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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school, the children learned all about Anti-Bullying Week during assembly. We talked about how important it is to speak up if someone is being unkind, not just if it happens to us, but also if we see it happening to someone else. The children shared some lovely ideas about kindness and looking after each other.

On Tuesday, each YR, Y1 and Y2 class also took part in a minute's silence to mark Remembrance Day, showing great respect and understanding. In assembly, we talked about why we remember this day, using child-friendly language to help the children understand its importance.

Year 2's workshop also took place this week as part of their 'Sensational Safari' unit. Each class had a session learning and playing on the African Drums, along with other instruments and singing. Photos can be seen below of the sessions through the day.

I hope everyone has been able to sign up for a parent teacher consultation slot. If not please log onto Arbor to do this or speak to the office as they can book it in for you as well.

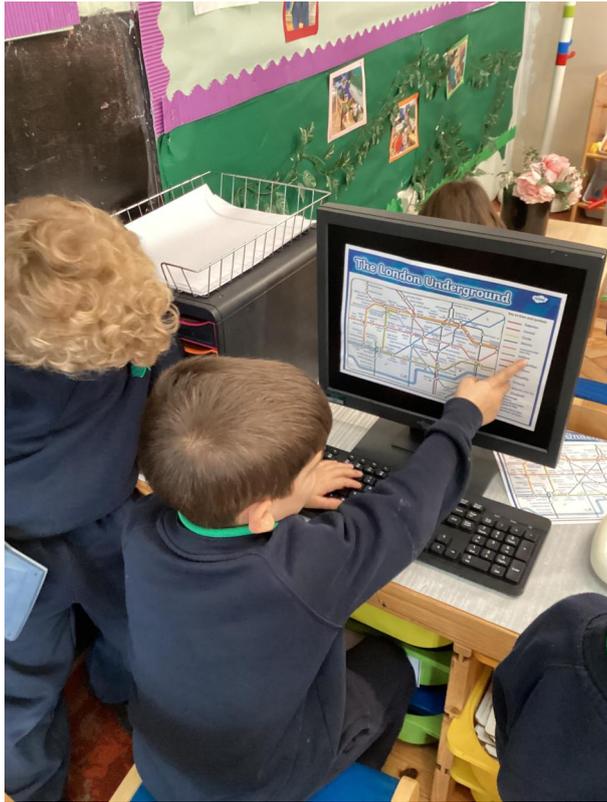
Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.







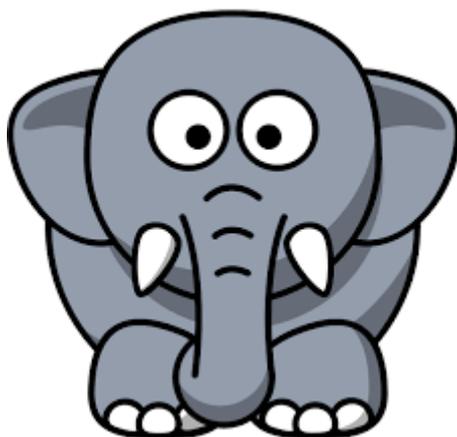






Gold Book

The children have all worked very hard this week, but the following children's work has been celebrated this week in Gold Book Assembly. Well done to all these children.



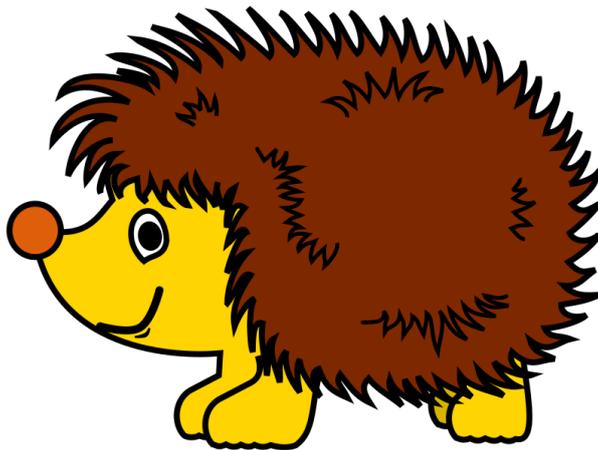
1. Amira, for your incredible work in Maths with subtraction.
 2. Rex for your fantastic listening and participation in all lessons.
- Play Expert: Milan, for being a supportive and patient friend



