

Welcome to the Spring Term!

Our **Spring Term** started with parents, guardians and carers coming into school for their termly **Parent Consultation Meetings**. It was a tremendous success, as teachers and teaching partners were able to speak on the strengths and areas for the improvement of each child.



Parents, guardians, carers and pupils alike were all smiles as they returned for the first day of school and the pupils enjoyed an engaging welcome back morning assembly as they explored the R of the week- **Reflective**. We look forward to a very productive Spring Term.



Year 1 Sandwich Delights



On **Monday, 18th December**, Year 1 followed instructions carefully to make their own jam sandwiches. The children have been learning about instructions as part of their English lessons. Year 1 was excited to see that they would be using instructions in a practical way. This helped them to understand why and how we use instructions in the real world.



Following this activity, the children were able to write their own instructions to make a sandwich using the features of this genre, e.g. numbering the instructions and writing them in sequence, using time related phrases and imperative verbs in context.

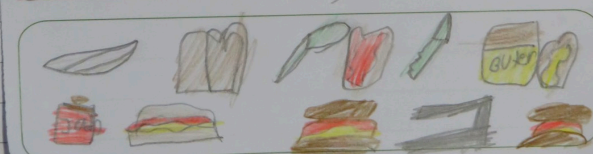


Ingredients

Get a jar of Jam.
Get two breads.
Get one plate.
Get a jar of butter.
Get a knife.

Method

1. First: Get one plate.
- Next: Get two breads.
2. Get a Knife and spread the Jam.
3. Then: Get the Knife and spread the butter.
4. Then: Put the other bread on top.
5. Finally: Put the Sandwich in the oven and enjoy your Breakfast.



How to... A recipe for... You will need... 1... 2... 3...

Writing Instructions

First... Next... Finally... Put... Turn... Before... After...

Artists in the Making!



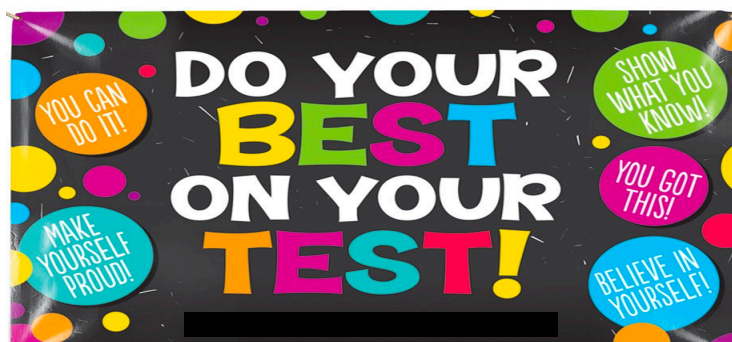
Our **Breakfast Club** and **Art and Craft Club** children entered their creative drawings of their imaginative pets in the **“Perfect Pets” Competition**.

We are happy to announce that over 60 submissions were successfully chosen to represent the school and have their artwork published in the fantastic collection on the **15th of January 2024**. The co-ordinator was impressed with the creative artwork and interesting pet names which kept her and her team thoroughly entertained. Congratulations to our budding artists!



Years 1 & 2 Phonics and 6 SATs Practice Papers

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that children in **Years 1 and 2** will practise for their **Phonics tests**, whilst **Year 6** will sit **mock SATs papers** during the week commencing **Monday, 15th January**. 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!



Boosters and After School Fun Clubs

Booster sessions will commence on **Wednesday, 15th January** and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Teachers will invite targeted children to attend these booster sessions in order to help develop their understanding and knowledge in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Phonics or Writing. Please be advised that booster sessions take place in the **morning at 8:15 a.m.** for **Reception to Year 5** and **3:30 p.m.** in the afternoon for **Year 6**.

In addition, **After School Fun Clubs** will proceed from **Wednesday, 31st January** to the end of the Spring Term. To ensure that each child gets a fair opportunity to participate in a fun club, fun clubs will be limited to one club per child. Therefore, please state your order of preference when signing up. Thank you.



Young Voices Parent Meeting

On **Wednesday 17th January**, we will be holding a meeting at **4:00 p.m.** in the **Infant Hall** regarding the **Young Voices Concert** which is taking place on **Friday, 2nd February**. At this meeting, we will be providing relevant information about the running of the day. If your child is taking part in the Young Voices Concert this year, please ensure you attend the meeting. Thank you.

Stay and Read

Parents, Guardians and Carers, you are invited to a reading workshop where teachers will model the expectations of reading at home. Parents, Guardians and Carers will be required to sit with their child, read through, and be shown how they can complete the reading records. Teachers will go through a range of comprehension strategies that can be used at home, as well as, additional links for supporting reading at home. Please see below for the dates of each session:

Dates and Times	Classes
Wednesday, 17th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM
Wednesday, 17th January @ 12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM
Thursday, 18th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Reception
Tuesday, 23rd January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday, 24th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4
Thursday, 25th January @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6



School Uniform - Cold Weather

Now that the weather is getting wetter and colder, 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.

Primary School Admissions 2024

Starting primary school

September 2024
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Closing date for applications is
15 January 2024



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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.

Attendance- Importance of Good Attendance

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that research shows there is a clear link between the attendance rate of children at school and their level of attainment. Please support your child to attend regularly by ensuring that any medical or other appointments are organised out of school hours. The expectation of the governing body is that all children will achieve a minimum annual attendance rate of 96%.

Attendance Matters



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Winter Wellness

WINTER WELLNESS DIRECTORY 2024

Helping you live well this winter



H4All is delighted to share their **Winter Wellness Directory 2024** with you and trusts you will find it useful. Please follow the link to our website to find out more information: <https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/latest-news/winter-wellness-directory-2024>

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

SUMMER TERM 2024

Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 15th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 16th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 17th April 2024
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024
Term Ends:	Monday 22nd July 2024
Staff Training:	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Staff Training:	Wednesday 24th July 2024

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY	Week Commencing: Monday, 15th January
	MENU 4

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
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		



January to February 2024

JANUARY

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
	12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM Stay and Read
	4:00 p.m.	Young Voices Parent Meeting
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 - Friday, 2nd February		Life Base Workshops
Monday, 29th to Monday, 5th February		National Storytelling Week

FEBRUARY

Friday, 2nd		Young Voices Concert
Tuesday, 6th		Safer Internet Day
		Pedestrian Training- Year 1 & Reception
Wednesday, 7th		Pedestrian Training- Year 3
Thursday, 8th		The Living Rainforest Trip- Year 3
Friday, 9th		Pedestrian Training- Year 2
Friday, 9th		End of Spring 1 Term
Monday, 12th - Friday, 19th		Half-Term Break
Monday, 12th		Half-Term Fun Activities
Tuesday, 13th		Shrove Tuesday
Monday, 19th		Spring 2 Term Begins
Wednesday, 21st		International Mother Language Day
Wednesday, 21st		Petrie Museum (Egypt) Trip- Year 4
Thursday, 22nd		World Thinking Day
Monday, 26th		Internet Safety Presentation- Year 5
		'Future Life' - Gangs, knife crime and drugs- Year 6
Tuesday, 27th		What police officers do and how we help people- Year 3
		Personal Safety (Stranger Danger) Presentation- Year 4
Thursday, 29th	9:10 a.m.	Year 6 Canberra Parent Assembly

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