

Junior Leaders Pinning Ceremony

Congratulations to our school's Student Leaders! On **Wednesday, 22nd November**, Brookside Primary School held its **Junior Leaders Pinning Ceremony**. The Year 6 pupils selected to be Prefects, Deputy Heads, Head Boy and Head Girl were pinned in front of their school and parents. The rest of the School had their own pinning for Attendance Ambassadors, Literacy Ambassadors, Mathematics Ambassadors, Monitors and Reading Buddies within their own classes. These children have made the School proud and we are excited to see the leadership they will show this school year!



Readers of the Month

Every month, we acknowledge one student from each class for their dedicated effort and progress in Reading. These outstanding pupils are honoured during our Whole-School Assembly and presented with a Reading Certificate.

To note their achievements, we display their photographs and names on the **'Reader of the Month'** board in the hall. This serves as a celebration of their hard work, motivating all our children to strive for this recognition every month.



Year 6 Bikeability

Last week, **Monday 20th to Tuesday 21st November**, a group of **Year 6** children had a wonderful learning experience while completing their **Levels 1 and 2 Bikeability Cycling Course**. This programme was provided by the **School Travel and Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity (STARS Team)** from **Hillingdon Borough**. The children were taught basic road safety skills and then given the opportunity to apply them on the roads under strict supervision in the Yeading area. The instructors were impressed with the excellent behaviour of all the children and the progress they made throughout the course. Congratulations to all the children who took part and passed the course!



Road Safety Week

Let's Talk About Speed! Brookside Primary School discussed this topic during **Road Safety Week- Monday 20th to 24th November**. As a school, we wore stripes/bright colours to show how it is important to be visible on the roads to stay safe. We learned about the dangers of speeding and how we can stay safe on our journeys. The children created Road Safety Posters with bright colours and wonderful information. We would like to say a huge congratulations to **Rugayya** in **Reception Madrid** who was the **2nd place winner for Early Years Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1** as she took part in the **Hillingdon October Walk to School Month Active Travel Art Competition 2023**.



Key Stage 2 Road Safety Invention Competition

Recently, the **Key Stage 2** children across the School participated in the Road Safety Invention Competition organised by the **Hillingdon STARS team**. The budding artists unleashed their creativity by illustrating vibrant and impactful posters explaining how it will make our roads safer. As a token of appreciation for their efforts, participants received a certificate recognising their commitments to safer roads in the community.



Visit to the Hounslow Jamia Masjid

On **Thursday 23rd** and **Tuesday 28th November**, children in **Year 2** visited and toured the **Hounslow Jamia Masjid & Islamic Centre** to consolidate their learning about the Islamic religion, its place of worship, their practices, beliefs and celebrations. They were able to use this hands-on experience to make comparisons with other religious practices they have been learning about, along with their own. They had an enriching experience.



Building Anglo-Saxon houses

Year 5 children have had an amazing experience this week in learning the architectural style and construction of **Anglo-Saxon houses**. As part of their History lessons, pupils have been learning about Anglo-Saxon way of life, culture and how we can still see their influence today. Overall, this project has offered the students a hands-on experience in learning about History, architecture and construction techniques. It is fascinating to see the creativity and effort that went into building these miniature Anglo-Saxon houses.



Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop – Tuesday, 5th December 2023

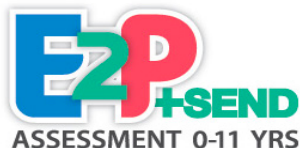
All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a **Year 1 Phonics Workshop** on **Tuesday 5th December 2023** at **3:00 p.m. in the Infant Hall**. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the **Year 1 Curriculum and developing your child's phonetic skills**. We look forward to seeing you all.

Speed Sounds Set 2



Early Essence Training- Wednesday, 13th and Thursday, 14th December 2023

Parents, guardians and carers of children in **Nursery** and **Reception** are invited to an **Early Essence Training Workshop** on **Wednesday, 13th December for Nursery Parents, Guardians and Carers** and **Thursday, 14th December for Reception Parents, Guardians and Carers**. All workshops will take place at **2:45pm in the Computer Suite**. We look forward to seeing you!



Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Rising Stars Tests - Friday 1st to 8th December

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 period of **Friday 1st to Friday 8th December 2023**. 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 goodnight's rest have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!



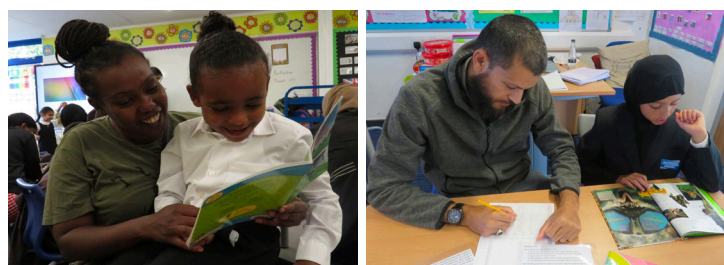
Last days of After School Fun Clubs

Please be aware that the last days of the After School Fun Clubs for the Autumn Term will be **Wednesday, 6th December and Thursday, 7th December 2023**.