1. Romeo, for trying so hard this week in his learning to challenge himself - even when feeling tired! And for following the rules and not being distracted. Well Done!
 2. Alayna, for always being a superstar and setting a great example. Also for speaking up for herself and resolving a disagreement sensibly. Great work!
- Play Expert: Liliana for always following the playground rules and playing nicely with her friends.



1. Alona for always following golden rules and putting effort into her school work.
 2. Samuel, for actively participating in class discussions and sharing his ideas with the class.
- Play Expert: Amal, for always following the playground rules and playing nice games with her friends.



1. Ira, for always challenging herself in Maths and helping others too.
 2. Ethan, for always focusing whatever he is doing and working to the best of his ability.
- Play Expert: Leila, for playing with her friends so nicely and being kind and gentle with others.



1. Isabella, for her wonderful retelling of the Bojabi Tree. Isabella used story language and was super confident.
 2. Della, for trying so hard in her retelling of the story of the Bojabi Tree.
- Play Expert: Toby, for being a kind friend and always following the playground rules.



1. Jude, for his amazing work in our African drumming workshop. He worked hard and showed good listening while playing the drum.
 2. Michael, for his great work in English. He did a wonderful job of retelling the magic Bojabi Tree and drawing a story map.
- Play Expert: Deniz, for following the golden rules.

Child's Voice Meeting

Last week, during our Y1 and Y2 Child's Voice meeting, children from both year groups mixed together into new groups to share their thoughts on a chosen topic about school life. This is

something we do every half term. This time the topic was self-regulation and calming spaces in the school. The discussion focused on how children manage their emotions and where they go when they need time to calm down. We were very impressed with the answers children gave. Many children said they currently use the book corner or home corner, while others mentioned places like the playground bench, under a tree, or even the toilet when they need quiet time. When feeling overwhelmed, children described emotions such as anger, sadness, and loneliness, and physical reactions like headaches or fast breathing. Almost all agreed that having a dedicated calming spot in class would help them feel more comfortable, able to think clearly, and better regulated. Their ideas for what to include in this space were thoughtful and creative. Their suggestions included soft cushions, blankets, fidget toys, calming pictures, music, and soft lighting, showing how much importance they place on feeling safe, calm, and supported in their learning environment. As a school we are now looking to see how we can implement all the suggestions in the classrooms.

Reporting Absences Due to Illness

If your child is unwell, please make sure to let us know the reason when you phone or email the school, rather than just saying that your child is “unwell.” This helps us record absences accurately in our register and monitor any illnesses that may be going around. If your child has something contagious, such as hand, foot and mouth disease or chickenpox, please let us know so we can inform other parents if needed and take appropriate measures to keep everyone healthy. Thank you.

Next week will be Dinner Menu 2!

Fireworks Night and Prize List

I wanted to say a huge well done and thank you to the PA who organised such a successful Fireworks Night last Saturday. It was so lovely seeing so many smiles whilst watching the sky light up. Someone told me on their way out that they love this event as it symbolises how amazing the Brookland community is. Every year I am so grateful and in awe how volunteers can organise such an amazing event for 1,000 people. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to come and help out.

