



## Pirates Workshop

Year 1 pupils have been learning about pirates in their history lessons. The children were honoured to have 'the Pirate Man' in school yesterday to facilitate an exciting, engaging and informative pirate workshop. The pupils learned about who pirates are and how they affect the lives of others. They were extremely tickled by the entertainment provided by the pirate puppet show and went on to display their creative flair by making their own pirate puppets!



## Learning about Minibeasts

This half term, the Nursery children have been learning about minibeasts. The pupils have been using their investigative skills to sort insects that have legs and insects that do not have legs into different categories!







## Year 6 Mobile Phones

Parents, guardians and carers of children in Years 5 and 6, who wish them to bring a mobile telephone to school, must first inform the School in writing. Please note that any mobile telephones brought into school by children must be handed to the office at the beginning of the day for safekeeping and can be collected at the end of the day. Children in other year groups are not permitted to bring a mobile telephone into school.

## Year 6 SATs Completion

Our Year 6 pupils have completed their Year 6 SATs examination. We are very proud of their level of resilience and resourcefulness as they engaged in this process, and would like to thank you for your continued support. Although the Year 6 SATs have been completed, your child is still in the process of learning and should continue to be resilient whether it be in their studies, attendance or behaviour. As your child's primary education draws to a close, they will be participating in different activities to end their time at Brookside. We look forward to your continued support.

## Year 2 SATs - Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th May

From Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th May, the children in Year 2 will be sitting their SATs examinations. They will be sitting the following papers as set out below:

| Date               | Examination  |
|--------------------|--|
| Monday 16th May    | English Reading Paper 2 and Mathematics Paper 1          |
| Tuesday 17th May   | Mathematics Paper 2 and English Reading Paper 1          |
| Wednesday 18th May | English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 and 2 |

It is absolutely essential that your child is in school during this week and on time as the examination will start promptly in the morning. Please ensure that your children are well-rested and have eaten a good breakfast as this will allow them to do the best that they can. Thank you.

## Walk to School Week - Monday 16th to Friday 20th May

Monday 16th to Friday 20th May will be Walk to School Week, when children, families and community leaders participate in a global event to promote healthier habits and encourage a more walkable world. It is a great opportunity for children to join hundreds of thousands of pupils across the globe celebrating the walk to school. Let's get involved!

## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Workshop - Wednesday 18th May

The Multiplication Tables Check [MTC] is statutory for primary schools in the 2021/22 academic year. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in Mathematics. It helps schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

We will be administering the MTC to all eligible Year 4 pupils between Monday 6th and Friday 24th June. To guide and support the parents, guardians and carers further, Year 4 teachers will be running a workshop about MTC on Wednesday 18th May at 9.00am.

## Year 2 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo - Thursday 19th May

On Thursday 19th May, Year 2 will be going on their Science trip to Zoological Society of London (ZSL) Whipsnade Zoo. The children have been learning about 'Living Things and their Habitat' and are currently looking at animals including humans in Science.

At the zoo, they will be viewing and learning about: different animals from around the world and their habitats, mini beasts, animal lifecycles and food chains in wildlife. They will also discover how colours and patterns can help animals survive in their habitats, and the role camouflage plays in the survival of animals in the wild. They will compare and contrast the different colours in the wild as well as compare the colours of predators and prey.

## International Day of Families - Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 20th May, the children in Reception classes will be celebrating Cultural Day by having a picnic outside on the Reception playground at 2:00pm. Parents, guardians and carers are welcome to join us during this festive celebration.

The children should come to school wearing their cultural costumes and they will have the opportunity to talk about the traditions they take part in relating to their own culture.

Each child should bring their own disposable plates, utensils and own cultural food.

## Young Voices New Concert Date - Monday 23rd May

As you are aware, the Young Voices concert will take place on Monday 23rd May at 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. 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.

## World Day for Cultural Diversity and the Queen's Jubilee - Non-Uniform Day

Diversity Day, officially known as "The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development", is an opportunity to help children understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. On Friday 27th May, the children will be expected to dress in their national costumes to represent their ethnicity. They will perform cultural pieces and create displays of foods, crafts, languages, dress and practices from different cultures.

This will be a day filled with assemblies and activities related to the different cultures, the British Values and the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

## Recycle, Re-Use - School Uniform

In order to tackle the rapidly growing global environmental challenges for a sustainable future, we aim to normalise the reusing of pre-loved school uniform in order to reduce our carbon footprint. This is a great opportunity for Brookside Primary School to embed environmental awareness within our school community, strengthen our green credentials and extend the lifespan of our uniforms whilst supporting a recycling culture. Should you have any unwanted items of uniform in wearable condition, please donate these to your child's school to support our campaign for green initiatives whilst helping our families in need of support. For further details, please visit (<https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/171/re-cycle-and-re-use-uniform>). Thank you for your continued support.

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|  | Week Commencing: Monday 16th May |  |
|   | <b>MENU 4</b>                    |  |

| MONDAY   |   |                          |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| 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 Milk or Butter | Gluten/Dairy Free        |
| Dessert Choice   | Jam and Coconut Sponge  | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| WEDNESDAY  |   |                          |
| 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 |
| <b>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</b> |   |                          |



**MAY TO JULY 2022**

| MAY                                |         |  |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Monday 16th to Friday 20th         |         | Year 2 SATs Week                                     |
|                                    |         | Walk to School Week                                  |
| Wednesday 18th                     | 9:00am  | Multiplication Tables Check Parent Workshop - Year 4 |
| Thursday 19th                      |         | ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Trip - Year 2                      |
| Friday 20th                        |         | International Day of Families Celebration            |
| Monday 23rd                        |         | Young Voices Concert                                 |
| Monday 23rd to Friday 27th         |         | Pirates Week for Year 1                              |
| Thursday 26th                      |         | Year 1 Pirates Day - Non-Uniform (Year 1 Only)       |
| Thursday 26th                      | 9:10am  | Pirates Assembly - Year 1                            |
| Friday 27th                        |         | Queen's Jubilee Celebration - Non-Uniform            |
| Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June |         | Half Term  |
| JULY                               |         |  |
| Tuesday 19th                       | 12:00pm | Term Ends  |