

## SWITCH Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Programme

We were very pleased to have 15 pupils engage in the Hillingdon Year 6 to Year 7 Switch Programme for 24 weeks. All pupils received one-hour workshops with an aim to support their transition from primary school into secondary school. The programme ranged from activities around confidence building that support children to successfully manage the transition to secondary school as a key step towards achieving positive social, health, and academic outcomes in the future. Pupils engaged in topics surrounding the individual, the learner, changes in life, leaving primary school, and facts about secondary school. They also engaged in the SORTED programme (Substance Use and Mis-Use programme) alongside Smoking and Vaping Awareness. All pupils were given a certificate to mark the end of a successful programme. We congratulate them on their achievement and thank Sam and his team for an exciting and amazing 24 weeks of fun and engaging activities! Select pupils will receive ongoing support in the summer term through the programme.







## Stay and Read

Reading is one of the top priorities for us at Brookside. The children are given a range of opportunities to engage in reading throughout the day. To develop a passion and love for reading within the home, in Years 1 and 2 our parents, guardians and carers were invited to a 'Stay and Read Workshop'. Parents, Guardians and Carers were engaged in tips on how to read with their child, and to properly complete the reading record. Parents, Guardians and Carers also engaged in age-related tips on questioning and reading comprehension skills. We look forward to continued support from our parents for our Stay and Read activities throughout the rest of the academic year.







### Year 1 Helsinki Parent Assembly- What zone are you in?

This year, Helsinki Class learned about the Zones of Regulation in their PSHE lessons. The **Zones of Regulation** are four coloured zones which help children to identify how they are feeling and how they can manage their emotions effectively. This will assist the children to be happy and positive as they go about their day and think about their past and future. The children will demonstrate what they have learned through their assembly on **Thursday 4th May 2023 at 9:10 a.m.**

### Practical Pedestrian Training- Years 3 and 2

On **Tuesday 2nd May** and **Friday 5th May 2023**, the Year 3 and Year 2 children respectively will be taking part in practical pedestrian training which is delivered by staff from the London Borough of Hillingdon. The practical pedestrian training is a part of the School's efforts to promote and encourage road safety along with an active and sustainable travelling experience.



### Year 2 SATs Pupil Progress Meeting - Wednesday, 3rd May

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a **Year 2 SATs Pupil Progress Meeting** on **Wednesday 3rd May at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Infant Hall**. During the workshop, we will share the current progress of the children and share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the Year 2 curriculum and SATs assessments. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

### Year 6 SATs Examination- Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023

From Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12 May, the children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs examinations. They will be sitting the following papers on the following days it is absolutely essential that your child is in school during this week and on time as the examinations will start promptly in the morning. Please ensure that your children are rested. **They will be provided with breakfast at our Breakfast Club on the days of their examinations.** Please note that after the SATs have finished, the Year 6 children will continue to sit assessments throughout June and July. Therefore, they should continue to attend school as normal. Thank you.

### King Charles III's Coronation Celebration- Non-Uniform Day

In recognition and celebration of His Majesty King Charles III being crowned on Saturday, May 6th 2023, Brookside will be behaving a coronation of our own. **On Friday 5th May, children are encouraged to come to school dressed as Kings and Queens or wearing traditional outfits to celebrate their respective cultures.** We would like to ask each child to bring in shop-bought party snacks as we are organising class parties across the school. These can be handed to their class teachers. Please keep in mind that we have a no-nuts policy, therefore no nut products are allowed on the school property. **We look forward to seeing our children in their elegant attire, carrying themselves gracefully to celebrate His Royal Highness' crowning.**

### NEU Strike Day – Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Brookside Primary will be open during the strike actions on the **2nd of May 2023**. This is a gentle reminder, that there **will be no Clubs or after school activities on this days.**

### 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 during the morning. The school is required to account for all student absences. Therefore, please ensure that you provide the school with a written note explaining the reasons for your child's absence once they return to school. A doctor's note may be required in circumstances, such as extended periods of illness.



### Water Bottles – Warm Weather

Research has shown how being well hydrated can enhance a child's performance in class and improve their well-being. We are all hoping for warm weather in the weeks ahead. Playing outside is particularly thirsty work and we would urge you to send your child to school with a labelled water bottle. Empty bottles can be filled with water in school and brought home for cleaning, at the end of each day.



