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This Week:

In assembly this week we heard from our fabulous new PA team all about the plans for the Winter Fair this year and how we can all help to make it a great success for fundraising and a very special community day for everyone- thank you for all you have already done to prepare for our big day and to all the parents who have already offered their help. Our assemblies this week focused on themes for anti- bullying week. We thought together about Breaking the Silence, how we are defenders speaking out and not bystanders and the power of words both to be kind and to cause harm. Every class took part in the 52 Lives of Kindness Skippathon Challenge which was great fun as well as helping raise the profile of this charity. Thank you to everyone who was able to support with fundraising too. Every class engaged really thoughtfully with the memorable workshops delivered by Body and Soul Education funded by the children's mental health charity Beyond and we put together class murals to share what we have learnt this week. We enjoyed sharing these as a whole school this afternoon. We enjoyed celebrating differences with our odd socks too!

The Anti-Bullying Workshop was a fun & educational experience for everyone in Brookland. It helped us to understand the effects of bullying and how you can stop it. They presented in a fun way where we understood & learnt something new. Averie & Adem 5P

In PSHE, we learnt about antibullying week & we learnt how to break the silence for example: Stand up for people, say sorry, be a kind friend to each other and to the teachers! Simran 4S

First, we all stood up & played an action game. When we put our hands on our heads. We had to say "Think of your emotions!" finally, when we spread our arms out, we had to say "Share your emotions!" After that activity, children held up the zones of regulation: Green, Red, Yellow & Blue. Every time, someone held up a sign, we had to make that emotion on our face.

Green: Go ***Blue: Rest***

Yellow: Slow Down ***Red: Stop***

Then William leading the workshop, held up his apple friend. His apple friend had a face but didn't have a name. We made a very long name for him! The apple was shy & every time we would shout, the apple hid away. First of all, we said nice things & then we said mean things but the apple's face never changes. Finally, we saw a picture of when he cut the apple open & saw it was all brown & mouldy inside from the mean things. We all really enjoyed the experience. Lira & Marley 4JS

We went onto the top playground and we were all given a skipping rope. We had a bit of time to practise skipping then Mrs Alam put 1 minute on the timer and we had to try to skip as many times as possible in a minute. It was hard because we had to count our own skips at the same time.

I had never skipped before and I thought I would only be able to do 2 skips in the minute but I surprised myself and did 36 skips. Gil *I set myself a target of 20 skips so on my practise run I got 27 then the second time I got 28 and finally I smashed it with 35 skips in a minute!* Hugo *I really like skipping and find it easy, I was able to complete 33 skips in a minute and I was really proud of myself!* Dua









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Our netballers have been really busy this week competing in a tournament and a league match. Thank you to Mr Adjudani for coaching the squad with such dedication and for all he does for Brookland sports and PE. Thank you to parents for helping with transporting and cheering us on and well done to the squad for representing Brookland with super teamwork, impressive skills and a great attitude.

On Monday 16th November, our netball team participated in a netball tournament. In the first match we won 1-0. In the second match we won 5-0. In the third match, we won 8-0. In fourth match, we won 4-0. That made us qualify for the semi-finals, where we won 4-3. Into the finals where Martin Primary won 1-0.

On Thursday 19th November 2026, we played Holy Trinity in a competitive match. In the first quarter, we were winning 5-0. In the second quarter, we were winning 10-0 in 12 minutes only. After that, it was decided to end the match. Miray & Aaron 6A

Holocaust Speaker

Year 6 were visited by Louise Forman, a former parent, who shared her family's story during the Holocaust. They listened attentively and respectfully as Louise shared her grandfather's (Bob) journey from his home town in Poland, through concentration camps and then to the Lake District. During his journey he showed great strength, determination and bravery: he didn't give up. His greatest achievement his family and Louise shared with us was how kind he was for the rest of his life. The timing during Anti-bullying week was perfect for Year 6 and reinforced the importance of tolerance, kindness and making a difference for others. 6D

Life in WW2 was really challenging for many groups of people but especially during the Holocaust. The Jewish people went through a horrific experience. Eileen *Life was really unfair for the Jewish people living in certain parts of Europe. People were treated inhumanely. We need to hope it will never happen again.* Sia *Louise's talk helped me understand more what people went through.* Eitan *Her talk was meaningful and helped me appreciate what we have.* Jiya *We shouldn't let hardships stop us: Bob's story taught me that.* Emma

