

Big Break for NSPCC'S Childhood Day

Friday 9th June was the NSPCC's annual Childhood Day. At Brookside Primary, instead of walking a mile, both teachers and pupils had a blast with fun water games and activities in the heat of the afternoon. It was amazing to see how uplifting it was for both pupils and teachers alike to have an hour's BIG BREAK PLAY! Some of the exciting activities that they participated in were pin the number pegs, balloon pop, watermelon relay and the most revered, water balloon splash. They all had a blast!



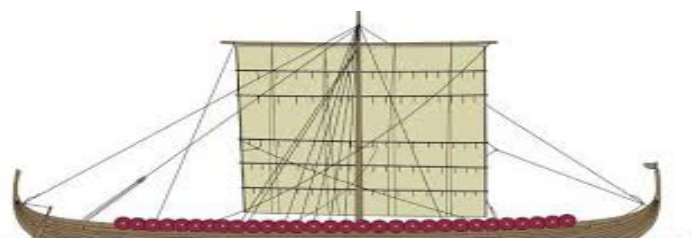
Real Superheroes

This term, the children in Nursery's London class have been learning about 'People who help us' in Understanding the World and real-life superheroes. The story entitled 'The Fire Fighter' was read to the children. To solidify the understanding of the topic, the children role-played scenes from the story for which they showed great enthusiasm.



Vikings Assembly

Wow, that Year 5 assembly about Vikings performed by Class Pretoria was fantastic! The energy and enthusiasm from those young performers were truly infectious, and we could feel the excitement radiating from the stage. From the moment the assembly began, it was clear that this was going to be something special. The children really engaged and captured the spirit of the Viking age. The assembly was packed full of fascinating facts and information about the Vikings, from their famous longboats to their fearsome warriors. The children really brought these stories to life, with dramatic re-enactments and captivating storytelling that had the audience on the edge of their seats. What was especially impressive about this assembly was the way that Class Pretoria managed to weave together history, drama, and music into a seamless performance that was both entertaining and educational. Overall, Class Pretoria should be incredibly proud of themselves for putting on such a fantastic show, and we have no doubt that they have inspired many of their classmates to learn more about the fascinating world of the Vikings.



Coding Competition

Pupils in Year 5 got a fantastic opportunity to participate in the coding competition organised by the ICT team at Parkside Studio College. The pupils had to create a poster using their ICT skills. 10 lucky participations were selected and will be given 10 hours of free Coding tuition. It is an incredible opportunity for the primary pupils to get involved in such an event. One of the lucky winners also received a book voucher worth £10.



Cricket Day

A team of Year 5 and 6 pupils represented Brookside at a cricket festival at Uxbridge Cricket Club. The children were great ambassadors for the school and made the school proud. They played three matches and played very well, securing one victory. Well done to all the boys who took part!



Compass Workshop

Year 6 had an amazing opportunity to participate in a Compass Workshop. Staff and pupils from Hewens College showed Year 6 how to hold and use a compass correctly and accurately. They also were able to extend their knowledge by being able to bisect an angle (which is a GCSE objective). All the children loved this experience, and all worked hard to extend their mathematics knowledge.



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.

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 Trip to Destination Tuesday 27th June

Tuesday 27th June 2023 we will be taking Year 1 group on a trip to **ODDS FARM**. You will need to bring your child into school by **no later than 8.30** 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.

Authorised and Unauthorised Absence

Your child's absence from school will only be authorised if:

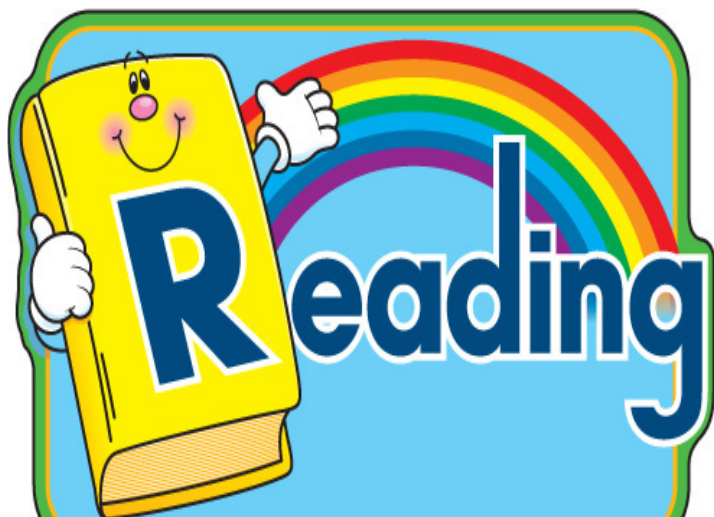
- They are too ill to attend. In this case, you must ensure you contact the school on each morning of your child's absence by 8:45am. The only exception to this is in the case of long-term absence due to illness, in this instance we will require a letter from your GP or Hospital.
- Your child has a medical appointment and the school has been notified, however, whenever possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours.
- Exceptional circumstances apply and the Headteacher has given permission. If a child is absent from school and the school has not been informed of the reason, the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Any absence other than in circumstances as described above, will be recorded as unauthorised. In this instance the parent, guardian or carer of an absent child may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice by the local authority. The Fixed Penalty fine is £60, which will be increased to £120 if **paid after 21 days but within 28 days**. **If the fine is not paid within 28 days the local authority may prosecute.**

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 bed-time. 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.

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 |
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| Monday, 19 th June | 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Nursery London AM |
| | | Reception |
| Monday, 19 th June | 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Nursery London PM |
| 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 |



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

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| 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, and 6 Sports Day |
| Thursday 22nd June | 9.10am- Year 3 Ottawa Parent Assembly |
| Thursday 22nd June | Internal Workshop Laser Tag Year 6 |
| 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

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| Tuesday 4th July | Transition Day Whole School. |
| Thursday 6th July | Last day of After School Fun Clubs |
| Tuesday 11th July | Brookside Got Talent |
| 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 |
| Friday 14th July | Farms2ewe Mobile Farm- Nursery and Reception |
| Wednesday 19th July | End of Term Early Dismissal at 12:00pm |

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.

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|  | Week Commencing: Monday 19th June | |
| | MENU 3 | |
| MONDAY | | |
| Meal Choice 1 | Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy | Halal |
| Meal Choice 2 | Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy | 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 | Orange Jelly | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| TUESDAY | | |
| Meal Choice 1 | Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad | Halal |
| Meal Choice 2 | Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad | Non Halal |
| Meal Choice 3 | Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad | Vegetarian |
| Meal Choice 4 | Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta | Gluten/Dairy Free |
| Dessert Choice | Chocolate Mousse | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| WEDNESDAY | | |
| Meal Choice 1 | Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice | Halal |
| Meal Choice 2 | Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice | Non Halal |
| Meal Choice 3 | Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings | Vegetarian |
| Meal Choice 4 | Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice | Gluten/Dairy Free |
| Dessert Choice | Apple Crumble | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| THURSDAY | | |
| Meal Choice 1 | Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa | Halal |
| Meal Choice 2 | Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa | Non Halal |
| Meal Choice 3 | Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa | Vegetarian |
| Meal Choice 4 | Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa | Gluten/Dairy Free |
| Dessert Choice | Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| 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 | Macaroni Cheese | Vegetarian |
| Meal Choice 4 | Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans | Gluten/Dairy Free |
| Dessert Choice | Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake | Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts |
| Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day | | |