

World Book Day Event

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating **World Book Day**! At Brookside Primary, we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. There was a huge buzz around the school for the entire day which really helped to raise the profile of reading across the whole school especially when children listened to Giglets' original stories, 'Ribbit' and 'The Bookkeeper' read to them via Teams. It was lovely to see such imagination and creativity as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Amongst the many characters from Harry Potter, and multiple princesses across the year groups, we also had Fantastic Mr Fox, Little Red Riding Hood, Matilda, Where's Wally, Horrid Henry and The Cat in the Hat. It was truly a great day!



St. David's Day

Our children found it interesting to learn all about **St. David- the patron saint of Wales**- and all the national emblems used to celebrate this day by the Welsh people around the world. They had fun taking part in different activities to commemorate this Welsh national holiday such as making daffodil wreaths, daffodil acrostic poems, daffodil paintings, rhymes about St. David, recipes for Welsh cakes, poems and 3D leeks.



Year 4 Trip to Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology

On Thursday 1st March, the Year 4 pupils went to the **Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology**. They were able to explore different artefacts that have been excavated from various archaeological sites in Egypt. Through these explorations, they could see elements of daily life in ancient Egypt, their customs and believes. During their visit, they made sketches of the various artefacts and wrote about them. After the visit to the museum, the pupils of Year 4 had a healthy walk and run around in the nearby gardens.



Fairtrade Yumminess!!

On Friday, 3rd March, the Year 2 pupils had an exciting time baking up a storm in our Life Skills Room in celebration of **Fairtrade Fortnight**. In their Design and Technology lesson, pupils used Fairtrade branded products such as bananas, sugar and blueberries to bake yummy banana blueberry muffins. What a truly fun activity it was for them!





Next week will be an exciting time in Reception and Nursery! We will have duck eggs arriving at school. We will have the opportunity to watch the eggs hatch and have fun with the ducklings. We can even put them in water and watch them swim! This also helps us to learn about the life cycle of a duckling for our topic lesson.

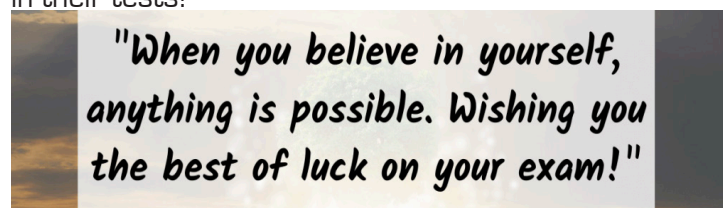
Red Nose Day- Friday 17th March *Non-Uniform Day*

On Friday 17th March, we will be celebrating **Red Nose Day** by wearing something red to school. It is a Non-Uniform day. If you have nothing red to wear, you should wear your full uniform. All parents, guardians and carers are invited to a **Cake Sale on Friday 17th March, 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Infant Hall. All proceeds will be donated to Comic Relief.** As a school, we teach our pupils the importance of giving back within the society, especially to those who are less fortunate. We look forward to continued parental support as you make a difference in someone's life.



Year 1 & 2 Phonics Years 2 and 6 SATS Practice Papers

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that children in Year 1 and 2 will practise for their Phonics tests, whilst Years 2 and 6 will sit mock SATs papers during **the week commencing the 13th of March**. 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 any form of assessments. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast and have a good night's rest have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!



Reception, Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 Rising Stars Tests

We would like to inform parents, guardians and carers, that children will be sitting their Rising Stars Papers to assess their previous learning during **the week commencing the 13th of March**. 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 any form of assessments.

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Last Days of Boosters

Please be aware that next week will be the final week of Boosters for the Spring Term. Therefore, the final boosters will be held on **Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March**. Thank you.

Junior Citizens Event- Year 6

On **Thursday 23rd March**, the Year 6 children will be attending a field trip for the **Junior Citizens Event** at the **Brunel University**. The children will be transported via the school minibus and public transport and will arrive back to school before dismissal time. This event will be geared towards preparing them to safely deal with real life potential dangers in a fun way using interesting scenarios. Please ensure you return the consent form to the class teacher for your child to attend the trip.