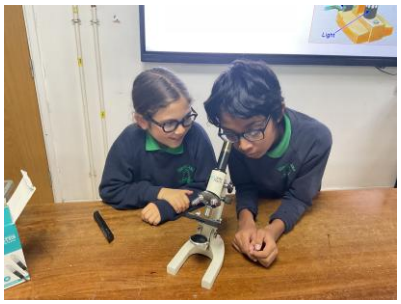


Our Visit to Christ's College:

At Christ's College: *we went for a science classification lesson. A nice teacher welcomed us and gave us a tour to the science room. When we sat down the teacher handed us worksheets which had some questions about classification. We learnt about MRS GREN and while the teacher was going through the slides we were filling out the worksheets. We got put into groups and got handed microscopes & glass slides with types of fungi on. We gently put the slides on the microscopes and inspected what was on them. After a fun lesson of microscopes, we headed back to school.*

Jansu & Indy 6L







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Brookland's Magical Winter Village, Saturday 5 December, 12–4pm

Our PA Winter Fair is back, bigger and more magical than ever!

Join us at school for Santa's Grotto, the Elves' Workshop, the Reindeer Run, funfair rides, Makers' Row, the Snowflake Café, a Christmas tree sale and lots more.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children. Book now:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/brooklands-magical-winter-village .
Every penny raised goes back into our school. We are fund raising for air conditioning for the hall and as many other spaces as we can!

We can't wait to see you there!



Diamond Jubilee, our 75th Anniversary Celebration:

Next year is a milestone year for Brookland Infant and Junior Schools - we are turning 75 and we're going to celebrate! More information will follow for plans to mark the important birthday with children and school families. We are also organising a fundraising event for Brookland's 75 years of alumni, and asking any professional events planners, fundraisers or related experts in these fields if you're able to help by volunteering your skills. We are forming an organising committee of professionals and won't ask too much of your time, but if this is you, please let us know if you can help by emailing governors Lucy Tobin and Sophie Diner at:
brookland75@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk

Olive Dining:

At Olive Dining, our catering team is always looking for ways to improve and ensure they are providing the very best, tastiest and most enjoyable food for our children. They would love to hear your feedback as parents and carers to help them understand what is working well and where improvements could be made. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and share your thoughts. The survey will be open for **two weeks**, and you can access it by either scanning the QR code below or clicking the link provided. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and help us make lunchtime even better! Survey Link



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Well Done & Congratulations:

I am delighted to share some wonderful news about Maya and her recent achievements in dance!
She recently competed in the Grand Finals Ballroom and Latin Championship in Blackpool, achieving fantastic results:
* Latin: 2nd place – becoming the UK Vice-Champion in her age category.
* Ballroom: 3rd place – earning the title of UK 2nd Vice-Champion in her age category.
Even more impressively, Maya competed in five different dance categories against 70 other girls and reached the final in every single one of them!
We are incredibly proud of her hard work, dedication, determination and passion for dancing. These results are a reflection of all the time and effort she has put into her training.



Toby L and River R in 5P were both selected for the London Youth Games Cross Country event last Saturday, after winning Barnet's Cross-Country meet. Over 2000 participants represented their London boroughs, and the boys ran for Barnet, both crossing the line in under 7 minutes.



Can you help?

We would like to make even more use of our fabulous library throughout the school week. To do this, we really need some more adult help with organising, tidying, managing the data base, signing out and in of books and cataloguing new or donated books. If you might be able to help or have another family member who could give some time, either as a one off or regularly, please would you email Miss Davies on reading@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net.
Thank you



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BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

Are very pleased to welcome upcoming Autistic guest online speakers:

- Tigger Prichard: The impact of demands upon Neurodivergent Individuals (Autistic, ADHD, AuDHD)
- Dean Beadle: Q&A Sessions for Parents/Carers & Professionals
- Emma Marriott on Perfectionism

Please see attached flyer for details on how to sign up

BICS Family Minds Workshops:

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.

Next Week:

Monday 23rd November: 6D cooking for DT project

Tuesday 24th November 9am: 6A WW2 Class Assembly; parents warmly invited and please stay for coffee if you can.

