they weren't just listening to us. We were a bit nervous at first but as we realised the children actually listened to us, we felt like real teachers! Myla, Seren, Kamyar 6L

Children's Mental Health Week

For Mental Health Week, we participated in an activity that explored what belonging means and highlighted that it isn't felt from just one place or experience. It showed that belonging can come from many parts of life. At home, it may be felt through supportive family members or carers who know a person well. At school, it appears in classrooms where ideas are shared, teachers offer encouragement, and friends provide support.

Belonging also comes from hobbies and interests—such as art, maths, or reading—where individuals enjoy what they are passionate about. It can be found in communities too, including cultural or religious groups, neighbourhoods, online spaces, or volunteer organisations. Friends play an important role as well, offering understanding, laughter, and support.

The activity also explained that belonging can be felt within oneself by being comfortable with and accepting who we are. Additionally, people may experience belonging in the natural world and the universe—whether outdoors or looking at the stars—which helps them feel connected to everything around them during both good times and difficult moments. Zoya, from 3G, said: *"My map showed my connection to my family, friends, nature, and the world we live in. My favourite part is my background, as I used art skills to blend the colours, and the background made my island stand out."*





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BICS Coffee Morning:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our session with Georgia on Thursday morning. The session focused on the importance of self-care for parents and why looking after ourselves plays a vital role in supporting our children. Georgia explained that parenting is incredibly rewarding but also highly demanding, and as a result, many parents often place themselves at the bottom of their own priority list. She emphasised that self-care is not selfish; instead, it is essential. When parents are exhausted or overwhelmed, everyday challenges become harder and patience becomes shorter. By taking time to rest, enjoy hobbies, seek support, or simply slow down, parents give themselves the emotional and physical energy needed to manage family life more calmly and effectively.

A key message from the session was that children learn by observing the adults around them. When they see parents setting boundaries, taking breaks, and showing themselves kindness, they are more likely to adopt these healthy habits themselves. Georgia also highlighted that a parent who is emotionally regulated helps create a calm and stable home environment where children can thrive.

We discussed how some parents feel guilty when taking time for themselves, but the group agreed that caring for our own wellbeing ultimately places us in a better position to support our children and help them lead their best possible lives.

The slides from the session have been shared on our website and we strongly encourage all parents to take a moment to read through them to better understand the importance of self-care and how small, practical steps can make a meaningful difference. Please go to the following link to see the PowerPoint from this session: [Self Care](#)

Swimming Contributions:

Thank you so much to everyone who has paid their contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons this school year. After the half term break, year 3 and year 6 will be swimming weekly for the rest of the school year so do please make your contributions through Arbor if you have not already done so. Thank you

School Lunches:

At Olive Dining, nutrition is the foundation of our menus each term. Working closely with our Chefs, each recipe is built to be nourishing, tasty and enjoyed by the pupils that we feed. We work to make sure our menus are compliant to the School Food Standards, a copy of these guidelines can be found here - <https://www.schoolfoodplan.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/School-Food-Standards-Guidance-FINAL-V3.pdf>. We also ensure that the menus reach the criteria for silver Food for Life; there is a minimum of 5% organic ingredients used, and we greatly exceed the 75% of 'from scratch cooking' required, a great example of this is our pizza's, made with a homemade sauce packed with vegetables! Our menu at Brooklands is also plant focused, with pulses such as lentils added to meat dishes like lasagnes, reducing the carbon impact. Our puddings follow the School Food Standards, and government sugar reduction guidelines. The recipes are designed so that most of the sweetness comes from natural fruit rather than added sugar, fresh fruit is also on offer every day. Although the puddings may taste sweet, they are developed specifically to meet these nutritional standards.

We aim to provide fresh, delicious food every day that children look forward to, fuelling them for the rest of their afternoon of learning, and supporting their development. **OLIVE DINING TEAM**



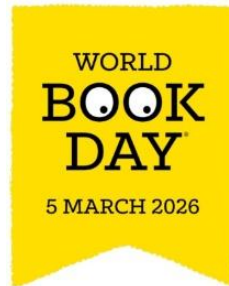


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National Year of Reading:



World Book Day is Thursday 5th March! We will be celebrating reading and children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character. Further information about our celebrations will be sent after the holidays.



I've attached Bookdrop: a new reading newsletter. This edition shares some new books and links to where you can read extracts for free.



Yoto Boxes: we are very grateful to our governor and parent, Lucy Tobin, for a help use make a connection at Yoto. The company has donated 12 Yoto boxes and a selection of story cards so that we can enjoy a range of audio books after half term.



If you are buying books for your family, please consider using this website. We can earn 25% commission on every book purchased which will help us top up our library stock and class book corners.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/school/804/brookland-junior-school>



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Next Week: Week of 16th February: HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 23rd February: BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE

Further Ahead:

Tuesday 24th February: Year 5 & 6 Careers Assembly with Anthony Eskinazi from Just Park

Thursday 26th February: 5AM & 5R visit to British Museum

Thursday 26th February: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school

Thursday 26th February: Girls Year 5/6 Football Team Match vs Barnfield @ Barnfield School – John King Trophy Quarter Final

Thursday 26th February: Boccia Team representing Barnet in the London Youth Games

Friday 27th February: 4JS & 4S visit to Gunnersbury Park Victorians Day

Friday 27th February: Ramadan & Eid al-Fitr sharing assembly led by 5R

Friday 27th February 9:00am-12:00pm: Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament

Friday 27th February 3.15-4.15pm: Mixed Year 5 & 6 Football Team match v Moss Hall @ CCF Martin Cup Semi-Final

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.0%	96.33%	98.33%	86.43%	99.66%	96.21%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.67%	98.67%	99.54%	98.28%	97.59%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.0%	94.67%	94.67%	98.0%	98.0%	94.67%	95.7%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.33%	98.0%	97.67%	98.67%	99.67%	98.67%	98.57%

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

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

Mrs Lake