

Learning about Superheroes

Last half term, the Reception children learnt about 'People who help us and real-life superheroes.' They compared fictional superheroes and real-life heroes, read and role played scenes from the book 'Superpotato', and showed their creativity by drawing and colouring their own superheroes. Children got to meet real life heroes in special assemblies when the school nurse and police visited. The term culminated in an exciting superhero day where they dressed up as their favourite superheroes. They had a superdocious time!



The Rough Tough Pirates of Year 1

Brookside Primary was invaded by the little, rough and tough pirates from Year 1 on Wednesday 24th May. Parents, guardians, carers and members of the Brookside family were privileged to watch our brave pirates perform their engaging 'Pirate Assembly'. The fun did not end there for our brave little pirates. It carried on when they created and designed their own pirate ships and went on an exciting treasure hunt to find the buried treasures.



Year 6 Victorians

On Thursday, 25th May, Year 6 Wellington took us back in time to the Victorian Era where we experienced what it was truly like to be a Victorian child. They showed us why Victorian children had such an unhappy life. They had to work hard to help their parents because their families were very poor. Our Victorians sang and explained how they were forced to work as soon as they could walk. They sang about the harsh conditions they had to work under at the workhouses for twelve to sixteen hours a day, six days a week. The children reflected on this period and explored the extent to which society has evolved, including the rights of children today. Well done Year 6!



Year 2 Zoologists

On Friday 26th May, Year 2 went on a Science trip to the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) Whipsnade Zoo. The children have been learning about 'Living Things and their habitat' and 'Animals including humans' and are currently looking at animals including humans in their Science lessons. At the zoo, they viewed and learnt about different animals from around the world and their habitats, mini beasts and life cycles of a range of animals. They were very engaged as they participated in a life cycle workshop, where they explored how a variety of different animals grow, develop and produce offspring. The children considered their own life cycle before going on to compare the life cycles of a variety of different animals. Using costumes and role laying, they created and acted out a butterfly cycle, before being led on a tour of the butterfly house where they had a chance to reinforce their learning by searching for the real-life stages of a butterfly life cycle. The children had a lot of fun and an amazing experience learning about the animals and minibeasts from around the world.



Quad Kids Athletic Competition.

Get ready to hear about an amazing group of Key Stage 2 pupils who recently participated in an athletics competition that was packed with excitement! This super talented group of pupils took on four awesome athletic challenges that included long distance and short sprint races, vortex throwing, and standing long jump. Let me tell you, these kids really showed off their skills and represented their school with such pride and enthusiasm! They were shining examples of good sportsmanship and showed unwavering respect towards their fellow competitors. The long-distance race was a true test of endurance and the short sprints were all about speed and agility. The vortex-throwing event was all about power and precision, while the standing long jump displayed the pupil's amazing strength and jumping ability. Throughout the competition, these Key Stage 2 superstars maintained high standards of ethics and set a fantastic example for all those around them. It was an absolute pleasure watching them in action and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!



Rising Stars Assessment Period

The Rising Stars Assessment Period will take place from **Monday 12th to Wednesday 28th of June**. Therefore, it is extremely important that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. This will assist us further to identify and address any gaps in the children's learning. Please also remember that a good breakfast is always an essential meal for children before school, but in particular when they are sitting for tests. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy breakfast have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory.

Books in Bags!

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that it is essential for books to remain in your children's book bags and brought to school on a daily basis.

Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

From **Monday 12th to Friday 16th June**, Year 1 will be taking part in their Phonics Screening Check is meant to show how well your child can use the end of Year 1 and to identify children who need extra phonics help. The check consists of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they have learned in Reception and Year 1. Parents, guardians and carers are reminded to read new books and stories with their children where they will be introduced to new words that they will have to sound out. They should encourage their children to review the phonics sounds and rules that are in the middle of the Reading Records. All the best to our Year 1 children with their Phonics Check!



Multiplication Tables Check- Year 4

From **Monday 5th to Friday 16th June**, our Year 4 children will be taking their **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** at school, which became statutory in September 2021. The MTC is a Key Stage 2 assessment to be taken by children at the end of Year 4 in June. It is an online test where children are asked 25 questions on times tables from 2 to 12. For every question, the children will have 6 seconds to answer, and in between the questions, there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables come up more often. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC. The MTC's purpose is to ensure the children's knowledge of their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. Parents, guardians and carers are being asked to ensure that the children practice their timetables on a daily basis using online different games which will be of great benefit in preparing them for the Multiplication Tables Check. Good luck!!

