Brookland Infant and Nursery School 17/10/2025

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy but thoroughly enjoyable week this week. The children have taken part in a range of fun and enriching activities, and it's been a joy to see their enthusiasm and energy. We hope that the parents/carers who attended the English workshop and the parents/carers who attended the BICS workshop found it useful. With just one more week to go before a well-deserved break, I'd like to thank everyone who has already contributed to the termly donations. I'm always grateful for the generosity of our parent community, your support makes a real difference. When we work together, we achieve the very best for the children.

Brenda McCafferty

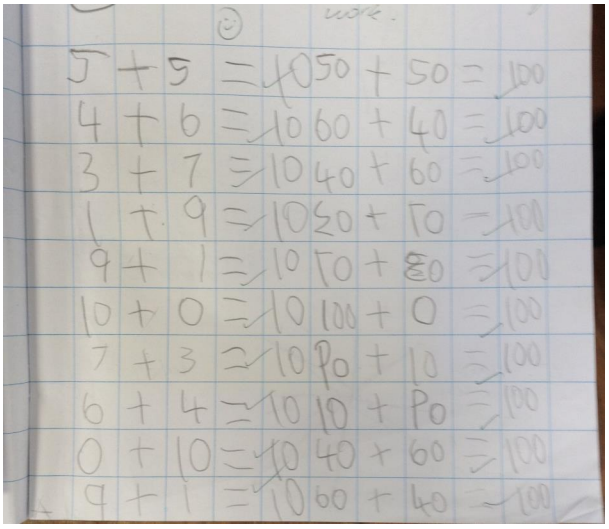
Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.

Fiction books



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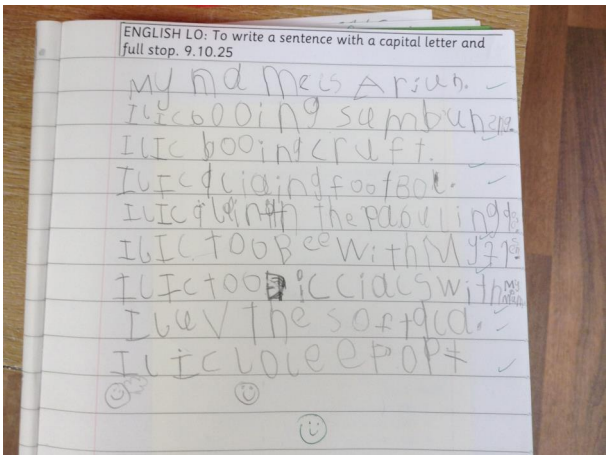
9	+	1	=	10	70	+	20	= 100
10	+	0	=	10	100	+	0	= 100
7	+	3	=	10	90	+	10	= 100
6	+	4	=	10	10	+	90	= 100
0	+	10	=	10	40	+	60	= 100
9	+	1	=	10	60	+	40	= 100

The Snow Lambs
Pirates
Little Red

Long
Longer
Longest
Short
Shorter
Shortest

Kit for Kids

ENGLISH



Thank you

We'd like to extend a big thank you to our wonderful PA for the new tables in Year 1. The children absolutely love them! They've brought such a buzz of excitement to the classroom, and we've already noticed the children working even harder than normal and producing some fabulous work. It's amazing to see how something as simple as a new learning furniture can make such a big difference. Thank you for your generosity and continued support in helping our children thrive! I would like to thank James and Eric, our site manager and assistant caretaker for putting all tables together and for the Y6 children who helped switching all the tables over.

Elephant Class Assembly

What a lovely start to our Friday morning. The Elephants entertained us all with some lovely singing, dancing and acting this morning. We all thoroughly enjoyed your Diwali Assembly. We hope that everyone celebrating Diwali has a wonderful time spending it with loved ones.

Foodbank Donations

Fire Alarm

We held our termly fire drill practice this week, and it went exceptionally well. We were extremely impressed with how quickly, calmly, and sensibly all the children evacuated the building. Everyone followed instructions beautifully, and it was wonderful to see such a responsible and mature response from all classes. Well done to everyone for making the drill such a smooth and successful exercise!

School Council Meeting

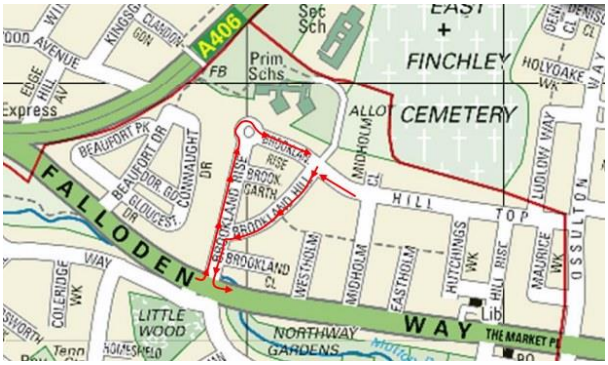
During their first school council meeting of the year the children from Year 1 and Year 2 introduced themselves to each other. I talked to the children about what their role was as part of the School Council. I discussed with them how they might improve the learning environment and what changes they may want to see in the school. Next week we will be brain storming ideas.

Mrs Ribak (PSHE leader)

Parking

We've had a complaint from a resident that some parents/carers are parking on the Midholm Close, which is private property and no one should be parking there. Thank you.

