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This Week:

In assembly this week, we thought about our Brookland Value of Generosity and reflected on the many ways we are generous with our time, our talents, our kindness, our listening and our ideas. We realised what a powerful Value this is to help everyone feel cared for and confident. In assembly today, we learnt about **Krish Patel**, who completed **The Great British Skip**—skipping the entire length of Britain from Land's End to John O'Groats (over 1,020 miles, equivalent to 40 marathons in 40 days). We are holding our very own Brookland Skipathon on the week beginning Monday 16th November. Children will set themselves a goal for how many skips they can do in 1 minute and try to beat their goal. Let's see how many skips we can achieve at Brookland! If families would like to get sponsorship for the skipathon and donate to the charity 52Lives and the School of Kindness, we have set up a Brookland Junior page.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/52lives-brookland-junior-school?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

See attached letter and optional sponsorship form from Mr Adjudani.

In Math:

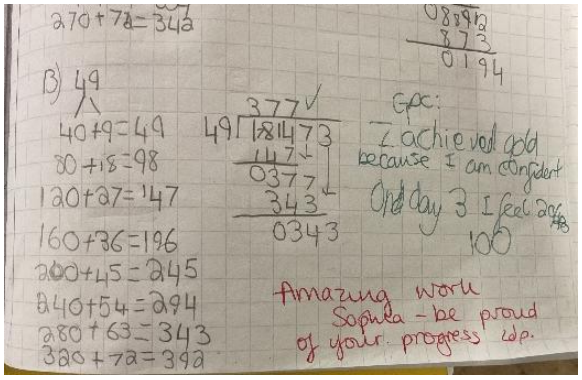
In year 6, we have been learning long division. At the beginning, we felt that we needed some help but eventually we were all confident. We learnt a helpful trick to write down the multiples of the division. Example:

10+3=13

20+6=26

30+9=39 *Until you get the Quotient.*

Indy & Sophia 6L



Sporting News:

On the 2nd November 2026, our netball team played against Kerem. As we arrived, Karmi led the stretches and when the rest of the team arrived, we did passing and shooting. After that, we got into our formations and Aaron won the rock, paper, scissors so we started. In the first quarter, we scored 2 goals and they scored 1 goal. In the second quarter we scored another 2 goals and they scored 1 goal again, 4-2. In the third quarter, we had Aaron in attack, a goal machine who got 4 goals in 6 minutes, 8-2. In the fourth quarter, we managed to get another goal and hung onto the win, 9-2. At the end of the match, we shook hands respectfully, we gave them 3 cheers, they gave us 3 cheers back. We picked their man of the match and they picked Aaron because he got 4 goals, 3 assists and he kept out most of their attempts. Aaron & Miray 6A

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Also This Week:

The New Climbing Equipment by 3AH:

We were lucky enough to be one of the first classes in the whole school to use the new playground equipment. *It was amazing fun because it was all new and my favourite thing was the climbing frame.* Sofia *Completing the obstacle course was great, tiring but great.* William *I really liked that there was a bar to hang on and it was different sizes even though my palms ached afterwards!* Musa

My favourite part was the climbing wall because it was a real stretch and skill to get on it from the other equipment. Ezra *I loved the spider web part as it was really fun climbing to the top but afterwards my hands ached!* Joey





A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO OUR BRILLIANT PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR FUND RAISING FOR THIS PROJECT FOR US TO ENJOY AND KEEP FIT

Year 3 Journey Through Art:

Throughout this unit, pupils developed their sketching skills step by step, beginning with pencil control and tonal shading before exploring hatching, cross-hatching, and the use of graded pencils. Children learned how artists create light, shadow, and texture to make drawings appear more realistic.

As their confidence grew, pupils applied these techniques to observational drawings of fruit and plants, carefully studying shape, colour, highlights, and shadows. They experimented with blending colours and layering materials, such as pastels, to create depth, texture, and form. By the end of the unit, children were able to draw from nature with increasing accuracy, using observation, shading, and blending techniques to produce detailed and realistic artwork. Mr Greenhouse







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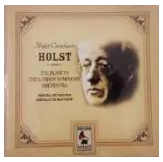
Music @ Brookland Junior School: 𝄞𝄞𝄞𝄞

This week, our Ukulele Group joined forces with the Choir as they rehearsed together for several exciting upcoming performances. The children are busy preparing for the East Finchley Christmas Tree Lighting on **28 November at 5:00 pm**, as well as our school Christmas assembly and performances at the Winter Fair.

