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World Religion Day



In celebration of World Religion day, on Friday 14th January, our pupils had fun garbing themselves in vibrant religious attire. This observance aims to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. Several members of staff joined in enthusiastically and all participants did us proud.





Ten Pin Bowling Victory



Well done to our pupils who 'bowled us over' on Thursday 20th January as they participated in a ten-pin bowling competition. We managed to achieve 1st place in a competition with other schools. Brookside pupils thoroughly enjoyed the bowling event and the overall experience. The opportunity enhanced our pupils' self-confidence, hand and eye coordination, balance and turn-taking skills. They worked collaboratively as a team and had lots of fun.

Virtual Asthma Workshops



On Monday 31st January, the NHS Team would like to invite parents, guardians and carers to sign up for an online Asthma workshop. This session will run from 4:00 to 5:00pm and is designed to help you understand what to do if your child is having an Asthma attack, providing inhaler techniques and highlighting common triggers. There are limited spaces available so if you are interested, please contact the team to book your place.

Year 1 Phonics, and Years 2 and 6 SATs Tests

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, children in Year 1 will practise their Phonics tests, whilst Years 2 and 6 will sit their practice SATs during the week commencing Monday 31st January. It is also extremely important that they attend school every day. Please also remember that a good breakfast is always an essential meal for children before school, but in particular when they are sitting tests. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!

National Storytelling Week

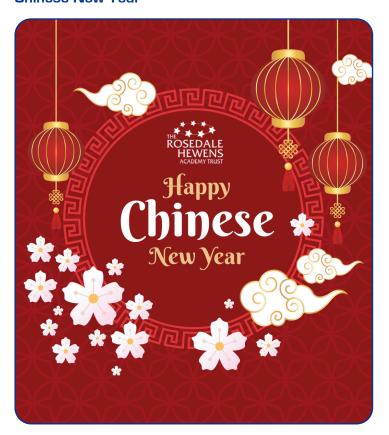
Have you ever witnessed the enchanting words on a page magically transform into worlds and people, voices and conflict? It is unpredictable yet exhilarating at the same time and you remain completely engrossed as you step into a world of imagination. Storytelling forges connections amongst people. It brings language alive whilst creating an immersive experience with journeys through the unknown, conveying the culture, history and values that unite, influence and inspire us.

The week of Monday 31st January is National Storytelling Week. During the week, the children will be celebrating storytelling. They will also be encouraged to tell their own stories. Our key question to be answered throughout the week is, 'Why are stories and storytelling important?'

Library Lovers Month

Throughout the month of February, each class will be invited to a Read Aloud session in our school's library. For this special occasion, the children are being asked to bring in to school their special blanket and a soft toy to remain cosy whilst listening to their favourite stories.

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is the festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. It will take place on Tuesday 1st February with this year being celebrated as the Year of the Tiger. On this day, the children will be designing their own paper lanterns as a fun activity. To embrace the euphoric atmosphere this festival tends to bring, they can also enjoy this week's Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry on Wednesday 2nd February!

Young Voices New Concert Date

We are delighted to announce that we have been given a new date for the Young Voices concert. The concert will now take place on **Monday 23rd May** at the same venue, the O2 Arena. The children who are taking part have continued to practise their singing for vocal improvement and are really excited to be part of the performance in May.

All tickets that were purchased to see the concert in January have been transferred to the new date in May. If you are no longer able to attend, please do contact the School Office and we can assist you with a refund.

Should you have any other queries relating to the Young Voices concert, please visit the School Office to speak to us rather than contacting Young Voices or the O2 directly. Thank you.

Time to Talk Day and Children's Mental Health Week



For many, it is hard enough to experience mental health problems without having to face the judgement and isolation that often surrounds them. As such, in order to end mental health discrimination, Mind, a mental health charity who provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem, will run the nation's biggest mental health conversation for Time to Talk Day on Thursday 3rd February. Friends, families, communities and workplaces can come together to talk, listen and change lives. No one should have to face a mental health problem alone, so join Mind and take part in the day via (https://timetotalkday.co.uk/).

The following week will be observed as Children's Mental Health Week under the theme 'Growing Together'. This is a national event to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. The week-long event will encourage children and young people to consider how they have grown and how they can help others grow. Challenges and setbacks help us adapt and trying new things can also take us beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, this is often a gradual process that happens over time and sometimes we might feel 'stuck'. Please take a look at the useful information and support links provided on the School's Mental Health and Well-Being page to support you or someone you care about via [https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/159/mental-health-and-wellbeing].

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 4th February, our school will participate in NSPCC Number Day which is a maths-inspired fundraising day for all primary children. Children will be encouraged to 'Dress Up for Digits' and make a donation to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. They should be able to express themselves in different ways about the number they are wearing: write it in words, partition the digits and create their own mathematic problems.



Week Commencing: Monday 31st January

MENU 4

Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Mediterranean Pasta Bake		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Raspberry Jelly Fresh		Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free	
Dessert Choice	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
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Meal Choice 1	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	Halal	
Meal Choice 2	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Diced Lamb with Vegetable Stir Fry		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches Fresh		Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Tart		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY			
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges		Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges		Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese		Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans		Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh	Fruit and Yoghurts



JANUARY TO FEBRUARY

JANUARY				
Monday 31st	4:00 to 5:00pm	Virtual Asthma Workshop		
Monday 31st Ja	anuary to Friday	SATs Practice Papers Week		
4th February		National Storytelling Week		
FEBRUARY				
Tuesday 1st to I	Monday 28th	Library Lovers Month		
Tuesday 1st		Chinese New Year Celebrations		
Thursday 3rd		Time to Talk Day		
Friday 4th		NSPCC Number Day (Non-Uniform Day)		
Monday 7th to Friday 11th		Children's Mental Health Week		
Tuesday 8th		Safer Internet Day		
Tuesday 8th	10:45am to 12:40pm	Ten Pin Bowling Final		