



Brookland Junior School News



Friday 11th September 2026

This week:

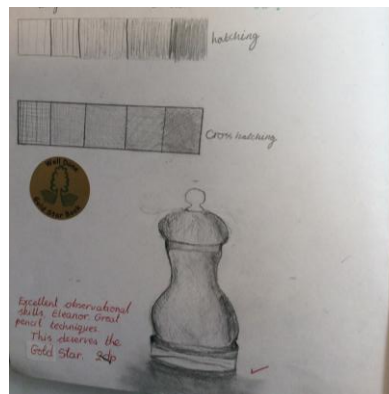
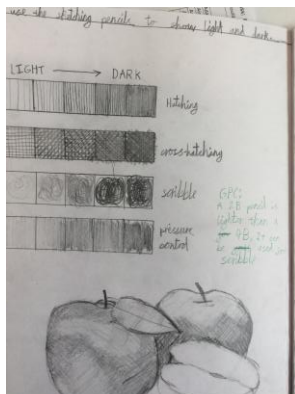
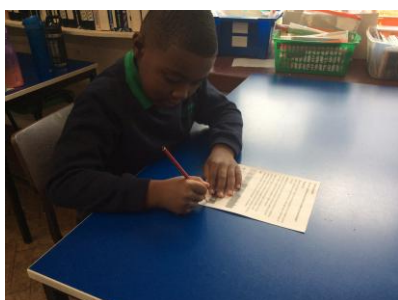
In assembly this week, Mr Khan discussed online safety and was impressed with the children's confidence and knowledge in this complex area. We focused on our Brookland Value of Respect, including awarding Values certificates. Thank you to 6D who led our assembly today sharing their knowledge with the whole school about Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Thank you especially to the children who shared the ways that their family observe these important Jewish holy days.

All the children have made a super start to the curriculum, putting our Brookland Learning Skills of Teamwork, Determination, Quality, Listening and Evaluation into action and showing excellent focus right across the curriculum from Reading, Writing and Maths to building core strength in PE, discussion about what helps our mental health in PSHE, growing our knowledge and understanding about online safety in computing lessons and sketching skills in Art.

"We have been practicing our times tables from 4 up to 10. We have also been doing the more than and less than signs and place value this week. It is going really good." Samantha 4A *"We have been doing 3 times table and work about thousands."* Lanny 4A *"We have been working hard. I love maths. It's the best subject ever!"* Philip 4A

"In computing lessons, we had our iPad to play a game to answer questions about online safety for example if someone on a game online said they were your cousin and to give them some coins would you help them or not."

Sara 5K





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Also This week:

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend our year 3 and 4 Meet the Teachers sessions. It was lovely to get together and think about the year ahead. Our children thrive and make excellent progress because our families and staff work so closely together to support and challenge each child to be the Best they can Be. Our **Parents Association AGM is coming up next week.** Please consider if you can give some time to join the main committee or to run one event or area of the PA work for our school and children. Thank you to Nilit and the PA team for a very successful year last year and all their hard work running fun events for our children and raising much needed funds for our school. We now have a start date for the playground project which is very exciting!

This is what our children think about the start of the new school year:

This has been our first full week in year 3. I was so excited to start school and start all the new lessons. Dua 3AH The first week was amazing because I likes all the lessons and I am really looking forward to History. Ezra 3AH My favourite lesson this week was art because I liked the cross hatching and shading we did with the sketching pencils. Yasmin 3AH I am really enjoying maths, especially the challenges and using all the maths resources like the Numicon, the place value counters and the Dienes. Mohammad 3AH

In Year 6, maths is different. We're working with numbers up to one million this year. Zen As a Year 6, responsibility is key. I have shown that I can take care of younger students and I've enjoyed being a buddy. Kemdi I was excited to see my buddies after the long summer holiday and help them join the junior school. Bonnie Being in Year 6 is giving me a lot of responsibility such as looking after the younger children and having lots of jobs to do around the school. I've also enjoyed Big Write so far because we used lots of interesting techniques. Delilah Being a prefect is fun. We get to show off our badges and help the grown-ups around the school. Hari The fun thing about being a prefect is it is a big responsibility. It is how we help adults and children to be good around school and show their best. Parsa History is very different and I really enjoyed beginning to learn about World War 2. Emma

Brookland Values in action- well done!

On Sunday, we did a charity cake sale with cakes made by us, donated by companies & book donations. We were a team of current & ex-Brookland children (7 of us)!!! We raised money for Chai Cancer Care as the charity is important to many people. This year we raised £2100 which is the highest amount by us so far! Noa 6A & Toby 5P





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Parents Survey:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our end of year parent survey in July. Your responses were so overwhelmingly positive across all areas.