## Allergies and Medical Needs

If your child has an allergy or medical need, such as asthma, please give full details to your child's class teacher along with a care plan provided by your GP.

|  <b>May and June 2023</b> |                                               |
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| <b>May</b>                                                                                                |                                               |
| Monday 1st May                                                                                            | Early Bank Holiday                            |
| Tuesday 2nd May                                                                                           | World Asthma Day                              |
| Tuesday 2nd May                                                                                           | Practical Pedestrian Training- Year 3         |
| Tuesday 2nd May                                                                                           | Hayes Town Exploration- Year 4 Trip           |
| Wednesday 3rd May                                                                                         | Year 2 Pupil Progress Meeting Workshop 9:00am |
| Thursday 4th May                                                                                          | Helsinki Parent Assembly 9:10am               |
| Thursday 4th May                                                                                          | Ickenham High Street Exploration- Year 4 Trip |
| Friday 5th May                                                                                            | King Charles' Coronation Celebration          |
| Friday 5th May                                                                                            | Practical Pedestrian Training- Year 2         |
| Monday 8th May                                                                                            | Bank Holiday King's Coronation                |
| Monday 9th to 12th May                                                                                    | Year 6 SATs Examination                       |
| Thursday 11th May                                                                                         | Year 1 Stockholm Parent Assembly 9:10am       |
| Sunday 14th May                                                                                           | National Children's Day UK                    |
| Monday, 15th May                                                                                          | International Day of Families                 |
| Monday 15th to 19th May                                                                                   | Walk to School Week                           |
| Monday 15th to 19th May                                                                                   | Year 2 SATs Examination                       |
| Monday, 15th May to Sunday, 21st May                                                                      | Mental Health Awareness Week                  |
| Tuesday 16th May                                                                                          | Practical Pedestrian Training- Year 4         |
| Thursday 18th May                                                                                         | Practical Pedestrian Training- Year 5         |
| Thursday 18th May                                                                                         | Year 2 Ankara Parent Assembly 9:10am          |
| Sunday 21st May                                                                                           | World Culture Day                             |
| Monday 22nd to 26th May                                                                                   | Pirate Week- Year 1 9:30am                    |
| Thursday 25th May                                                                                         | Year 6 Wellington Parent Assembly 9:10am      |

## Healthy Lunch

Brookside Primary School is a healthy school and with this in mind we would like to remind parents, guardians and carers of the importance of providing your child with a healthy packed lunch. An example of the contents of a typically nutritious and healthy lunch box is a sandwich, yoghurt and fruit. Try chopped apple, satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. A tip from stopping fruit from going brown is to add a squeeze of lemon juice! Also breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are great finger foods. Please remember that fizzy drinks are not allowed in school and that water is always provided for children on their tables at lunchtime.





**Week Commencing: Monday 1st May**

**MENU 1**

|                                                                             |                                                                   |                          |
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| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                                              |                                                                   |                          |
| Meal Choice 1                                                               | Spaghetti Bolognese                                               | Halal                    |
| Meal Choice 2                                                               | Spaghetti Bolognese                                               | Non Halal                |
| Meal Choice 3                                                               | Ratatouille Spaghetti                                             | Vegetarian               |
| Meal Choice 4                                                               | Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta                                  | Gluten/Dairy Free        |
| Dessert Choice                                                              | Jam Sponge                                                        | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                                            |                                                                   |                          |
| Meal Choice 1                                                               | Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice                                    | Halal                    |
| Meal Choice 2                                                               | Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice                                    | Non Halal                |
| Meal Choice 3                                                               | Macaroni Cheese                                                   | Vegetarian               |
| Meal Choice 4                                                               | Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice                           | Gluten/Dairy Free        |
| Dessert Choice                                                              | Lemon Tart                                                        | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                                             |                                                                   |                          |
| Meal Choice 1                                                               | Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing        | Halal                    |
| Meal Choice 2                                                               | Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing        | Non Halal                |
| Meal Choice 3                                                               | Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake                              | Vegetarian               |
| Meal Choice 4                                                               | Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy               | Gluten/Dairy Free        |
| Dessert Choice                                                              | Strawberry Jelly                                                  | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                                               |                                                                   |                          |
| Meal Choice 1                                                               | Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges                        |                          |
| Meal Choice 2                                                               | Tomato Pasta Bake                                                 | Vegetarian               |
| Meal Choice 3                                                               | Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans | Gluten/Dairy Free        |
| Dessert Choice                                                              | Fresh Fruit Salad                                                 | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day |                                                                   |                          |