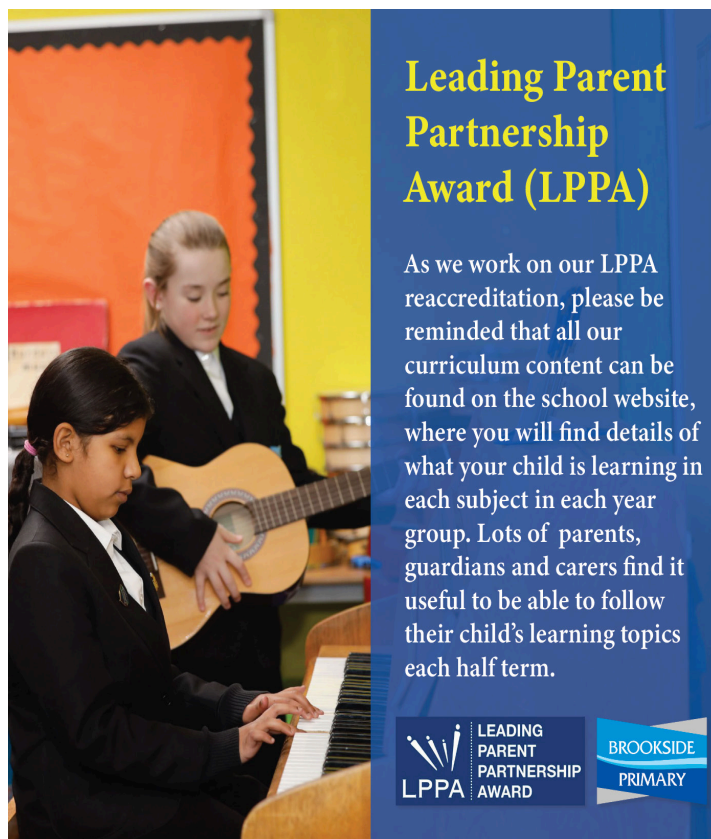


Attendance - Notifying Child Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know before 8:45am on the first day of absence (either by telephone, email or in person). If the school does not receive a communication by this time and the absence is unexplained, your child's teacher or a member of the school's administration team will either send a text message, or telephone you during the morning. The school is required to account for all student absences, therefore please ensure you provide the school with a written note signed by you, explaining the reasons for your child's absence once they return to school. The school can only authorise genuine absences. A doctor's note may be required in circumstances, such as extended periods of illness.

School Uniform

The school uniform plays a valuable role in supporting positive behaviour for learning. It is designed to instil a sense of pride, identity and belonging. All students are required to wear full school uniform when attending for normal lessons, school photographs, representing the school, and on educational trips and visits.



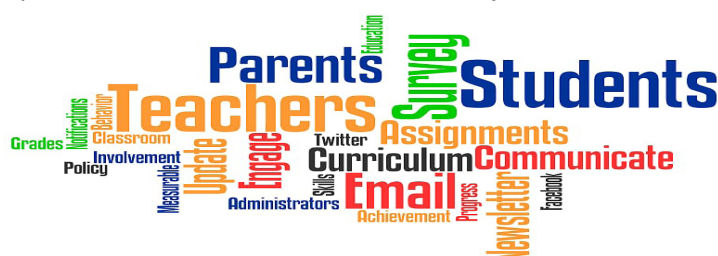
As we work on our LPPA re-accreditation, please be reminded that all our curriculum content can be found on the school's website, where you will find details of what your child is learning in each subject in each year group. Lots of parents, guardians and carers find it useful to be able to follow their child's learning topics each half term.

Labelled Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day. It is important children are kept hydrated during the school day, which in turn, enhances concentration and alertness during lessons. Thank you.

Updating Email Addresses

Communication between home and school is vital. We invite all parents, guardians and carers, to ensure that you provide the school with all updated contact information. Thank you.





March and April 2023

March

Friday 10th March to Sunday 19th March	British Science Week
Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March	Rising Stars Papers, Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 2 & 6 SATS Practice Papers
Tuesday 14th March to Friday 24th March	Incredible Eggs- Ducklings
Tuesday 14th March	Pi Day
Thursday 16th March	Last day of Boosters
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 19th March	Mother's Day
Tuesday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Wednesday 22nd March	World Water Day
Wednesday 22nd March	Start of Ramadan
Thursday 23rd March	Junior Citizens- Year 6
Monday 27th to Thursday 30th March	Year 6 SATS Practice Papers
Tuesday 28th March	Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory- Year 2 Kiev Trip
Wednesday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Pageant
Thursday 30th March	9:10 a.m. Parent Assembly- Reception Berlin
Thursday 30th March	Dr Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory- Year 2 Ankara Trip
Friday 31st March	End of Term- Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

April

Monday 17th April	1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultation
Tuesday 18th April	1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m	KS2 Parent Consultation
Wednesday 19th- Term begins		
Thursday 20th April		End of Ramadan
Friday 21st April		Eid al-Fitr
Saturday 23rd April 2023		St. George's Day
Monday 24th to Friday 28th April		Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 2 SATS Practice Papers
Friday 28th April		International Dance Day

Traffic Congestion- Perth Avenue

Traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day is becoming an increasing problem on Perth Avenue. Please help us to reduce congestion and keep children safe when crossing the road. We would also like to remind you not to double park or block driveways of local residents when dropping off or picking up your children.

The Local Authority will take enforcement action against anyone parking on the yellow zigzag road markings or contravening any other parking regulations outside the school. Local police may also take action against vehicles blocking the area. Thank you in advance of your support in this matter.

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY	Week Commencing: Monday 13th March MENU 4
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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

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day