We received 73 responses. 100% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at Brookland that their child is safe at Brookland, that the school expects its children to be well behaved and that their child wants to do well at school ¾ of responses strongly agreed with these statements. 99% of parents said that their child is making good progress, is well taught, that the school is well led and managed, has a caring attitude, promotes positive values, offers a broad and enriching curriculum and would recommend Brookland Junior to other parents.

We received so many thoughtful and heart-warming comments about the strengths of the school such as,

The school provides a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where children are encouraged to learn and develop. The teachers are supportive and dedicated, communication with parents is excellent, and the school promotes both academic achievement and personal growth. I appreciate the school's commitment to helping every child reach their full potential.

It's just a wonderful, supportive community where you know your child is safe, stretched, and deeply cared for.

The school is an extremely happy place that has high expectations and is very well run and managed.

The school promotes great values of inclusion and togetherness.

Excellent at ensuring they all make progress and reach and exceed expectations.

Brookland is a gem. The children are happy and pushed to be their best, and the staff engage in their learning and development wholeheartedly.

I wouldn't hesitate in recommending Brookland to anyone.

So much going on all of the time. Incredible space for the children to play as well as the swimming pool especially in London. Teachers are friendly and approachable. Children are encouraged to be very independent. A very lovely environment.

The teachers are a professional, enthusiastic and passionate team. The school is inclusive and welcoming to all nations and communities. The children are taught values and abilities in addition to the curriculum. We absolutely love this school and feel so lucky that our children are pupils of it.

Effective learning habits, very academic.

Brookland is such a wonderful school! We are so happy not just with our son's academic achievements but he has really grown in confidence over the last couple of years.

Good SEN provision, excellent teachers, great curriculum.

Teaches encouraging children to think deeply and express themselves with their own ideas.

This is an excellent school and highly recommend it to everyone. We are very satisfied with our child's progress and most importantly he is truly happy here.

Thank you also to everyone who also made carefully considered suggestions for things we could do even better which we also appreciate and take into account as we formalise our school development priorities for the year ahead.



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Reminders:

Thank you for everyone who has returned with **correct school uniform**. Our expectations for Brookland uniform are attached to this newsletter. Please note the only items you need to purchase from our uniform supplier are the emerald green polo shirt and school sweatshirt with logo. School trousers, skirts, shoes, socks, tights, white PE t-shirt, navy PE shorts can be bought from any retailer. Other items with the Brookland logo are available e.g. P.E. t-shirts and PE fleeces but not required. <https://www.braggsschoolwear.co.uk/>. Our School Parents' Association (PA) holds a second-hand uniform sale on regular basis. Just a reminder that earrings should be small plain studs only for safety reasons and no nail varnish please.

Smoking or vaping are not permitted on the school site.

A reminder that we have been a **smart phone free school** since 2019. Thank you for supporting us to keep all our children safe online and in their journeys to and from school by ensuring children do not bring any smart phones, watches or other smart devices to school. If there are any independent travellers who use a text and talk only phone, please ensure this is handed to the class teacher each day for safe keeping. Please try to **avoid using phones** as adults when on the school site wherever possible too. Thank you

Attendance: Catching up with children and parents this week it is clear how much our children enjoy school life and are already proud of the progress they are making with their learning right across the curriculum as well. Thank you for ensuring our children are in school for every possible session throughout the year. If you have any questions about attendance, a short parent guide is here on our website:

<https://www.brooklandjuniorschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=667&type=pdf>

or you can contact Mrs Lake by phone or email: welfare@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net.

End of the Day Arrangements:

Thank you to the majority of parents who have already completed this important safeguarding form already. To help us keep your child safe, we ask that you complete our *End of the Day Arrangements* form using the link below. Please provide the information as accurately as possible so that we can ensure your child is dismissed safely each day.

End of Day Arrangements 2026-27 – Fill in form

If any of these arrangements change in the future, you can return to the form and update the information. In addition if you make changes, please also inform Mrs Bikdeli (farnoush@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net) or your child's class teacher so that we can update staff about this.

Please can we ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and check that all consent sections are completed regarding **media permissions** so we are able to include children's photos in the school newsletter if you would like us to do so. We have a filming company in school next week making a new promotion video for our school and would love as many of our children as possible who have your permission to be able to be included.



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Barnet Local Offer Website Homepage Relaunch flyer attached

Barnet are delighted to announce the launch of the new Barnet Local Offer homepage, co-designed with young people and parent carers to make it easier to find information, support and services for children and young people with SEND and their families.

This relaunch marks the beginning of a wider programme of improvements to the Local Offer website. Over the coming months, we'll continue to develop the site to make finding the right information at the right time even easier. There will also be opportunities for young people, parent carers and professionals to help shape future developments.



