

World Book Day

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday, 7th March**! At Brookside, we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. There was a huge buzz around the school for the entire day which really helped to raise the profile of reading across the whole school. It was lovely to see such imagination and creativity as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters.



Amongst the many characters from Harry Potter, and multiple princesses across the year groups, we also had Fantastic Mr Fox, Little Red Riding Hood, Matilda, Where's Wally, Horrid Henry and The Cat in the Hat. In addition to dressing up, each child wrote a book review of one of their favourite stories. It was truly a great day!



Year 1 Stockholm's Parent Assembly



Year 1 Stockholm class performed an assembly on **Thursday, 7th March** about their English story, **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. The children each played a role as they shared what they learned from the traditional tale they read. They role-played as the characters, narrated excerpts from the book, asked and answered questions! They sang beautifully and danced along to songs that went with the story. They worked so hard on their assembly and did a wonderful job performing for their parents, guardians and carers, as well as their peers and teachers! Thank you to everyone who came to see their assembly!



International Women's Day

The children of Brookside Primary were thrilled to share in the wonderful celebrations which took place on **Friday, 8th March** in honour of **International Women's Day!** Our incredible children led a special assembly themed around **#InspireInclusion**, highlighting the importance of diversity and equality.

During the assembly, they showcased their creativity and passion through various performances, speeches, singing and presentations. They celebrated the achievements and contributions of women from diverse backgrounds, inspiring everyone to embrace inclusion and empower each other. It was truly heart-warming to see our children coming together to recognize the significance of women's roles in our society and advocate for a more inclusive future. Their enthusiasm and commitment to equality serve as a beacon of hope for our community.



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.



St. David's Day

At Brookside Primary this year, we marked **St. David's Day** by educating our children about the **Patron Saint of Wales**, all the national emblems used to celebrate this day by the Welsh people and engaging them in various activities displayed throughout the school.



Junior Citizen's Event- Year 6

On **Thursday, 21st March**, the **Year 6** children will be attending a field trip for the **Junior Citizens Event** at the **Brunel University**. The children will be transported via public transport and will return to school before dismissal time. This event will be geared towards preparing them to safely deal with real life potential dangers in a fun way using interesting scenarios. Please ensure you return the consent form to the class teacher for your child to attend the trip.



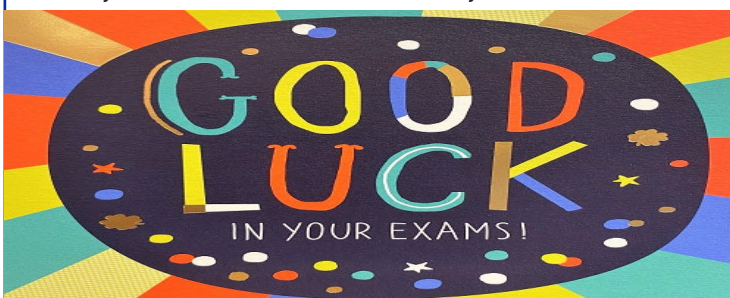
Year 2 Kiev's Parent Assembly

On **Friday, 22nd March** at **9:10 a.m.** where parents, carers and guardians are invited, **Year 2 Kiev** will be performing their assembly on **Habitats**. They will be performing a song and providing a quiz about the various habitats for different creatures. The children learned why animals live in a certain place and how they live there. They will have masks to show the different animals in their habitat and they are excited to show us what they have learned over the term. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with you.

Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Rising Stars Tests

– *Monday, 18th to 22nd March*

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 **Monday, 18th to 22nd March**. 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!



Years 1 & 2 Phonics and Year 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, 18th March**. 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!

Fasting at Ramadan

As Ramadan has begun, we would like to make parents, guardians and carers aware that at The Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust, we only allow children in Year 6 to fast, as, in our experience, fasting in year groups below this has a detrimental effect upon a child's overall performance.

Children in lower year groups could be supported to fast at home on the weekend if required, allowing families to supervise their health and wellbeing very closely. If you would like more information about this, please speak with a member of staff in the School Office.

Easter Bonnet Designing

On **Tuesday, 26th March**, Brookside Primary will be hosting an **Easter Bonnet Pageant** for the children. In preparation for this, we would like all children to make a bonnet at home using recycled materials. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak with the class teacher.



St. Patrick's Day- Monday, 18th March

Monday, 18th March will be recognized as **St. Patrick's Day**. This is where we will be recognizing the **Saint of Ireland**. In celebration of this saint, we will be **wearing something green to school along with our uniform**. Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in various activities as they learn interesting historical facts about St. Patrick.

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.

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

Brilliant Parents Carer Support



Parent Carer Support

Raising children doesn't come with a handbook, and sometimes knowing who to reach out to for support or advice is tricky. Brilliant Parents and the Stronger Families Key Working team are offering a friendly and informal drop-in for parents/carers of 0-18 year olds and 0-25 year olds for those with SEND.



We'll be there for a chat, to share advice, support and a range of information in relation to parenting, and mental and emotional wellbeing for all the family.

2024	Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT	Uxbridge Family Hub Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1LW	Hayes Family Hub College Way, Hayes UB3 3BB
	Wednesdays 1-3pm	Fridays 5-7pm	Fridays 10am - 12pm
March	6th	8th	15th
April	3rd	12th	19th
May	1st	10th	17th
June	5th	14th	21st
July	3rd	12th	19th
August	7th	16th	23rd
September	4th	13th	20th

For more information contact Sarah on:
07495 024 449 or
sarah.rust@brilliantparents.org


Our goal is to empower parents to feel safe, strong and healthy, whilst building resilience and confidence in your parenting decisions, with the support of a community network.

<div><div>BROOKSIDE</div><div>PRIMARY</div></div>	Week Commencing: <i>Monday, 18th March</i>	
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	<i>Raspberry Jelly</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Jam and Coconut Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Chocolate Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
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	<i>Custard Tart</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Change to Term Dates – 2023 to 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024	
Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 15 th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 16 th April 2024 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 17 th April 2024
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 th May 2024 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024
Term Ends:	Friday 19 th July 2024

Please note the last day of term for this academic year has been changed to **Friday 19th July 2024**. The last day will be an early dismissal where children will be dismissed at 12:00pm. The 2023 to 2024 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (<https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/term-dates>).

<div></div> <div>March-May 2024</div>		
MARCH		
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
Friday, 22nd	9:10 a.m.	Year 2 Kiev Parent Assembly
Friday, 22nd		World Water Day
Tuesday, 26th	9:10 a.m.	Year 5 Pretoria Parent Assembly
Tuesday, 26th		Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday, 27th		Sing! 24 Primary Singing Festival
Thursday, 28th		End of Term- Staggered Early Dismissal 11:45 a.m.- EYFS & KS1 12:00 p.m.- KS2
Friday, 29th March - Tuesday, 16th April		Easter Holiday Break
APRIL		
Monday, 15th		EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultation 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th		KS2 Parent Consultation 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 17th		Summer 1 Term Begins- 8:30 a.m.
Monday, 22nd		Earth Day
Tuesday, 23rd		St. George's Day
Thursday, 25th	9:10 a.m.	Reception Madrid Parent Assembly
Friday, 26th	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Helsinki Parent Assembly
Monday, 29th		International Dance Day
Monday, 29th April - Friday, 3rd May		Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 6 SATS Practice Papers
MAY		
Monday, 6th		Early May Bank Holiday