

Practical Pedestrian Training- EYFS and Year 1



On **Tuesday, 6th February**, the **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** children participated in **Pedestrian Training** delivered by the **STARS Team**. The children were split into small groups and learnt about the road hazards and how to keep themselves safe when walking on the pavements and crossing roads, particularly busy ones. Once they received their initial training, the children put into practice all they had learnt on the model road inside the Infant Hall.



We hope that their participation in the Pedestrian Training will encourage more children to travel to school sustainably (either by walking, biking, scooting, etc.) as they feel more confident about travelling along our roads.



Year 3 explorers in the Rainforest



During the Spring Term, our Year 3 pupils learnt about tropical rainforests across the world in their Geography lessons. To promote a love for learning and to consolidate the concepts taught, our amazing pupils went to explore the amazing **Living Rainforest** in Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire on **Thursday, 8th February**. It was awesome to see how well informed these little rangers were as they explored and shared their expert knowledge about all that encompasses the rainforest. They spoke confidently about what we can do as responsible citizens to preserve the natural habitats for wildlife. They had a blast!



Year 5 London Maths Challenge

On **Thursday, 8th February** our four Year 5 mathematicians participated in the **Christ's Hospital Year 5 London Maths Challenge**. The stage was set for an exciting morning for 140 young mathematicians from 35 schools taking part in this unique challenge in an iconic location. Each school entered teams who took part in various problem-solving challenges. Prizes were awarded at the end of the challenge and each pupil received a Certificate of Participation.

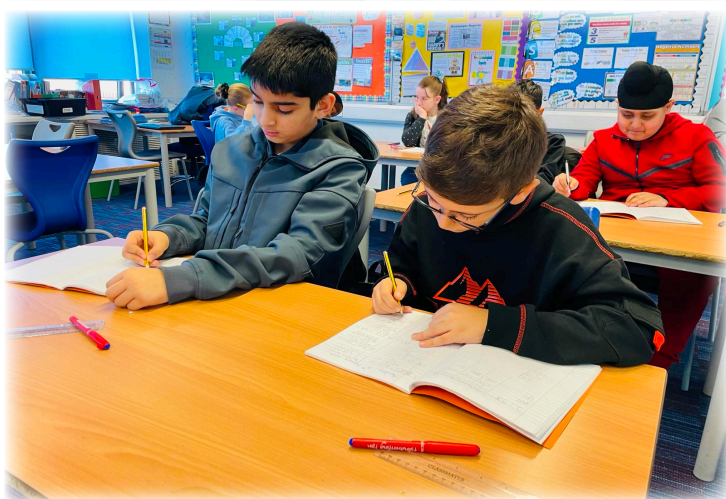


It was a unique experience for our pupils as they got an opportunity to showcase their mathematical abilities. The challenge was not only designed to develop their problem solving skills but also encourage their love of math. Our pupils worked as a team, developing their communication skills and enriching their learning. They had a spectacular time!



Spring Half-Term Boosters and Fun Activities

During the Spring Half-Term, Year 6 children were invited on **Monday, 12th February** to attend our Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Reasoning booster sessions. The children tackled VIPER (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, and Retrieval) questions in Reading Comprehension. They wore their Maths hat as they worked with fractions, percentages and decimals. The booster helped to boost their skills and confidence.



Our Years 1 and 2 children had an exhilarating time during the Spring Half-Term Fun day. They dived in artistic painting as they developed an understanding of Cubism and they stretched their limbs dancing up a storm. With Chinese New Year still being in the air, they designed and made Chinese lanterns and Chinese money envelopes with special treats inside to give their family and friends. Their day ended with them showing off their athletic football skills. It was truly a fun filled day for them all!



Children's Mental Health Week

From the **5th - 9th February**, we participated in **Children's Mental Health Week** events. This year's theme was '**My Voice Matters**' and children across all year groups were able to express themselves through a **Drop Box** in the Junior Hall. During the Monday assembly, they learned about what Children's Mental Health Week is and why it is relevant to them. They were told that the drop box was available for them to write down how they were feeling and why they were feeling this way. The response was incredible! Across all year groups, children were able to express themselves using wonderful writing. In our PSHE lessons and small group interventions, we have been using the Feel-It Programme focused on the Zones of Regulation, and the impact of this was evident as children used vocabulary they have learned through the programme. Children also engaged in activities in class for their mental health including meditations, mindful drawing and journaling.



Are you a Carer?

Hillingdon has released the attached guide to provide carers with more information on the support available from the Local Authority.

<https://www.brooksideprimary-sch.co.uk/latest-news/are-you-a-carer>



Class Photography- Tuesday 27th February 2024

The Fraser Portraits School photographer is scheduled to visit on **Tuesday, 27th February** to take class photographs. Please be advised that children must wear their full school uniform. Please also note, Physical Education (PE) will not be held on this day. Thank you.