MMR Access Pilot and Seasonal Flu Information – Resources for Schools:

If you are unsure whether your child has received both doses of MMR, you can scan the QR code on the attached poster and complete a short online form. Your GP practice will review your child's records and contact you if an appointment is required. Please wait for your GP practice to contact you before attending.

Attached resources

- [MMR QR Code Poster](#)
- [Childhood Flu Flyer 2026](#)
- [MMR and Flu Briefing Pack \(staff information\)](#)



Next Week:

Tuesday 15th September 9:00am: Year 5 Parents Meet the Teachers in the hall

Wednesday 16th September 9:00am: Year 6 Parents Meet the Teachers in the hall

Wednesday 16th September: Filming of School promotion video throughout the day

Thursday 17th September 9:00am: Parents Association's Annual General Meeting in the Library – all invited

Friday 18th September: International Peace Day- wear something white

Further Ahead:

Wednesday 23rd September 9:00am: Reading Workshop for all parents in the library with Miss Davies.

Wednesday 23rd September: Local Councillors tour of the school.

Thursday 24th September 8:45am: Parent Wellbeing Coffee Morning in the Library with Mr Greenhouse our wellbeing leader- all welcome

Thursday 24th September: Year 6 visit to Lincolnsfield Centre.



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Here are some extracts from Big Write this week- well done everyone for working with such ambition and determination:

It is my first day in a hijab

My hijab is like the sea

My sister tells me my hijab looks beautiful

We walk to school feeling proud. Fatima 4S

The next day, I felt proud wearing a blue ocean hijab, I was asking myself if everyone was going to make fun of me. Is this going to be best day of my life? Imri 4A

Today was my first day at school and I felt excited. I watched Faizah dancing on the grass. Walking to the bus I was starting to feel even more apprehensive. However, I knew my hijab would make me feel safe. Cleo 4S

Today was a very special day because I was wearing my blue hijab for the first time. Looking in the mirror, I smiled proudly at the beautiful fabric in the shop with my mum. Instantly I saw the blue ocean hijab smiling. Evie 4JS

Joyfully, Faizah and I strolled to school, ready to take on our first day. Nervously I felt a squeeze on my hand but my blue hijab gave me confidence. Sulaiman 4JS

In the distance, a courageous traveller came riding on a midnight black horse. The traveller was wearing a red claret coat with boots up to his thighs, a French cocked hat and lace at his throat. The outlaw had a jangly sword and held an iridescent pistol in one hand and the reins of the horse in the other. Nairi 5P

The lonely, gloomy highway lit from nothing but the shining moonlight. The haunted spooky trees creaking like an elderly's joints. The occasional gust of wind. The highway was hushed waiting for trot, trot, trot of a horse. A mysterious man came riding, riding, riding up to the old inn door. Staring down at the man's every move, the moon was a secret spy. Haaris 5K

Beautifully, the stars twinkled like diamonds in a cave & shone like the sun in the sky. The wind sang peacefully to the prancing grass & the swaying trees as an ominous figure approached the inn. Who could it be but THE HIGHWAY MAN!!!. Nuwwarah 5M

The snow fell on the grey empty town, blanketing rooftops of the tall grey buildings. The mist hung over what seemed to be a ghost town. The clouds were heavy with snow & the flakes that managed to escape danced through the sky. The air was still and everything felt barren. All except one narrow alleyway. Emma 6D

Taking her glove off suddenly, she's in a whole different world. She's a doll! Now she knows where the missing children have gone..... Carmi 6D

As Alma turned around, she saw an eerie, vintage doll shop. Inside it there was a doll that looked exactly like her. She was curious because it was wearing the same exact clothes as her. So, she tried to get in and looked for entrances, she found a door and when she looked... the doll moved. Pedro 6D

Then in the distance she saw a shop with a doll inside that looked just like her. Getting more curious, she decided to go inside! Creek, went the door as she stepped inside. There was the doll right in front of her but she blinked and it was gone. Delilah 6D

Welcome to Brookland Junior School. My name is Yasmin. Don't worry year 3 is really nice. We have two really nice teachers called Mrs Alam & Mrs Huckerby. If you want some advice, my best advice would be this: Always try your best and participate in lots of games! Yasmine 3AH

Welcome to my school. My name is Sofia. How are you? Our teacher is lovely. She is so happy & helpful. She will help you a lot. You will love it in year 3. Oh and please join us at play time. There is a club called snack club. It is at play time & you bring your snack with you and anybody is allowed. You will have so much fun! Sofia 3AH



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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	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)	• 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	• 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	• 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)	• 21 October • 16 December • 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm