

Christmas Carolling

'Tis the season to be jolly. Fa-la-la-la, La La La La!' It was a festive time at Brookside Primary, as parents, guardians and carers, celebrated with us in the form of Tree Trimming and Christmas Carolling. From Nursery to Year 6, all the children created their decorations for the Christmas tree and sang a range of Christmas Carols to highlight their talents. Brookside can easily be known as the 'singing school', as they sang so beautifully! Thank you to all the parents, guardians and carers who came out to share in this very joyous event for each year group.





A Charitable Deed

The **Charity Council** visited the **Hillingdon Foodbank** on **Thursday, 30th November** to deliver the items collected from the **School's Harvest Festival and World Food Day donations**. Having the opportunity to give back to the community, the children learnt the importance of helping those who are less fortunate, particularly in these challenging times. The Foodbank was very appreciative of the huge amount of food and toiletry items our school was able to collect in support of the families in need. We would like to thank all staff, parents, guardians and carers for your support and kindness in donating items for our Harvest Festival celebration.

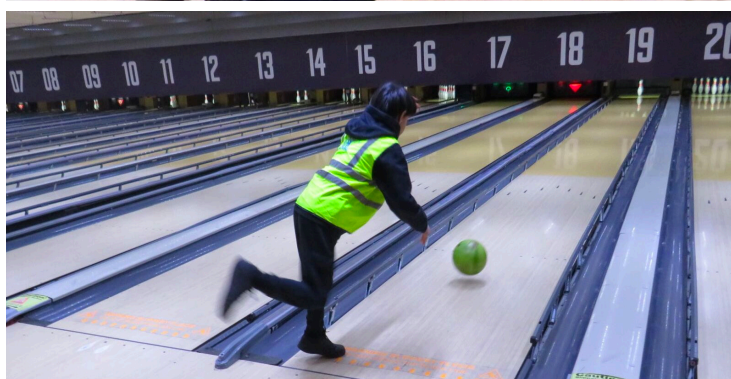


Helping others in need is not only a responsibility of life; it is what gives meaning to life.



Ten Pin Bowling

On **Monday, 4th December 2023**, 12 children represented Brookside in the **Panathalon Ten Pin Bowling Competition**. The children were amazing competitors, who not only showed their excellent bowling skills, but their amazing camaraderie and sportsmanship. There were many great successes and highlights, including children scoring near to and over 100 points as well as getting spares (when you hit all the pins with two throws). We are really proud of all the children who took part and they were a great credit to all here at Brookside Primary School.



Parents Phonics Workshop – Year 1

The Year 1 parents, guardians and carers had an informative session on **Tuesday, 5th December** when they attended our **Phonics Workshop**. Everyone had the opportunity to learn all about the **Read Write Inc. Programme** and the sounds their children learn in school. Strategies and ideas that can be used at home to support their child's learning were also shared. Everyone who attended found the workshop very helpful and enjoyed taking part in all the actions and learning the sounds which they can practice at home with their child.



Separating Mixtures in Science

Our Year 5 children are learning about Materials and their properties this term. As part of the Science lessons, the children conducted various investigations to decide on the best methods to separate the given mixtures. They used their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated. Their investigation included using scientific processes of separation like filtering, sieving, using magnets and evaporation.



The scenario given to them was that a local supermarket had a disaster! Lots of their goods have got mixed up after a delivery truck was loaded up incorrectly. The manager of the supermarket had asked for the Year 5 children's help in separating all the items so that the goods can be put out on the shelves. For example: Water was mixed in the sand, Paper clips fell into boxes of raisins, etc. They thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and were able to help the manager by carrying out their mini investigations.



Great Fire of London

In Art and Craft, the Year 2 pupils have been looking at different ways of representing the scenes from the Great Fire of London, learning about different ways artists use colour in their paintings of the Great Fire of London and identifying other techniques used to illustrate the fire. The children experimented with brush strokes to blend paint to make tints and shades to represent the flames, smoke, burning buildings and the night sky. They had fun showing their artistic skills.



Christmas Meals- Tuesday, 19th December

On **Tuesday 19th December**, we will be offering the children who wish to have a school dinner, a free traditional Christmas meal and a dessert. **All information regarding Christmas meals is available on IPayImpact.** You will be required to log into your child's IPay account and select their meal preference at your earliest convenience.



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.

End of Term- Thursday, 21st December

A reminder to all parents, guardians and carers that **Thursday 21st December** is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from **11:30am**. Please see below for times:

Year Groups	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Reception, Years 1 and 2	11:45am
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	12:00pm

Please note that the afternoon Nursery session will not be open. Have a restful and fun holiday break with your families.

Parent Consultation- Monday, 8th - Tuesday 9th January 2024

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on **Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th January 2024**. Parent consultation times will be sent out via letter next week. Please be assured that we have taken into consideration those who have more than one child and have given a similar time to accommodate these families on their assigned day. If this is not the case, please contact us via email and we will try to change this for you. If you are unable to accommodate a face-to-face parent consultation meeting, the teachers will make alternative arrangements via telephone conference. 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.







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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
SESSION PRESENTED BY A HILLINGDON ASTHMA NURSE					


BROOKSIDE PRIMARY	<p>Week Commencing: <i>Monday, 18th December</i></p> <p>MENU 2</p>
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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	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY - 'Christmas Meal'		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Rich Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Gluten free Rich Onion Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Rich Onion Gravy and a Pork Chipolata wrapped in Smoked Bacon	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Roast Norfolk Turkey with a Gluten free Rich Onion Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free Non Halal
Meal Choice 5	Cheese Tart and Vegetable Goujon	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 6	Whole Roasted Cauliflower with Garlic, Thyme and Black pepper	Gluten/Dairy Free Vegetarian
Vegetables	Roasted Rosemary and Thyme Potatoes, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots and Baby Buttered Brussels Sprouts	Gluten Free Sage and Onion Stuffing
Dessert Choice	Rich Chocolate Cake with a Caramel Fudge Sauce	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings [sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings [sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna]	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Salad and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fruit Tarts	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		



Happy Holidays From our Family to Yours!

We wish you a safe, warm and happy holiday season full of memories to last!

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DECEMBER 2023		
Tuesday, 19th		Christmas Meal
Wednesday, 20th	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Class Parties
Thursday, 21st	11:45 a.m.	End of Term- Early Dismissal- EYFS & Key Stage 1
Thursday, 21st	12:00 p.m.	End of Term- Early Dismissal- Key Stage 2
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	8:40 a.m.	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 & 6
Tuesday, 16th & Wednesday, 17th		Author's Visit- Luke Temple
Wednesday, 17th	8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM Stay and Read
Wednesday, 17th	12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM Stay and Read
Thursday, 18th	8:40 a.m.	Reception Stay and Read
Friday, 19th		World Religion Day - Non Uniform Day
Tuesday, 23rd	8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2 Stay and Read
Tuesday, 23rd		National Handwriting Day
Wednesday, 24th	8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4 Stay and Read
Friday, 26th	8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6 Stay and Read
Monday, 29th to Monday, 5th February		National Storytelling Week

Term dates

SPRING TERM 2024	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 8th January 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 9th January 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 10th January 2024
Half Term:	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024
Term Ends:	Thursday 28th March 2024