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## This Week:

In assembly this week, we marked Earth Day and enjoyed a beautiful collage book created by Middlesex University and groups of Barnet Early Years children to celebrate the joy of discovery in our natural world. We are creating our own version across the school with the first page from Eco Group and look forward to sharing it with you when it is completed. Thank you to Miss Symons and Eco Group for organising Earth Day and leading our assembly. Thank you to 3G for leading our assembly today all about St George's Day and helping us to think about what Brookland Values might have helped him face the Dragon.

## Year 5 Tower Bridge Trip:

*5A went to Tower Bridge to enhance our knowledge of Bridges. We split into groups. First, I went on the tour. They showed us the engine rooms and explained how they used to open the bridge. I know that they used coal to power the bridge. I also went on the glass bridge and saw The Thames underneath. Emma Whilst Emma did the tour, I did the workshop which was really fun and there was a presentation and after the presentation, we made bridges that had to be strong and tall enough to fit a boat under using Meccano. Although it was a struggle, we all managed to do it, completing our mission before the groups switched.* Bonnie



## Forces Science Workshop:

*On Thursday, a company came in to teach us cool movements in the air and we were split into two groups. The first group did it in the morning and the second in the afternoon. Before we did anything in the air we had to practise the moves on yoga mats. The moves we did were ball, pencil, star & upside down. We also did some swinging in the harness and then we tried to grab our partner opposite us. It was a really fun experience and can't wait to do it again next week and learn all about the forces working.* Grace, Lottie & Sophia 5R



## Children's Creative Workshop :

The Children's Bookshop, Muswell Hill are running a 3-part creative writing course with award winning author, Steve Butler. The course starts in May and is suitable for all pupils in Key Stage 2. You can book tickets here:

<https://www.childrensbookshoplondon.com/event-details/creative-writing-workshop-making-maps-and-world-building>



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## Also This Week:

### **Primary Maths Challenge:**

Congratulations to Jamie 6P and Nick 6D who qualified for the Primary Maths Challenge bonus round. More than 61,000 children took part in the initial challenge in November, with the top 3,000 being selected for the final round in March. The challenge required difficult mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. Both boys did really well with Nick achieving a Bronze Certificate and Jamie achieving a Silver Certificate.



*On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 4 year 6 pupils (Alice, Anya, Ollie & Nouriel) travelled to Barnet Lawn Tennis Club to take part in a tennis tournament. In the group stages, we won all our matches overall and topped our group. In the semi-finals, we won against Foulds Yellow, making us proceed to the finals. It was very close, but we didn't win. Although we still came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of around 15 other schools. Thank you, Mrs Capelan, for coaching us. We really enjoyed it. Ollie, Anya & Nouriel 6D Alice 6P*



### **Gardening Club:**

The Gardening Club has been enjoying the sunshine this week. We tidied up our planters and prepared them for a brand-new growing season and we are looking forward to seeing fresh blossoms appear soon. As part of the process, we dug out some enormous wild parsley roots, which took a lot of strength and teamwork. Everyone worked hard and showed great determination.





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## Earth Day:

On Earth Day, in the morning each class was given a letter from Earth Day. 5AM had the letter R. We did the Red Admiral Butterfly. My group made a garden for them to live in. In the afternoon, we coloured hands and wrote five things we will do for Earth Day. We coloured them in and we made a sustainability action plan. I really enjoyed the Earth Day. Aya 5AM



## BICS Wellbeing Talk for Parents - SATs & Exam Confidence:

Thank you, Georgia, for another presentation and talk on test stress. It was engaging and informative, as always. The causes of test stress were clearly explained, and the use of relatable examples made the topic easy to understand. The coping strategies shared were practical and realistic, especially the tips on time management and relaxation techniques.

The main takeaway is that your calm really helps your child. Staying relaxed, keeping routines normal, and reminding them that SATs don't define who they are can make a huge difference. Short bursts of revision, plenty of breaks, good sleep, and time to relax all help to lower stress. Focus on effort rather than results, listen if they're worried, and keep reassurance simple. Most of all, celebrate getting through SATs and let them know you are proud no matter what.

Thank you once more, Georgia. Please go to the following link to access the PowerPoint: [download.asp](#)



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## Teaching Assistant advert from September 2026:

We are seeking a caring, skilled and enthusiastic person to become part of our very committed and talented team. Our very successful school is friendly and inclusive and we have a commitment to professional development for all our staff.