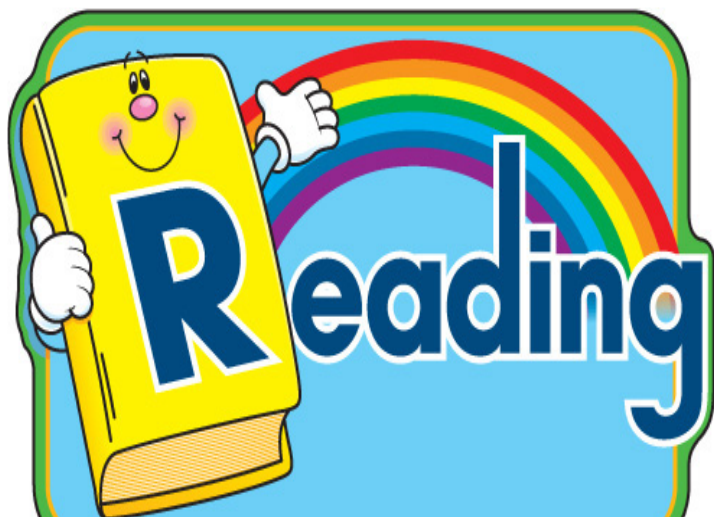
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Water Bottles – Warm Weather

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 labeled water bottle. Empty bottles can be filled with water in school and brought home for cleaning, at the end of each day.

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.



Urgent Attention – Child Safety!

Whilst we appreciate that parents, guardians and carers are often very busy rushing to pick up or drop off children to school, we must ask you to think carefully about where and how you park your vehicles. Unfortunately, inconsiderate parking by some is becoming a concern in the road outside the school as it is causing serious congestion and therefore is a hazard to children crossing the road at the beginning and end of the school day. Parking close to the school gates or double parking, may save a couple of minutes when dropping off or picking up your children, but it increases the risk of an accident because it reduces the visibility of children crossing the road to access or leave school. Please park considerately and drive slowly when bringing your children to, or taking them home from school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Year 5 Parent Assembly- Year 5 Dakar

On **Thursday 15th June** we would like to invite parents, guardians and carers to the **Year 5 Dakar** Assembly where pupils will showcase what they have been learning about the Solar System, including the eight planets and the sun. 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.

Sports Day

During the week commencing **Monday 19th June**, Brookside Primary will be celebrating **National Sports Week** by dedicating this week to Sports. On **Monday, 19th June**, we will be hosting our **Nursery and Reception Sports Day**, on **Tuesday 20th June**, we will be hosting our **Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day** and on **Wednesday 21st June**, we will be hosting our **Years 3 to 6 Sports Day**. All Sports Days will be held on our school play field. Please see further information below for the allocated times.

Date	Time	Year Group
Monday, 19 th June	9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Nursery London AM and PM
		Reception
Tuesday, 20 th June	9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Year 1
		Year 2
Wednesday, 21 st June	9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Year 3
		Year 4
		Year 5
		Year 6

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SPORTS DAY

Term Dates - 2023 to 2024

The 2023 to 2024 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (www.brooksideprimary.co.uk/term-dates). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians, or carers planning a family holiday and activities.



June and July 2023

June

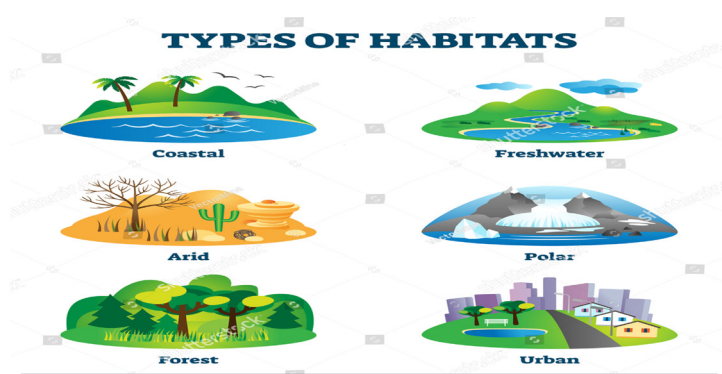
Monday 12th to Friday 16th June	Phonics Screening Check Week Year 1 & Year 2 Resit
Thursday 15th June	9.10am- Year 5 Dakar Parent Assembly.
Friday 16th June	9.10am- Year 2 Kiev Parent Assembly
Sunday 18th June	Fathers Day
Monday 19th June	9.15am - 11.15am Nursery AM And PM Reception Sports Day.
Monday 19th June	National Sports Week
Tuesday 20th June	9.15am - 11.15am Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 21st June	9.15 - 11.15am Years 3,4,5,6 Sports Day
Thursday 22nd June	9.10am- Year 3 Ottawa Parent Assembly
Thursday 22nd June	Internal Workshop Laser Tag Year 6
Thursday 27th June	Year 1 Trip To Odds Farm
Tuesday 27th June	Odds Farm Park- Year 1 Trip.
Wednesday 28th June	9:00 a.m.- New Reception Parent Meeting
Friday 30th June	Picnic at Northala Fields- Year 6

July

Tuesday 4th July	Transition Day Whole School.
Wednesday, 12th July	9:30 a.m.- Reception Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 12th July	2:00 p.m.- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Thursday, 13th July	4:00 p.m.- to 6.00pm Year 6 Disco
Wednesday 19th July	End of Term Early Dismissal

Year 2 Parent Assembly- Year 2 Kiev

On the **16th June**, Year 2 Kiev will be performing their assembly on Habitats. They will be performing a song and providing a quiz about the various habitats for different creatures. Pupils learned why animals live in a certain place and how they live there. They will have masks to show the different animals in their habitat and they are excited to show us what they have learned over the term.



	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 12th June</i>	
MENU 2		
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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>		