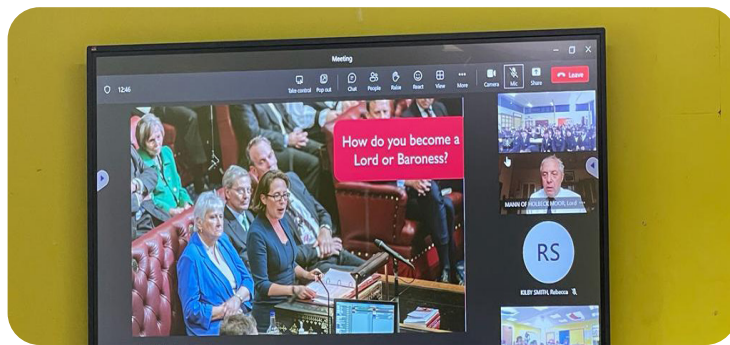
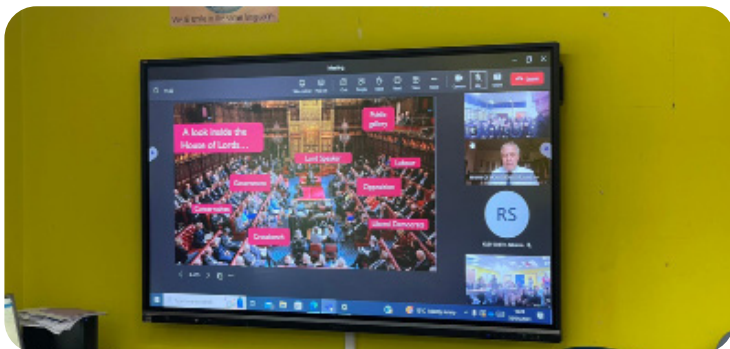




Learn with the Lords

Key Stage 2 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to meet, through a video link, a member of the House of Lords – Lord Mann. They discussed with Lord Mann, the role of the UK Parliament, the role and membership of the House of Lords and the difference between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The pupils were able to enhance their understanding by asking relevant questions. They were extremely excited about this amazing opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.



KS2 Coding

Year 5 have been selected to participate in an innovative and inclusive ICT competition involving 'coding'. The competition is hosted by Parkside Studio College. It involves the Year 5 pupils producing a 'digital poster' advertising coding lessons specifically at Parkside. They will need to be creative and showcase their tech savvy skills. Our Year 5 pupils really were engaged in the assembly by the headteacher of Parkside and are eager to join in the competition. Ten individuals will be awarded a 5-week course involving 10 lessons. The pupils will be provided more information by their class teachers. The deadline for submitting their digital poster is on Friday, 12th May 2023, and Parkside Studio College will announce the winners.



Year 3 Trip to the Rainforest

During the Spring Term, Year 3 pupils learnt about the tropical rainforest in their Geography lessons. To promote a love for learning and to consolidate the taught concepts, our amazing pupils went to explore the amazing Living Rainforest in Hampstead Norreys, Thatcham. It was awesome to see how well informed these little rangers were as they explored and shared their expert knowledge about all that obtains in the rainforest. They spoke confidently about what we can do as responsible citizens to preserve the natural habitats for wildlife. They had a blast!



School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo 26th May 2023.

On May 26th 2023 both Year 2 classes will be going on a trip to Whipsnade Zoo. Pupils are required to be in school by no later than 8.30am to ensure that the children can leave promptly. For the trip, children will be required to wear their full and correct school uniform. They will also need to bring a bottle of water and a healthy packed lunch. A packed lunch will be provided for children receiving free school meals.

Year 1 Stockholm Parent Assembly - The 4 Seasons

This year, Stockholm have been learning about the 4 seasons in their Science lessons. They have had lessons about the seasonal changes that occur in each season, including weather, day length and temperatures. Knowing about the seasonal changes allows them to understand why there are differences in the clothes worn, items used and activities done throughout the year. The children will demonstrate what they have learned through their assembly on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 9:10am. We look forward to sharing what the pupils have been learning with their parents, guardians and carers and we look forward to your support.

Year 5 Class Assembly

On Thursday 8th June 2023, Class Pretoria will be performing their class assembly on their recent history topic, Vikings. They will be providing information on the Vikings as well as performing a short play involving a Viking encounter. We are excited to share what our pupils have been learning with their parents, guardians and carers, and we look forward to your continued support.

Emergency Contact Details

In the best interest of your child's well-being whilst at school, it is vitally important, that in the event of an emergency, we are able to make contact with you or another emergency contact, as quickly as possible. To this end we would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers to keep your contact details updated with the school and to ensure that you provide up to date details of at least two other emergency contacts for your child. Thank you.

Preparing for the Change in Weather

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing sun cream and is equipped with a bottle of water and a hat, as they will be taking part in a lot of outdoor activities. Thank you.



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.



Year 6 SATs Week Tuesday 9th May to 12th May

From Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12 May, the children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs examinations.

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, as this will allow them to do the best that they can. Please note that after the SATs have finished, the Year 6 children will continue to sit assessments throughout June and July. Therefore they just continue to attend school as normal. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Week – Free Breakfast!

Research shows that when children eat a good breakfast and are well hydrated, their ability to concentrate and focus on learning at school is improved. With this in mind, we are offering all Year 6 children the opportunity to attend school at 8:10am on each day of the week commencing Monday 8th May, the week of their assessment tests, for a free breakfast! We would also like to remind parents, guardians and carers of Year 6 children to ensure that they bring a small bottle of water to keep on their tables throughout the week. Thank you.

Year 2 SATs Week

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers, that the children in Year 2 will be sitting their SATs from Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May 2023. It is 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!



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 to prevent fruits 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.

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Reading with your Children!

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. With this in mind we urge all parents, guardians and carers to share a book with your children at bedtime. For the little ones this may be simply looking at a picture book and introducing key vocabulary. For the older ones, it would be really good to start with some simple stories, by reading out loud to your child. If you need any advice on reading to your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Please note that Monday 8th May is a bank holiday. Therefore school will be closed. School will resume on 9th May 2023 at 9:00 am.

BANK HOLIDAY

May and June 2023	
May	
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday King's Coronation
Tuesday 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
Friday 26th May	ZSL Whipsnade Zoo-Year 2 Trip
Monday, 29th May to Friday 2nd June	End of Term
Monday, 29th May to Friday 2nd June	Half Term Holiday

E-Safety

The Internet is an amazing resource, which enables children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways on a range of devices. However, children need constant advice and protection when it comes to managing their time online. They need strict guidance to positively and safely access information on the Internet, communicate via social networks, use apps and play games. At school, children's online activity is monitored very closely and strict software security programmes are installed to prevent children accessing inappropriate content. We advise parents, guardians and carers to reinforce the important message of staying safe online when they are at home. Please ensure your children understand the rules you put in place to keep them safe. Talk to them on a regular basis about what they are looking at online and ensure that you install appropriate software to support and manage your child's safe use of the Internet. Keep your child safe online!



<div><div>BROOKSIDE</div><div>PRIMARY</div></div>	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 8th May</i>	
MENU 2		
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings <i>[sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]</i>	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Fruit Tarts</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Vanilla Cheesecake</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Apple Pie</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		