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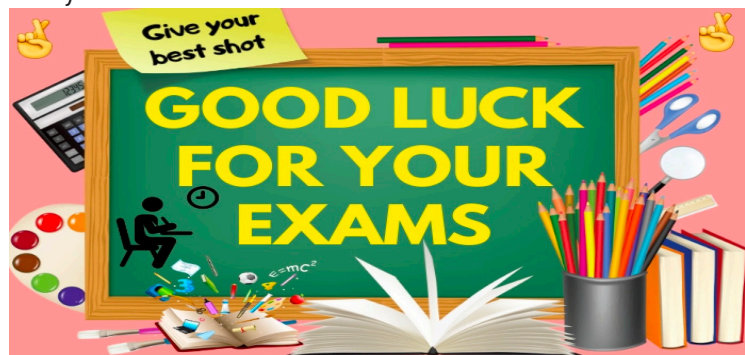
The School Choir will be performing for a second time at the **Beck Theatre** for the **sing! 24 Primary Singing Festival**. Here the children will have a great opportunity to showcase their singing skills as an individual group and then take part in a grand production with other schools. **The concert will take place on Wednesday, 27th March.** Before the concert, the children will participate in daytime activities lead by singing professionals. To discuss this further, parents, guardians and carers of the choir members are invited for a **meeting on Thursday, 29th February 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Infant Hall**. In this meeting, we will discuss the practical side of the day. We look forward to seeing you all.

Year 6 Canberra's Assembly

Year 6 Canberra's class assembly will take place on **Thursday, 29th February 2024 at 9:10 a.m.** where parents, guardians and carers are invited. The assembly will be based on **World War Two**. We will look at how it started, evacuation to safety, impact of Winston Churchill on the war and the Blitz. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with you.

Years 1 & 2 Phonics and Years 2 & 6 SATs Practice

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that children in Years 1 and 2 will practise for their Phonics tests, whilst Years 2 & 6 will sit mock SATs papers during the week commencing **Monday, 26th February**. 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 good night's rest have improved alertness, concentration, mental performance, mood and memory. We wish all our children every success in their tests!



World Book Day- Non-Uniform Day

Read your way this World Book Day 2024! Our World Book Day Events have begun this week with virtual sessions by different authors.

- On Wednesday, 21st February we started with Jeffrey Boakye, acclaimed author and broadcaster leading a session. This event was for Years 5-6.
- On Thursday, 22nd February, Joseph Coelho, the current Pupils' Laureate and award-winning author entertained pupils virtually based on Ten-Word Tiny Tales. Is it possible to spin a tale using just ten words? This event was for Years 3-4.
- On Friday, 23rd February, there was a Virtual session for Reception to Year 2 pupils by Margaret Bateson-Hill who is an author and acclaimed storyteller. Her session was based around Five Little Ducks.

On **Thursday, 7th March**, it will be **World Book Day!** At Brookside Primary we value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. We will be celebrating the pupils' reading successes and they will be taking part in a range of different activities on the day to promote this.

As part of the day we are asking for the pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. In addition to dressing up, each child will be asked to do a book review of one of their favourite stories. They will share their review with their peers in class. As part of World Book Day each child will receive a **World Book Day £1 token** which can be used to purchase new books.



E-Safety

The internet is a fantastic resource for children to connect, communicate and be creative. But, they need constant guidance to stay safe. They need strict guidance to positively and safely access information on the Internet, communicate via social networks, use apps and play games. At school, online activity is closely monitored, and strict software security programs are installed to prevent children accessing inappropriate content. At home, reinforce the importance of staying safe online, ensure they understand the rules you put in place to keep them safe and talk to your children regularly about what they are looking at online. Install appropriate software to manage their safe internet use. Keep your child safe online!

BROOKSIDE	Week Commencing: Monday, 26th February
PRIMARY	MENU 1

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Homemade Oven Baked Potato Slices and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Chicken Goujons with Potatoes and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Ice Cream and Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Jam Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lightly Spiced Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Lemon Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Turkey Escalope with Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 3	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Fresh Fruit Salad	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



February and March 2024

FEBRUARY		
Monday, 26th - Friday, 1st March		Practice Papers- Years 1 & 2 Phonics and Years 2 & 6 SATS
Monday, 26th		Internet Safety Presentation- Year 5 'Future Life' – Gangs, knife crime and drugs- Year 6
Tuesday, 27th		Class Photographs
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
MARCH		
Friday, 1st		St. David's Day
Monday, 4th - 8th		National Careers Week
Tuesday, 5th		Mars Day
Thursday, 7th	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Stockholm Parent Assembly
Thursday, 7th		World Book Day (Non-Uniform Day) Hearing & Vision Screening- Reception
Friday, 8th		International Women's Day
Friday, 8th - Friday, 15th		British Science Week
Sunday, 10th		Mother's Day
Tuesday, 12th		Liberal Jewish Synagogue Trip- Year 5 Pretoria
Thursday, 14th		Liberal Jewish Synagogue Trip- Year 5 Dakar International Day of Mathematics
Thursday, 14th	9:10 a.m.	Year 4 Kuala Lumpur Parent Assembly
Thursday, 14th		Last day of Boosters and After School Clubs
Friday, 15th	9:10 a.m.	Year 2 Kiev Parent Assembly
Friday, 15th		Comic Relief Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform)
Monday, 18th		St. Patrick's Day- Wear something green
Monday, 18th - Friday 22nd		Rising Stars Papers, Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 6 SATS Practice Papers
Tuesday, 19th		Dr. Chocs Chocolate Factory Trip- Year 2 Kiev
Thursday, 21st		Year 6 Junior Citizens Event Dr. Chocs Chocolate Factory Trip- Year 2 Ankara World Poetry Day
Thursday, 21st	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Helsinki Parent Assembly