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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the halfway point of the half term, it's clear that the children are working very hard and showing our Brookland values in action on a daily basis. The impact of their learning is evident, and we are proud of the effort they are putting in each day. This stage of the term can be challenging, with shorter days and the shift in weather, and we know the

children are feeling it. Your support at home continues to play a vital role, and we greatly appreciate it.

Brookland is a strong and thriving community, made so by our children, our staff and our wonderful parent body.

Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

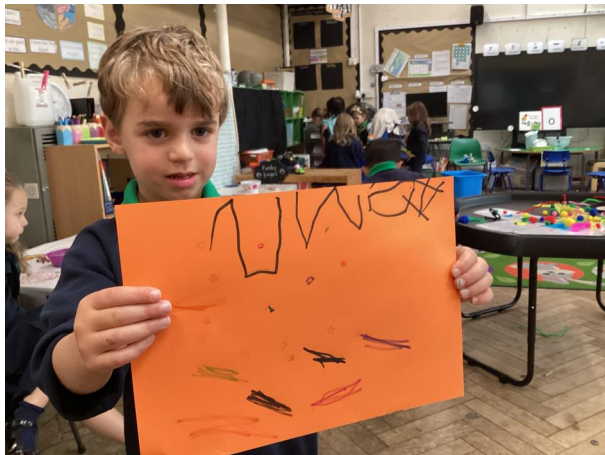
Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.







MATHS LO: To compare numbers. 2.10.25

~~2 < 4~~
 2 < 4
~~6 < 5~~
 6 > 5
 16 > 6
 6 > 4
 16 > 5
 5 > 4
 8 > 6
 7 > 1
 8 > 5
 5 > 1
 7 > 5
 6 > 1
 2 < 5

Challenge 3

What is the missing number?

Help Ting to choose a number from the track.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Is there more than one answer?

Challenge 2

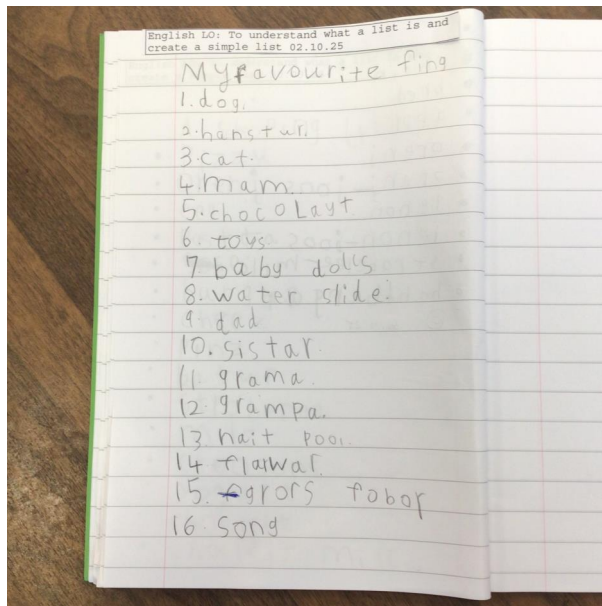
Ting is practising using the words "fewer", "more" and "same".

Which sentence is correct?

There are more cars than balls.
 There are fewer strawberries than balls.
 There are the same number of cars as cakes.

Correct the mistakes.





Harvest Class Assembly

Well done to the Giraffe class who entertained us all with a lovely class assembly this morning all about Harvest. You have set the bar high for the other classes when it is their turn to do their class Assembly.

PA Event: Fireworks Night



The Brookland Infant School Parents Association is delighted to announce that Fireworks Night 2025 tickets are now on sale! We can't wait to welcome all of our Brookland families, friends and local residents to the school grounds for another spectacular event on Saturday, 8 November, from 4-6pm.

Tickets can be purchased online here: <https://tktp.as/EMDULM>.

We'll have fun-filled games and activities, music, amazing food and drinks, lots of socialising and of course, FIREWORKS! A call for volunteers to help run the event will go out via your class reps shortly.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be a CASHLESS event. Tickets MUST be purchased online in advance. Tokens will be available to purchase for use at all activity stalls and for food (NOT including the bar or raffle tickets). Card payments will be accepted throughout.

- **Gates open at 4PM.**
- **Fireworks at approx. 5:45PM.**

****All guests must enter at the Hill Top gate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No one will be permitted without a ticket, including volunteers.****

NOTE: Photos and video will be taken of the event for use on our BISPA social media pages or other marketing material.

We look forward to seeing you there!

All the best,

BISPA

Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust is exploring ways to improve the under-used space to the west of Central Square, behind the tennis courts. This consultation seeks the views of residents and other users of the Square on a set of early ideas for how the space might be enhanced. These proposals are exploratory, and your feedback will help shape the next stage of planning.

Please take a look at our three themed concepts and site plan via the link and tell us what you think. Your feedback will help shape the future of this shared space.

www.hgstrust.org/csqcon

The deadline for responses is 31 October 2025.

School Gates

Please can I ask that any of the school gates are not propped open at all by parents and carers at the beginning or the end of the day.

General Gate Etiquette

- Please do not buzz to enter the school grounds for end of day collection before 2:55pm.