Voluntary One-Way System



Please can we remind everyone there is a voluntary one-way system in place to help ease the congestion at drop off and pick up times. Please see the image which shows you exactly how the voluntary one-way system works. If you have other people helping with drop off or pick up please could you inform them of the one-way system as well please. Thank you

Next week will be Dinner Menu 2!

When is Sick too Sick for School?

A parent has asked if we can please include the NHS guidance for when a child is too sick for school so please see the link for this below.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Fireworks Night

Lettings

School Hall Available for Hire

Looking for the perfect venue for your next event? Our versatile school hall is available to hire for community events, fitness classes, performances, meetings, private functions and more.

Featuring ample space, lots of natural light and on-site parking, it's an ideal setting for gatherings.

Enquire today to check availability and secure your date!

To Book:

- Email schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk for a booking form and letting guidelines
- Check your requested date is available and wait for us to confirm if it is free to book.
- Complete the forms once a date has been selected as soon as possible so you do not miss out. You will be sent an invoice with the costs and what is to be paid.

- Costs: £50 deposit to secure the date, £148 to be paid 3 weeks before your event. Total Cost: £198
- ***Please note: The hall booking times for the weekend are 10:30am-1:30pm only.***

Y2 Swimming Contributions

Thank you to all the Y2 parents and carers who have already made their swimming contributions for this year.

We unfortunately still have **35 outstanding payments**, and as school budgets are very tight, these contributions are essential in helping us cover the costs of the swimming sessions. We do not want to get to a point where we wont be able to afford to offer this opportunity for our children. If you haven't yet paid, please log onto Arbor and go to 'activities' and click on 'trips open to your child'. There you will find swimming for Year 2 - Autumn term 2025 and when you click on there it will take you to another page where in the top right hand corner there will be a green box saying 'sign up for trip' and when you click this it will give you the option to make your payment. Thank you so much.

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.

Zones of Regulations Workshop

Zones of Regulation parent workshop – Thursday 6th November at 9:00 a.m. in the hall

At school we use the Zones of Regulation to help all children to identify their emotions and to learn how to manage their behaviour when experiencing different emotions. This is called self-regulation. We provide the children with a range of strategies and 'tools' that they can use independently.

Ms Gross will be leading this workshop to share with you information about the Zones of Regulation and how you can use this at home as well as at school to support your child. This will be suitable for all parents and carers from Nursery to Year 2**.**

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 13th October 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 96.36%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 91.83% Dolphin class:97.17 % Panda class:93.48%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 99.26% Elephant class: 93.1% Penguin class: 98.89%

Giraffe class: 96.83% Hedgehog class: 98.89% Owl class: 96.46%

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

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

Makaton Monday

At Brookland, along with many mainstream schools, we use Makaton to support all children to develop communication, language and literacy skills. It also supports inclusion, as children with and without language difficulties can communicate with each other, learn and play together more easily. Makaton does not replace the spoken word but is used alongside the spoken word.

Each week on a Monday the children are introduced to a new sign or signs. These will be shared with parents and carers via the website. We have started with familiar key words and phrases that the staff and children use on a daily basis such as 'good morning/afternoon,

playtime, my turn, help, please and thank you’. We hope that the children will share with you at home the signs they have been learning and that you will be able to practice these together as a family.

Each week we upload a short video onto the website to demonstrate the 'sign of the week'. The videos can be found by typing 'Makaton Monday' into the search bar.

We hope you all have fun learning the new signs each week.

Lost Property

We currently have a large number of items in our lost property box. These will be displayed in the wooden house on the top playground next Monday and Tuesday (weather permitting) for you to look through and hopefully reclaim any missing belongings.

There are also many unnamed water bottles, which will be available to check as well.

Please ensure that all of your child’s clothing and water bottles are clearly labelled with their name so we can return lost items directly to them in the future.

Brookland Values

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 nuts, cashew nuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, 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 children with nuts as a snack to eb consumed during their afterschool club activities.

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

Notice Regarding School Gates

FOR SAFETY REASONS

PLEASE DO NOT PROP THE GATE OPEN!

Infant Main Gate Opening Times:

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

Reminder: Between 9:00am -3:00pm, there is no access for Nursery or Infant parents to walk across the Juniors Playground.

HGSRA Half Term Halloween Children's Party

Dates for Your Diary

October

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)

Wednesday 22nd 9.00 a.m. Volunteering in School Meeting for parents and carers

Thursday 23rd 9.30 a.m. -11.00 a.m. Supporting positive relationships and behaviour at home (online)

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

November

Thursday 6th 9.00 a.m. Zones of regulation workshop for parents and carers

Thursday 6th 11.30 a.m. Child's Voice meeting (information only) Saturday 8th

PA EVENT: FIREWORKS NIGHT 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday 10th Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 12th 9.00 a.m. Maths workshop for parents/carers

Friday 14th Children in Need

Friday 14th Height & Weight measurement for Reception

Tuesday 18th Inclusion Day (It's good to be me) (information only)

Monday 17th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 18th Governing Body meeting (information only)

Thursday 20th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday 21st 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat

Monday 24th 9.15 a.m. Y2 Performance Assembly

Tuesday 25th 9.00 a.m. Chatty children workshop for parents and carers

Friday 28th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

Contact Us

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