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This Week:

Huge congratulations to our fabulous year 6 on **completing their SATs** showing off their Brookland Values and Learning Skills as well as their Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling knowledge. Your determination, maturity, courage, quality, responsibility, thoughtfulness for each other and positivity has been excellent and shows you are very nearly ready to move on to secondary school. You are quite rightly proud of who you are and the whole staff team is very proud of all 90 of you! Thank you to all the staff who have been involved in running and administering the SATs so smoothly and calmly and thank you to our governors for overseeing this. Thank you of course to our exceptional year 6 teaching and teaching assistant team who have done a superb job all year supporting and challenging each child to be the best they can be! Thank you to Mrs Pejakovic for the pancakes; part of a well-earned much more chilled end to the week. Thank you also to 5A and 5AM for moving into the hall together for some lessons so we could use your classrooms during the tests. I was very impressed with how well you worked together with new friends.



This week we have been very lucky to welcome back Miss Knight, who has helped us bring together our Bridget Riley prints. The teachers introduced the children to Bridget Riley's work, making links between nature and repeated patterns and the children then used these ideas to create their own designs. They went on to make their own printing blocks, and thanks to Miss Knight's expertise, she was able to work with them on the printing process itself. The results have been phenomenal, with some truly impressive prints that have come together to create a wonderful display down in Year 3. We feel incredibly lucky to have someone like Claire Knight—whose knowledge and experience in printing allows us to produce work to such a high standard. A big thank you to Claire for returning to school (and even being tempted out of retirement!) to support us with our brilliant Bridget Riley prints. Mr G





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Also, This Week:

This week, year 3 have been creating mini versions of themselves by taking careful measurements, using rounding skills, and working out scale to bring everything together. We decided to switch things up, and instead of working individually, they teamed up in pairs to create hybrids by merging their measurements into one completely new "class member." It's been a fun and creative twist, but also a great way to cover key maths skills such as measuring and using fractions, as they've had to work with numbers really precisely to make their designs fit together. Mr G



On Thursday, we had a fun experience helping the year ones to make model castles out of straw, card, cardboard and scraps. The year ones were very enthusiastic and we had a great time making new friends & helping them with their work. They made different castles. They loved chasing us around the playground. One even advertised Oreos on their castle! There were a great variety of results & castles, just like all the children there. All the children were energetic & colourful and strong. Miley, Emilia, Arie, Artin 5AM

Gardening Club:

Thanks to a generous 2K grant from Thames Water, secured for our school by one of our governors, Lucy Tobin, we have made a lot of progress reviving our pond and the area around it. Our Gardening Club have been very busy planting beautiful flower containers to help make our school a welcoming and vibrant place. We have also planted tomatoes and cucumbers, and we are hopeful and excited as we pray for an abundant harvest.

A special thank you to Mr Flanagan and Mrs Pejakovic for their hard work, passion for gardening and growing and time.



Stem Dorado Magazine:

Stem Dorado Science Magazine Volume 13 is now available online. It's fascinating, has great local connections and comes highly recommended by Brookland pupils and staff. You can go to the link below:

https://online.fliphtml5.com/dqwze/SD_Science-vol-13/#p=1

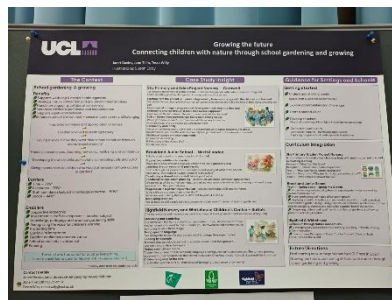


UCL Institute of Education Partnership Projects

Miss Christie and Miss Davies represented Brookland at the Celebration of 200 years of UCL, recognising the work of partnerships. During the celebrations, we were recognised for our work with PSHE and sustainability through the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability as well as our research based work with our new science gardening curriculum. Celebrating our whole school, our teamwork as a community and brilliant collaboration with UCL was a very humbling experience.

Follow this link to read more about our Growing the Future project with UCL:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/case-studies/2026/may/growing-future-connecting-children-nature-through-school-gardening>



BICS Coffee Morning – Behind the Behaviour:

We had another successful coffee morning with Georgia from BICS, who presented on the topic “*Aggression in Boys – Behind the Behaviour.*” However, this content is equally applicable to all children.

Mr G’s key reflection was:

Anger in boys is a natural response to frustration or perceived threat, but it often hides deeper emotions such as fear or shame. It may be expressed through aggression due to socialisation, developmental factors, or past experiences. Rather than relying solely on consequences, it is important to understand the underlying causes and build supportive relationships. By recognising early signs, staying calm, and providing space for reflection, adults can help boys develop emotional awareness and regulation. Combining clear boundaries with empathy enables more positive behaviour and supports long-term emotional growth.

Thank you to Georgia for an informative and thought-provoking talk. The presentation is available on the school website. ([BICs-Behind-the-Behaviour-Aggression-in-Boys.390317656.pptx](#))

Parent Governor Election:

Thank you to the 3 parents who are offering their time, skills and knowledge to support Brookland Junior and Brookland Infant and Nursery Schools as a parent governor. All parents should have received an email last Friday explaining the voting process with an online voting link. Thank you in advance for taking the time to vote for this very important position. It is also possible to request a paper ballot form from Brookland Junior School Office.





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Good luck to our 6 **chess teams** competing on Sunday in the National Primary Schools semi finals. Everyone is already very impressed with your commitment, hard work, support for each other and chess genius! Thank you very much to our wonderful chess parents, Mr Fleetwood and Elizabeth for coaching so skilfully.

Next Week:

Sunday 17th May: Good luck to the 36 pupils playing for Brookland in the National Primary Chess semi finals!

Monday 18th May 9am: Headteacher's Award Assembly in the hall & afternoon tea

Tuesday 19th May 9am in the hall: Year 5 parents' talk on secondary transfer. Year 4 parents also welcome.

Tuesday 19th May: PA Disco – Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 20th May 9am in the hall: 3SH Edward Tulane Class Assembly for parents and carers. Do please stay for coffee if you are able.

Thursday 21st May: PA Disco – Year 5 & 6

Friday 22nd May: International Family Day PA card making workshop at lunchtime

Friday 22nd May 8.50-: Parents invited into classes to play times tables games with the children- flyer attached

Further Ahead: Week of 1st June is Arts Week.

Monday 1st June: School closed to children. INSET Day.

Friday 5th June: Parents are invited to join their children class between 8:45-9:15am for Arts Week activity.

Friday 5th June: Cricket Competition at Finchley Cricket Club & meeting The Mayor & a Middlesex Cricket Player.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	97.0%	97.0%	92.67%	97.93%	94.14%	96.9%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	99.67%	97.67%	98.97%	100%	98.97%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	93.33%	97.0%	98.89%	100%	99.67%	96.0%	96.69%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.67%	98.67%	98.52%	100%	99.67%	99.33%	99.10%

Well done to **6D** for having the 100% attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4K & 6D** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



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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"> • 8 July • 9 September • 11 November • 13 January 2027 • 10 March 2027 	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"> • 20 May • 15 July • 16 September • 18 November • 20 January 2027 • 17 March 2027 	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"> • 10 June • 12 August • 14 October • 9 December • 10 February 2027 	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"> • 17 June • 19 August • 21 October • 16 December • 17 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm

Half term events in Libraries:

Barnet Libraries are running a full programme of events in May half term. Featuring puppet making workshops, a theatre production of The Book Witch, a Sing, Story and Sign session and a host of craft events including collage, Star Wars and t-shirt decorating. All events are free or low cost.

Families are welcome to visit the library to read and choose books too.





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