Please go to the following link to apply: [Brookland Junior School - Vacancies](#)

## Next Week:

**Monday 27th April:** 5AM visit to Tower Bridge for DT project

**Tuesday 28th April 12.30:** Choir rehearsal for St Jude's proms at Henrietta Barnet School

**Wednesday 29th April 9am Hall:** 4JS class assembly about France. Parents warmly invited to attend and stay for coffee if you are able

**Thursday 30th April:** 5R visit to Tower Bridge for DT project

**Thursday 30th April 11.45:** Year 3 4 tennis team tournament

**Friday 1st May:** Year 3 St Lucia Day in school

**Friday 1st May 3pm:** Pupil led book sale event on lower playground

## Further Ahead

**Monday 4th May:** BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tuesday 5th May:** Year 4 Ranger Stu animal show visit in the hall

**Friday 8th May 9am:** 5A Class Assembly in the hall on Nowruz parents warmly invited and do stay for coffee if you can

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

| Class        | 3B     | 3G     | 3SH    | 4JS    | 4K     | 4S     |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ATTENDANCE%  | 99.33% | 99.33% | 92.33% | 96.79% | 97.93% | 99.31% |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 95.0%  | 96.67% | 98.33% | 97.50% | 98.28% | 93.93% |

| Class        | 5A     | 5AM    | 5R     | 6D     | 6L     | 6P     | Whole School |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| ATTENDANCE%  | 92.53% | 97.67% | 98.15% | 93.33% | 99.33% | 97.67% | 96.95%       |
| PUNCTUALITY% | 94.81% | 98.0%  | 97.41% | 98.67% | 99.67% | 98.67% | 97.57%       |

Well done to **3B, 3G & 6L** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **6L** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



## Golden Sentences:

**The Piano:** As the old man played the nostalgic music, his hands were playing one by one. His back was hunched forwards. His hand had their own story. He had no friends, no wife, just him. Though, his piano was his friend. It had been a gift made of pure mahogany. Hosna 6P

The old man opens the piano. In the dark room: one hand gently placed upon the ebony & ivory keys. Sombrely he plays a melodic tune – a familiar tune which has been played a thousand times before & invokes a river of nostalgia. A tune which is etched into his mind. Zee 6L

The old, frail man sat down and played the familiar music on the piano gently tapping his wrinkled fingers on the wooden & antique piano. The slow music gives the man memories, memories of his friend. Hugh 6P

Buildings Gone!!! Countless lives, Gone!!! Mercy, Gone!!! The pungent stench of blood, sweat, death & decay merged together & swirled into a concoction, infecting John's lungs, seeping into his body, burning his heart. Joseph 6P

**Bombs:** Bombs were dropping from the sky. CRASH!!! Every building crumbled & the ground laced with glass from the battlefield. The once lovely city was now in ruins. The smoke-filled air smelt like damp mud. Armaan 6P

At the battlefield, bombs fell but not only bombs fell, people fell. The man & his friend were behind a strong stone brick wall. Jordan 6L

He collapsed to the ground holding his hand. Then silence.... The soldier stopped screaming. The sound of gasping for air had also stopped. He lay still as blood dripped from his mouth. He sat there still holding his hand trying to process what happened, trying not to believe it, hoping it was a dream. Kiyla 6D

Sitting at a grand piano, a senior man begins to play. His fingers dancing on the piano, playing a familiar tune. This tune etched to his mind; his fingers remembered every note. His face may be stoic but you could tell that each key is telling their own story. Ofri 6D

The man stoically sat at the piano. Suddenly the man was back to where he was 40 years ago. In the trenches behind a concrete wall. His fellow officer aimed but then trembled to the ground. A red puddle splashed on the rocky, dusty floor. He held him one last time before transporting back to the empty drained room. Ethan 6D

In a single blink he was back in the present. A wave of relief washed over him as he precisely finished off the song with an abrupt key. His chest heaved as he let go. Tamar 6P

In conclusion both sides have great facts & reasons. Education against animal habitats, shelter & tribes against food & paper. In my opinion, I think we should preserve The Rainforest so wild life can live in peace. Out there is an ongoing discussion: Should we cut down trees? Ari 5AM

**The Magic Wardrobe:** I walk through the wardrobe, I will see: butterflies flying in rows. Pterodactyls are squawking crows, I have travelled back in time, with the dinosaur that is mine. Ori 4K

I walk through the wardrobe I will hear: Birds tweeting sweetly in the air, trees are dancing in the wind. Little leaves rustling everywhere. Alisa 4JS

I walk through the wardrobe I will smell: Sickening stench of blood as red as The Golden Gate Bridge. Powerful poison is an invisible form choking the rotten air. Zuri 4JS

This morning, I got to packing Edward's finest suits & then some of his shiny shoes. I was packing more things for Edward and after I finished, I went to say goodbye. I was so sad to say goodbye. Parker 3B



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## Free Dr Bike sessions in Barnet

Free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, including checks on the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required.

| Location Name                      | Location Description   | Date  | Time       |
|------------------------------------|--|---|------------|
| Finchley, Lodge Lane car park      | Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 May</li><li>• 8 July</li><li>• 9 September</li><li>• 11 November</li><li>• 13 January 2027</li><li>• 10 March 2027</li></ul>   | 4pm to 7pm |
| Temple Fortune                     | By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 May</li><li>• 15 July</li><li>• 16 September</li><li>• 18 November</li><li>• 20 January 2027</li><li>• 17 March 2027</li></ul> | 4pm to 7pm |
| Middlesex University               | Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 June</li><li>• 12 August</li><li>• 14 October</li><li>• 9 December</li><li>• 10 February 2027</li></ul>                        | 4pm to 7pm |
| High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park | Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17 June</li><li>• 19 August</li><li>• 21 October</li><li>• 16 December</li><li>• 17 February 2027</li></ul>                       | 4pm to 7pm |