BROOKLAND FIREWORKS NIGHT 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

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| KEF Mu7 Wireless Headphones (£349) | blue 851 |
| 5 days at Rising Stars February Half Term camp (£220) *2 WINNERS* | yellow 391 / yellow 348 |
| Complimentary Creative Consult with MK Interiors (£210) | blue 502 |
| One Term of Playball (£160) | yellow 357 |
| 1x Easter Week Camp @ KidzKabin (Forest School) (£160) *2 WINNERS* | white 101 / green 586 |
| Dental Hygiene Appt. w/ Dr. Lessani, Harley Street (£150) | yellow 324 |
| Dinner for 2 @ Tokri Restaurant (£100) | green 508 |
| Complimentary Facial @ Aura Aesthetics (£100) | blue 715 |
| 1:1 session at Pilates on the Green (£75) *2 WINNERS* | green 347 / white 337 |
| Amaretto Restaurant Golders Green Voucher (£50) | white 287 |
| One Term of After School ArtClub with Vera (£150) | blue 520 |
| 1x Dental Hygienist Appt., Hampstead Dental Studio (£130) *3 WINNERS* | green 407 / white 138 / blue 738 |
| 1x Free Examination + Dental Kit @ Dr. Dentist (£100) | green 87 |
| Mini Minors or XUK Day 1x day booking in 2026 (£50) | blue 419 |
| Voucher to Brian's Shoes (£20) *5 WINNERS* | green 378 / green 558 / yellow 395 / blue 756 / green 474 |
| 1x Session at FlipOut Brent Cross (£20) *2 WINNERS* | blue 790 / yellow 296 |
| 1x Free Class Vicky RG Academy (Gymnastics) (£15) *3 WINNERS* | green 297 / white 347 / blue 770 |

Anti-Bullying Week

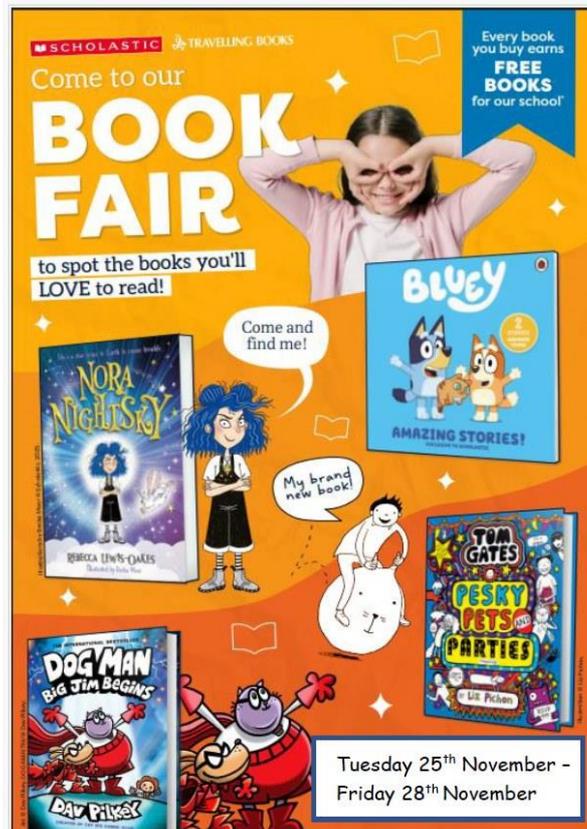


This week the children have come together to participate in a variety of activities centred around promoting kindness, understanding, and empathy. In alignment with our Brookland Values of Friendship, Respect, and Responsibility, we spoke to the children about the importance of creating a safe and inclusive environment for all.

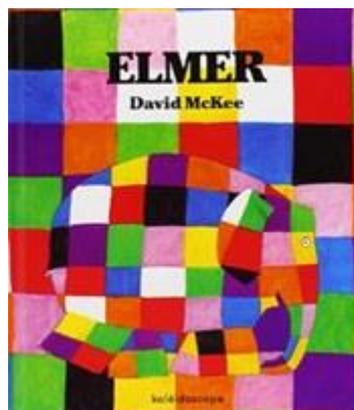
Throughout the week, your children have taken part in different activities, such as wearing odd socks on Monday. Tuesday was Act of Kindness Day, Wednesday was Focus on a New Friend Day. On Thursday it was Together as a Team Day and today it was Share a Smile Day. We know it is important to ensure we develop a culture of compassion and acceptance. Your

support in reinforcing these positive values at home will undoubtedly help foster a school community where every child feels valued and respected.

