

Celebrating our Religions!

In celebration of **World Religion Day**, our students had fun garbing themselves in vibrant religious and cultural attire. This observance aims to promote an understanding, tolerance and peace amongst all religious groups, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. Several members of staff joined in enthusiastically and all participants did us proud.



Electrifying Children's Author Visit & Book signing!

On **Tuesday, 16th January**, our school was fortunate to host **Luke Temple**, a celebrated and enthusiastic children's author. His engaging workshops were a phenomenal hit and sparked a renewed love of reading and writing in our children. Throughout his visit, the children gained a priceless understanding into the creative writing process and the inspiration behind his numerous books. The following day's book signing event was also a great success, with many children engaging in exciting dialogue with him. Luke Temple's visit was truly a transformative experience for our children and we are immensely thankful for the opportunity to have had him at our school.



Boosters and After School Fun Clubs

Booster sessions have commenced on **Wednesday, 17th January for EYFS and KS1 and Thursday, 18th January for KS2** and will be ongoing throughout the course of the term. Teachers have invited 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.



Life Base Visit

During the week commencing **Monday, 29th January**, members of the Coram Life Education Hillingdon will be visiting the School to host workshops for each class. These workshops form a very important part of the curriculum and will be interactive sessions for the children.



Parent Workshop- Year 4

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a **Multiplication Timetables Check Workshop** on **Monday, 5th February 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 also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the **Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check** which is due to be held in June. Thank you.

NSPCC Number Day 2024

Brookside Primary will be joining many schools and nurseries across the UK on **Friday, 2nd February** for NSPCC'S our mega maths fundraising day. We will be taking part in a fun-filled day of maths and raising money for charity to support NSPCC's services such as 'Speak out Stay safe' and 'Childline'. **Take up the challenge and Dress up for Digits!** Children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it. This can be their favourite sports top or cap, or anything with number on it. Alternatively, why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice! **We are asking for a donation of £1 towards this charity event.** Thank you for your support.



Mental Health Coffee Morning

Hillingdon Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are teaming up with Brookside Primary to deliver interventions and workshops designed to help parents support children with common childhood problems. This will be held on **Friday, 2nd February from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. for EYFS/KS1 parents, guardians and carers in the Infant Hall; and Wednesday, 7th February from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the Junior Hall for KS2 parents, guardians and carers.** Feel free to drop by to hear about: common anxieties in children; behaviour worries; parent well being and how we can help. We look forward to seeing you there.

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%.

BROOKSIDE	Week Commencing: Monday, 29th January
PRIMARY	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	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
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	Chocolate Sponge	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
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	Vanilla Cheesecake	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	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	Apple Pie	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

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



January to February 2024

JANUARY		
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd February		Life Base Workshops
Monday, 29th to Monday, 5th February		National Storytelling Week
Wednesday, 31st		After School Fun Clubs Begin
FEBRUARY		
Friday, 2nd	9:00 a.m.	EYFS/KS1 Mental Health Coffee Morning
Friday, 2nd		NSPCC Number Day
Friday, 2nd		Young Voices Concert
Monday, 5th	3:00 p.m.	Multiplication Timetable Check Parent Workshop- Year 4
Tuesday, 6th		Safer Internet Day
Tuesday, 6th		Pedestrian Training- Year 1 & Reception
Wednesday, 7th	9:00 a.m.	KS2 Mental Health Coffee Morning
Wednesday, 7th		Pedestrian Training- Year 3
Thursday, 8th		The Living Rainforest Trip- Year 3
Thursday, 8th		Christ Church Maths Challenge- Year 5
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
Monday, 26th		'Future Life' – Gangs, knife crime and drugs- Year 6
Tuesday, 27th		What police officers do and how we help people- Year 3
Tuesday, 27th		Personal Safety (Stranger Danger) Presentation- Year 4
Thursday, 29th	9:10 a.m.	Year 6 Canberra Parent Assembly

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
– Nelson Mandela