

Chocolate Fever

Our **Year 2** children had an exciting experience at the world's smallest chocolate factory- **Dr. Choc's Windsor Chocolate Factory** on **Tuesday, 19th March** and **Thursday, 21st March**. They had the greatest time learning about the process of cacao production- the transformation from a cacao bean to a chocolate bar and the fascinating origins and history of chocolate. The highlight of their trip was when they learnt how to work with chocolate whilst making their very own unique yummy chocolatey creations. Year 2 had the best time ever on this trip!



Year 6 Junior Citizens Event

On the **21st of March**, the Year 6 pupils attended a **Junior Citizens Event** at **Brunel University**. The event was designed to teach them how to stay safe and become responsible citizens. The children were fully immersed in the experience as they participated in several sessions that involved them in realistic and problematic scenarios. These scenarios required them to think carefully about the actions they needed to take in order to stay safe. In total, there were eight scenarios, each covering a different aspect of safety such as health issues, fire safety, citizenship, home safety, dangerous substances, online safety, water safety and road safety.



The children actively participated in question-and-answer sessions, sharing their knowledge with both their peers and professionals. They were eager to learn new life skills as they transition into secondary school and beyond. Overall, it was a successful event that left the Year 6 pupils better equipped to handle different situations and stay safe. Well done to all the participants!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

At Brookside Primary this year, we marked St. Patrick's Day by wearing something green, educating our children about the Patron Saint of Ireland, all the national emblems used to celebrate this day by the Irish people and engaging them in various activities displayed throughout the school.



Habitats of the World with Year 2

On Friday, 22nd March, Year 2 Kiev had a smashing time taking us around the world as they explored the different habitats and the animals which inhabit them. Through songs, dance and quizzes, they had a huge amount of fun teaching us about the various habitats which can be found in different parts of the world and the interesting facts about them. The Year 2 explorers and scientists explained how animals and creatures depend on their varied habitats to survive. Well done, Kiev!



End of Term and Easter Holiday Break

Schools will be closed from **Friday, 29th March to Tuesday, 16th April for the Easter Holiday Break**. Parents, guardians and carers, as you engage in various activities with your child during this Easter holiday, try to incorporate conversations that will engage them in critical thinking for their level. An example of this is asking 'why', 'what', 'where', 'when', and 'how' questions when exploring different topics. Other simple questions that you can ask to develop their spoken language, and comprehension, could surround their feelings and emotions. Remember to read with them, or even to visit the local library. We look forward to you sharing some pictures of the amazing activities that you will engage in over the Easter break. Have a relaxing time with your family.

Key Stage 2 Easter Fun Activity

We will be holding **Easter Fun Activity** days for **Years 3, 4 5 and 6** on **Tuesday, 2nd April (Years 3 - 4)** and **Wednesday, 3rd April (Years 5 - 6)** from **9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**. Those who have been invited to attend will be required to wear their full and correct Physical Education (PE) Kit. Please ensure the children bring their pack lunches and bottles of water. Thank you.

Mental Health Coffee Morning- Wednesday, 17th April

Hillingdon Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are once again teaming up with Brookside Primary to deliver another set of interventions and workshops designed to help parents support children with common childhood problems. This will be held on **Wednesday, 17th April from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Junior Hall for all parents, guardians and carers**. Feel free to drop by to hear about what anxiety is and dealing with anxieties in children; behaviour worries; parent wellbeing and how we can help. Any interested parents, guardians or carers can sign up for the session during Parent Consultation. We look forward to seeing you there.

To further support our **Year 6 students** in preparation for their Year 6 SATS Exams, they will be having a session with the **Hillingdon Mental Health Support Team** on anxiety at **10:20 a.m.**



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Parent Consultation

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on **Monday, 15th April (EYFS and Key Stage 1)** and **Tuesday, 16th April 2024 (Key Stage 2)**. 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.

Start of Summer Term- Wednesday, 17th April

Please be reminded that school commences for the **Summer term on Wednesday 17th April 2024** at the normal start time of **8:30 a.m.** It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons will begin promptly. It is extremely important that every child makes a positive start to the new term.

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Coming Soon!
A truly unforgettable
10 day experience...

We are going to hatch some ducklings!
Our eggs arrive on: **Monday, 15th April**
They will be hatching around: **Thursday, 18th April**
The ducklings will be leaving us on: **Thursday, 25th April**

School Shoes

We have noticed that some children are coming to school wearing trainers and incorrect school shoes. All children are expected to wear plain black shoes. Thank you.

BROOKSIDE	Week Commencing: Wednesday, 17th April
PRIMARY	MENU 2

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		



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Change to Term Dates - 2023 to 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:	Friday 19th 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>).

 March-May 2024		
MARCH		
Friday, 29th March - Tuesday, 16th April		Easter Holiday Break
APRIL		
Monday, 15th	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultation
Tuesday, 16th	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	KS2 Parent Consultation
Wednesday, 17th	8:30 a.m.	Summer 1 Term Begins
Wednesday, 17th	9:00 a.m.	Mental Health Coffee Morning
Monday, 22nd		Earth Day
Tuesday, 23rd		St. George's Day
Wednesday, 24th		Natural History Museum Trip- Year 6
Thursday, 25th	9:10 a.m.	Reception Madrid Parent Assembly
Friday, 26th	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Helsinki Parent Assembly
Monday, 29th April - Friday, 3rd May		Year 1 & 2 Phonics, Year 6 SATS Practice Papers
MAY		
Thursday, 2nd	9:10 a.m.	Reception Berlin Parent Assembly
Monday, 6th		Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 7th		Victorian Seaside Workshop- Year 2
Thursday, 9th	9:10 a.m.	Year 4 New Delhi Parent Assembly
Thursday, 9th		Battle of Britain Bunker Trip- Year 6
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th		Year 6 SATS Week
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th		Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday, 13th - Tuesday, 14th		NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Online Programme
Wednesday, 15th		NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops- Years 2, 5 & 6
Wednesday, 15th		International Day of Families
Thursday, 16th	9:10 a.m.	Year 3 Brasilia Parent Assembly
Thursday, 16th		Vikings Workshop- Year 5
Monday, 20th		Pirate Workshop- Year 1
Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th		Walk to School Week
Friday, 24th		Romans Workshop- Year 3
Friday, 24th		End of Summer 1 Term
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st		Half-Term Break