Book Fair



Inclusion Day



'We are all different, we are all unique'

On Tuesday, we will be celebrating our first **Inclusion Day** of the year! The theme, *'We are all different, we are all unique,'* will be introduced through the colourful story of **Elmer** by David McKee. This special day is all about recognising and celebrating what makes each of us

unique — whether that's wearing glasses, using different ways to communicate, being great at singing or dancing, or expressing our feelings in our own way. Our differences make us who we are, and they make our friendships stronger and more special. Inclusion Day is a time to celebrate that everyone belongs and that being different is something to be proud of!

Addictive Technology and the Family Environment

THE DROP IN.

ADDICTIVE TECH AND YOUR FAMILY.

Join Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond and former social media professional for a casual, judgment free chat about the intersection of screens and family wellbeing.

The discussion around screen time and addictive technology can bring up feelings of guilt or shame for you and/or your family, with nuance often lacking from campaigns and headlines.

That's why we created **THE DROP IN.** A series of free events designed to support you wherever you are in the addictive technology journey .

Ask questions, share experiences and take away practical advice about how to navigate addictive technology for the whole family.

1st December

9AM

**BROOKLAND
INFANT SCHOOL HALL
HILL TOP
NW11 6EJ**

BRINGING TO YOU BY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY
Beyond

Following on from the workshop we had last year from Nova Eden regarding "Smartphone Free Childhood", we are very happy to host another parent/carer drop in session led by Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond. She will talk about screen addiction and the use of screens in schools. The meeting is open for parents and carers from the Infant and Junior school. We really hope to see lots of parents and carers there.

Free Child Car Seat Checks



Free Child Car Seat Checks

Friday 21st November, 10am – 3pm

Asda Colindale car park
off Capitol Way, Edgware Rd, London NW9 0AS

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to ensure children are travelling safely. A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be available to inspect seats, fix errors and provide advice, no booking required.

A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, we can also check they are seated correctly and safely.

Last year, 92% of seats checked in Barnet had errors, many serious enough to endanger children in the event of a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

Don't miss this opportunity to get peace of mind and help make Barnet's roads safer for everyone.

Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk
07483 474617
www.facebook.com/events

Children in Need



It was lovely to see so many children take part in the very worthy Children in Need charity event today. Everyone looked fantastic in their lovely spotty clothes. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £157.50 for Children in Need!

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.***

Swimming Payments

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

We unfortunately still have 21 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 won't 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.

Parking

We have had a complaint from a local resident about a car blocking their drive at home time last week. Please can I ask that parents and carers be mindful and to park legally and safely when picking up and dropping off. Thank you.

Attendance Data

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| 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 10th November 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 96.53%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 87.90% Dolphin class: 100% Panda class: 98.08%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 96.31% Elephant class: 92.22% Penguin class: 98.99%

Giraffe class: 99.64% Hedgehog class: 99.66% Owl class: 99.54%

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

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

Brookland Values



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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 be 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.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Dates for Your Diary

November

- Monday 17th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Tuesday 18th Inclusion Day (It's good to be me) (information only)
- 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
- Tuesday 25th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Thursday 27th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Friday 28th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale

December

- Monday 1st 9.00 a.m. parent workshop on addictive technology and the family environment
- Tuesday 2nd Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (catch up session)
- Wednesday 3rd 9.00 a.m. Maths workshop for parents and carers
- Friday 5th FS Special books to go home for the weekend
- Tuesday 9th 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat
- Tuesday 9th 2.00 p.m. Y2 Christmas show
- Thursday 11th 9.30 a.m. Y2 Christmas show
- Friday 12th Christmas Jumper Day - Children can come to school dressed in a festive jumper
- Friday 12th Festive parties in class

Monday 15th 9.00 a.m. Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)
Monday 15th 2.30 p.m. Y1 Christmas singing
Tuesday 16th 9.00 a.m. Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)
Tuesday 16th 2.30 p.m. Reception Christmas singing
Wednesday 17th Christmas lunch for all children (information only)
Thursday 18th Globe theatre in
Friday 19th Christmas singing with the Juniors
Friday 19th 1.30 p.m finish for all pupils. **School Term ends**

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