It was wonderful to see such fantastic collaboration between the two groups, with everyone working together so enthusiastically and supporting one another. Under Alice's watchful guidance, the children demonstrated great teamwork, musical talent, and festive spirit. We look forward to sharing the results of their hard work with our school community and local audiences in the weeks ahead.



For our Year 5 unit in Music this half term we have been learning about Space music composed by different musicians like Gustav Holst and John Williams. It connects very well to our unit in Science of Space and also to our reading text, Cosmic. On Tuesday, we used our great listening skills to listen to space compositions by Gustav Holst on different planets and appraise his music. We focused our reflections on dynamic (how loud or quiet sound is) and tempo (speed of music). 5M.



In Science:

We made a "telephone" out of two cups and a string. We tied the string to both sides of the cup and spoke through it. Now we know how to make secret calls through a cup and a string. Because solid materials are better at making sound travel through them, the sound can travel from one place to another without stopping.

Another thing we made is our own instrument out of a cardboard box and some elastic bands. We put the elastic bands on the box and used it as a guitar, and all of the different sized rubber bands had different sounds. The way it works is when we vibrate the rubber band, the vibration moves the air. We also vibrated, and the eardrum catches the vibration, sends it to our brain, and our brain translates it into sound. Credits: Samuel (The Writer), Sabrina & Awstin (Reminding what we did), Ehud (Scientific Explanations) 4JS



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Donations wanted:

We are kindly asking parents if they have any of the following items that they no longer need and would be happy to donate to the school.

Small world toys:

- Animals
- Cars
- Small world people
- Small world buildings eg house, farm, fire station
- Train sets





Jewellery making materials for our lunch time club:

- Loom bands
- Clay beads
- Any other types of beads





Supporting Our Children's Wellbeing Together:

Please find attached a BICS Family Minds Workshops Invitation for dates between November 2026 - March 2027. Families are being offered a fantastic opportunity to take part in a series of free online workshops designed to support children's emotional wellbeing and mental health. These sessions have been created by BICS (Barnet Integrated Clinical Services) and aim to give parents and carers practical strategies, expert guidance and greater confidence in supporting their child's emotional development.

The workshops cover a wide range of important topics, including managing emotions, healthy sleep habits, building resilience, understanding anxiety, supporting self-esteem, navigating friendships and promoting emotional wellbeing. Sessions are delivered online during lunchtime, helping to fit around busy family and work commitments.

Whether you are looking for advice, reassurance, or new ideas to support your child through everyday challenges, these workshops offer a welcoming and supportive space to learn and connect with others. Places are free but limited, so early registration is recommended. It also includes some really helpful signposting to professional organisations that can offer help, support and advice.

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Barnet Ofsted Local Area SEND Inspection Surveys:

Inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will visit Barnet and gather evidence about how effective provision is for children and young people with SEND in the local area. This includes health, education and care services for children and young people aged 0-25 years who have any type of Special Educational Need and/or Disability (SEND) and live in the London Borough of Barnet. A new Inspection Framework was introduced in 2023.

The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get from Barnet. You can tell us by filling in a survey. What you tell us will be treated in confidence.

We want to hear from:

- Parents and carers of a child or young person with SEND
- Children and young people with SEND aged 11-25
- Practitioners working with children or young people with SEND in education, health or care services

The survey will close at **9am on Tuesday 10 November 2026.** Please complete the survey online if you can.

Click here to fill out the survey

Click here for the parent and carer survey easy read

Poppy Sale:

Year 6 will be selling poppies on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, leading up to Remembrance Day on 11th November. Poppies will be 50p while poppy keyrings and bracelets are £2 each. Children can bring their money into school and purchase them from Y6 at breaktimes.