Thursday 26th November: Year 4 visit to The Natural History Museum

Thursday 26th November: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football Team & Girls' Football Team matches vs Chalgrove at Chalgrove School

Friday 27th November am: Year 5 & 6 Mixed Football Team Tournament at Compton Power League

Further Ahead:

Monday 30th November: 6L cooking all day

Monday 30th November: Year 5/6 Mixed Match @ King Alfred

Wednesday 2nd December: Year 5 Wonder Dome Space Topic Workshop

Thursday 3rd December 9:00am: Headteacher's Tour for prospective parents

Friday 4th December: Crazy Hair Day – Wear your own clothes for £1.00 towards the Winter Fair set up costs

Friday 4th December 3:15pm: Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team match vs Deanbrook @ Christ's College's pitch

Saturday 5th December 12- 4pm WINTER FAIR – Look out for instructions & flyers coming from PA

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

Year 5 have been writing desert descriptions as part of their work on the book Cosmic. Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying creating their own dragons inspired by How to Train your Dragon and Year 3 have been choosing a country to research and publishing fascinating reports about their findings.

The blazing searing sun drifted across the parched cracked golden horizon. The grains of sand scratched against their skin. Alessandro 5P

In the desolate landscape, the sultry sand swept around the purple mountains wrapping itself like a present. The howling wind roamed in the travelers' ears & scattered searing sand everywhere, blocking people's vision. The blazing sun smiled upon the barren landscape. Nairi 5P

My dragon has sharp teeth. My dragon has big wings. My dragon has prickly spines. My dragon has a long tail. My dragon has short forearms. Ilan 4JS

Tremendous terrifying tail: perfect for smacking things, Terrifying, dangerous teeth: perfect for eating & biting. Maya 4A

The Rasecty looks adorable for people but the biggest dragons fear it most of all. It has a blood sucking & poisonous bite. A Terrible titanic tail: cool for showing off. Ivana 4A

Flaming hot fire: great for cooking fish. Hard heavy horns: good for crashing on opponents. Oscar 4JS

The wicked, wild, wide wings: great for tricking enemies. The tremendous, titanic, toxic tail: perfect to whip enemies. The hooked, horrendous hazardous horns: good to slice prey. The cutting yellow crooked claws: great for stabbing prey and enemies. The emerald, eerie enormous evil and exotic eyes: good to look at people sadly. Hania 4JS

England has lots of small mammals living in the wild. Such as bats, hedgehogs and grey squirrels. England's largest mammal is the red deer. Ava 3B

Fun Facts: Did you know England is part of the United Kingdom? It borders Wales & Scotland. Approximately 57 million people live there. Idris S 3B

Great Ghana: *Over 70 different native languages and major dialects are spoken whilst English is the main official language.* Shu`Ayb 3AH

Joyful Japan: *Japan is known for its entertainment. Japan has lots of cartoons. I am sure we all know Pokeman well. It's from Japan and also it has bullet trains.* Musa 3AH

Incredible India: *Can you imagine living a country with more people than any other country. India is a country in Asia. Its capital city is New Delhi.* Dua 3AH

Beaming Brilliant Brazil: *Brazil football men's national team has some of the best players in the world like Ronaldo, Nazario, Ronaldinho, Romario, Pele, Zico, Garrincha, Dunga, Kaka and Neymar Jr. Brazil is the most successful team in the world with winning 5 World Cups.* *Rafael 3AH*

Awesome Israel: *There are lots of delicious foods in Israel like falafel, which is fried vegetable balls served in pita and hummus. Another popular snack is bamia, well-known peanut butter puffs.* Gill 3AH

"Anyone brought water bottles?" questioned Liam? There was no answer. "Well then, we are dead!" Jayden 5K

The wind made the sand gently shift off the ground into our stinging salty eyes. I could taste the crunchy sand in my dry mouth. Lila 5K

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November

Class	3AH	3B	3G	4A	4JS	4S
ATTENDANCE%	96.0%	94.29%	97.04%	90.67%	95.33%	95.67%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.6%	95.24%	95.93%	98.67%	99.67%	98.67%

Class	5K	5M	5P	6A	6D	6L	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	99.33%	87.10%	93.0%	95.0%	98.21%	95.52%	**94.60%**
PUNCTUALITY%	96.67%	99.03%	98.0%	97.67%	95.0%	98.62%	**97.57%**

Well done to **5K** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **4JS** for having the highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake

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)	• 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	• 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