Infant Main Gate Opening Times:

- *Nursery: Opens from 2:55pm for 3:00pm collection*
- *Reception, Year 1 and 2: Gate is open from 3:00pm*

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment between 2:30pm - 2:55pm, please DO NOT WALK UP THE PLAYGROUND. Please walk around via (no car access) up the driveway/carpark and use the top gate near the infant school office and provide proof of the appointment in order for us to authorise the absence.

Juniors Gates

- There is no access via Juniors between **9:00am and 3:00pm daily** to Infant Parents/Carers. *If you are collecting or dropping off your nursery child between 11:30am-12:30pm, you must come through the Infant Gates only.* There is no access via the Junior Gates (including the field gates) between 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Thank you.

Request



We are looking to extend our collection of small pots of playdough to support learning across the school. If you are able to donate a pot or two, it would be greatly appreciated and will be put to good use in classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Parking Complaint

Please can we remind everyone to please **NOT PARK ACROSS RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS WITH DROPDOWN KERBS!** This obstructs the owner's access and creates a hazard to pedestrians. It is against the law and classed as a parking contravention that can result in a penalty notice. We have had some complaints from residents.

We also had a message to say that some parents were verbally aggressive at each other over parking in front of the children, at the end of the day, which is very upsetting to hear.

Individual and Sibling Photos

Apologies for the late notice that the photographer wasn't coming in on Wednesday. We have been able to reschedule for next *Thursday, 9th October*. Sibling photos can be taken

before school only, between **8:00am and 8:45am** in the Infant school hall. All other individual photos will be taken during the school day.

Food Bank Aid Donations for Harvest



Thank you for all the donations we have already received. Hopefully we will be able to double it by next Friday. We are collecting for a Food Bank Aid, who delivers your donations to food banks across North London. They need our support this year more than ever. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 3!

Volunteering in School

If you would like to be a parent volunteer in school then we would like to welcome you!

Parent volunteers at our school bring with them a range of skills and experience that can enhance the learning opportunities for the children at our school.

Volunteering usually involves working with and helping a class (not your own child's class or year group) by listening to children read, working with a small group or general help in the classroom all under the direction of the class teacher.

There will be a short meeting on **Wednesday 22nd October at 9:00am** in the dining hall with Mrs Hurst who will explain things in more detail.

Spares Donation

We are running low on spare underwear, socks, knickers, and pants (we have lots of tights) for children to change into at school. If you have any outgrown items in sizes 4/5, 5/6, or 6/7, we'd really appreciate your donations.

500 BBC Word Competition



We are excited to share that the BBC's 500 Words Competition is back! This brilliant competition gives children the chance to write their very own story of up to 500 words on any theme they like. It can be funny, magical, adventurous, or mysterious, it's completely up to them! Stories are judged on imagination and creativity, not spelling or grammar, so every child can have a go.

The competition is open now and entries must be submitted online by **Friday 8th November 2024** via the official BBC 500 Words website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>
There are fantastic prizes to be won, and all children who enter will receive a certificate for their efforts.

We would love to see as many of our children as possible take part, so get those imaginations whirring and happy story writing!

Attendance Data

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Attendance for week beginning 29th September 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 90.8%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 95% Dolphin class: 94.72% Panda class: 90%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 94.67% Elephant class: 93% Penguin class: 99.33%

Giraffe class: 96.35% Hedgehog class: 97.99% Owl class: 96.25%

Well done to the **Turtle Class** for the highest attendance this week in EYFS.

Well done to the **Penguin Class** for the highest attendance this week in KS1.

Tree outside Swim Tank

We have received some reports of infant children swinging on the branches of the tree outside Swim Tank. We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children attending or waiting for swimming lessons do not climb the tree, as it would be a shame if anyone were to get hurt or the tree were to be damaged. Thank y

Brookland Values





RESPECT



TOLERANCE

Nut-Free School (this also includes after school clubs)



We would like to remind all parents and carers that our school is strictly *nut free* in order to keep children with severe nut allergies safe. This includes items such as peanut puffs, hazelnut spread biscuits or dip pots, and other products containing nuts, including pesto, Nutella and Bamba snacks.

While nut allergies are not airborne, there is a significant risk from traces left on hands, play equipment, or classroom surfaces, which could cause a serious reaction in children with allergies.

We also kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing items are brought onto the school site at any time, including at pick-up. We have recently noticed parents offering pistachios as a snack at the end of the day, but unfortunately these are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in helping us keep every child safe.

Dates for Your Diary

October

Thursday 9th Photo Day - (8.00 -8.45a.m. Sibling Photos)

Friday 10th 9.15 a.m. Y2 Performance Assembly

Wednesday 15th 9.00 a.m. English workshop for parents/carers

Thursday 16th 11.00 a.m. Reading buddies (information only)

Friday 17th 9.15 a.m. Elephant Class Assembly: Diwali

Friday 17th 2.00 p.m. SEND coffee and chat

Monday 20th 9.00 a.m. Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Tuesday 21st 9.00 a.m. Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Friday 24th Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1 and Y2

Friday 24th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

HALF TERM Monday 27th – Friday 31st

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