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Here are some extracts from Big Write this week which received Gold Star today

It is suspected that it went really well at first. The dragons were asleep and each boy took a dragon. However, disaster struck when Fishlegs let out a huge sneeze. The loud noise echoed around the cave & woke up every dragon inside. Finally, the angry dragons chased them out of the cave. Elsa 4A

Currently, Hiccup didn't manage to get a dragon and the boys survived. According to sources Hiccup will train the best dragon and also Hiccup will learn dragonese. Lanny 4A

Last year, our class went to an unforgettable trip to Enchanted Land. I did enjoy it very much! We went because it was our extra-ordinary graduation trip. On the bus my friends told me that they had slept very early. I felt a mix of joy & nerves but we year 6 students were the bravest class. Zainab 5M

3 years ago, my class went to a beautiful theme park called Enchanted Land. The perfect place for a year 6 leavers trip. Happily, I went with my friends who loved the things I love, so it was fun. Firstly, I sampled the fish burgers, chips & snacks. I was excited but nervous. Tom 5P

Eventually, it was my time. He said you needed two people. So, I looked at my dad who had volunteered for the trip. He took a big deep breath & said Okay. We climbed on and they strapped us in. My dad held me tightly. Adam 5M

Yesterday, on the Isle of Berk a new group of 11-year-old boys began their initiation to become fully fledged members of the Hairy Hooligan Tribe and encountered something completely terrifying. Mia 4JS

"After I had just zoomed away from a dragon, Hiccup felt bad and gave his!" quoted Fishlegs. The boys outside are safe for now but who knows what would happen next. Samuel 4JS

It appears that all of the dragons woke up in the nursery. It is reported that the sneeze woke them up. After the dragons had woken up, the boys had to run as fast as cheetahs. Next, the boys had to jump off the cliff into freezing ice-cold water. Maria 4JS

The lives of children in The United Kingdom during The Second World War (1935-1945) were marked by profound upheaval involving the fear of air raids, separation from their families & participation in the war effort. Amir 6D

Some host families are heart-warming and others are mean. If you stay in a kind host family, you can get warm food, no chores, comfy bed, nothing that make you want to leave straight away. If you have a mean host family, you might do chores, they might be a bit aggressive and have cold food and a scratchy bed. Zenobia 6D

Nearly 10000 women, including code breakers and "Bombe" Machine operators worked in top secret conditions at Bletchley Park and its outstations to decode enemy messages. OVER 64000 WOMEN IN UNFIORM. Jessica 6D

Secular view means a non-religious world view. Something new I thought today is that the Big Bang Theory is from the scientific world made by God. River 5P

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Next Week:

Monday 9th November: Diwali Assembly led by 6A

Tuesday 10th November: NHS Nasal Flu Vaccination (catch up day)

Tuesday 10th November 4pm-7pm: Parents Consultation – Deadline to book your appointment is Monday 9th November.

Wednesday 11st November: Reading Group to share Mr Men and Little Miss books with Elephant Class

Thursday 12th November: Year 3 Circus Workshop in school

Thursday 12th November a.m.: Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Team Tournament

Thursday 12nd November4pm-7pm: Parents Consultation – Deadline to book your appointment is Monday 9th November.

Friday 13rd November 9.15: 6L WW2 & Remembrance Assembly; parents warmly invited and please stay for coffee if you can.

Further Ahead: Week of 16th November is Anti-Bullying Week – Break the Silence Focus

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Skipathon Week to raise money for Anti-Bullying Cause

Monday 16th November: Wear Odd Socks if you would like to

Monday 16th November p.m.: Netball Team Tournament

Monday 16th November p.m.: Anti-bullying workshop for year 3 & 4

Tuesday 17th November 9:00-10:00am: SEN Coffee Morning for parents in the Library

Tuesday 17th November 06:00-08:00am: Full Governing Body Meeting in Infant School Hall

Wednesday 18th November: Holocaust Talk to year 6 by ex-parent Louise Forman

Wednesday 18th November p.m.: Anti-bullying workshop for year 5 & 6

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	92.0%	94.29%	99.26%	89.35%	95.33%	94.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.20%	94.29%	98.89%	99.35%	99.67%	99.33%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	96.67%	90.32%	93.67%	96.67%	97.14%	88.28%	**93.98%**
PUNCTUALITY%	99.33%	99.03%	97.0%	97.0%	96.43%	99.31%	**98.33%**

Well done to **3G** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4JS** for having the highest 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	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	• 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	• 9 December • 10 February 2027	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	• 16 December • 17 February 2027	4pm to 7pm