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 your child's teacher or the School.



Christmas Carolling and Tree Trimming Assemblies- Wednesday 6th to Tuesday 12th December 2023

We happily welcome all parents, guardians and carers to join the children in their festive celebrations as they sing carols and hang their creative Christmas tree decorations from **Wednesday 6th December to Tuesday 12th December 2023**. Please check the calendar for the date of your child's celebration. Please ensure you arrive on time and please do not circulate any pictures or videography on social media. Thank you.



Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 7th December**, all the children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school! To help us raise money as much as possible for **Save the Children**, we would appreciate any donations that will be given to the cause. We look forward to seeing lots of happy and excited children wearing their favourite Christmas jumpers to school on this day and to helping this worthwhile charity make a difference to those in need! We thank you in advance for your generosity.



School Uniform - Cold Weather

Now that the weather is getting wet and cold, we will need to work together to make sure that our standard of uniform does not slip. Whilst it is helpful and sensible for children to come to school in warm coats, jumpers and even Wellington boots, they must have their full school uniform (including blazers) and black school shoes with them every day. Thank you.

Class Parties

The Christmas Parties will be held on the **afternoon of Wednesday, 20th December**. All children should attend school in party clothing on the day. We are requesting for parents, guardians and carers to kindly make a donation of food for the parties. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher to request a list of the food items that can be donated. It is important to note that for reasons of the health and safety of all children, unfortunately we are unable to accept home cooked food items. All donated food must be unopened and in its original packaging (no nuts allowed). Thank you.

Holiday Request during Term Time



Children's absence during term time will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Any planned term time leave of absence, must be requested in writing to the Headteacher prior to any travel arrangements being made. In such circumstances, please contact the School Office and request a **Leave of Absence Form**, which must be completed and returned to the School Office prior to the absence. **Evidence is required to support the request.** You will be notified if your request is approved as soon as possible.



If the absence is not approved but taken, it will be recorded as unauthorised. Please be aware that unauthorised absences could result in the issue of a fixed penalty fine and/or prosecution by the Local Authority. If you have any questions please contact the School Office. Thank you.

Primary School Admissions 2024

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020** that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

To ensure your application arrives on time and to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications before the Christmas holiday period. Further information can be found at (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You should have received information about applying for your child starting primary school via email.









Childhood Asthma



FREE Online Workshops

SCAN ME





CONTACT THE TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION

 01895 543 437
 nhsnwl.myhealth@nhs.net

What's Included In The Workshop ?

What to do if your child is having an Asthma attack	Inhaler Techniques	Myth Busting	Common Triggers	Asthma Plans	Q&A
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SESSION PRESENTED BY A HILLINGDON ASTHMA NURSE

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY	Week Commencing: Monday, 4th December 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
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

 December 2023 to January 2024		
DECEMBER 2023		
Friday, 1st - Friday, 8th		Rising Stars Assessment Week
Monday, 4th		Panathalon Ten Pin Bowling Tournament
Tuesday, 5th	3:00 p.m.	Parent, Guardian & Carer Phonics Workshop- Year 1
Wednesday, 6th	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Wednesday, 6th	2:45 p.m.	Year 2 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Wednesday, 6th - Thursday, 7th		Last Days of After School Fun Clubs
Thursday, 7th		Hearing and Vision Screening- Reception
Thursday, 7th		Christmas Jumper Day- (Non-Uniform Day)
Thursday, 7th	9:10 a.m.	Year 3 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Thursday, 7th	2:45 p.m.	Year 4 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Friday, 8th	9:10 a.m.	Year 5 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Friday, 8th	2:45 pm	Year 6 Carolling and Tree Trimming
Monday, 11th		Reception Carolling and Tree Trimming
Tuesday, 12th		Nursery AM Carolling and Tree Trimming
Tuesday, 12th		Nursery PM Carolling and Tree Trimming
Wednesday, 13th		Early Essence Workshop for Nursery Parents, Guardians and Carers
Thursday, 14th		Early Essence Workshop for Reception Parents, Guardians and Carers
Friday, 15th		Trip to Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Church- Year 1
Wednesday, 20th	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Class Parties
Thursday, 21st		End of Term (Early Dismissal)
JANUARY 2024		
Monday, 8th	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	EYFS & KS1 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Tuesday, 9th	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	KS2 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Wednesday, 10th		Term begins
Thursday, 11th		NCMP - Height and weight check- Reception and Year 6
Monday, 15th		Martin Luther King Day
Monday 15th to Friday 19th		Mock Examinations - Years 1, 2 and 6
Friday, 19th		World Religion Day - (Non Uniform Day)