

Summer Parent Consultation

Our **Summer 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 Summer Term.



Easter Bonnet Parade

The children and their parents, guardians and carers had an amazing time designing the most exciting and beautiful Easter hats to celebrate Easter. The children were so excited to show off their creations to their peers and teachers. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families which assisted in the designing of the bonnets.



Sing! 24 Primary Singing Festival

During January to March, the children of the Brookside choir, practised for the **Sing! 24 Primary Singing Festival** organised by the **Hillingdon Music Hub**. This was the choir's second production at the **Beck Theatre** on **Wednesday, 27th March**. While practising 2 songs for the festival, the children also had a chance to meet and work with multiple professionals from the music industry. They gave amazing tips and tricks to the children and worked with them on the massed song that they would be performing with other schools. Additionally, the Brookside choir performed their solo song for parents, other participants and the music professionals.



"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

- Plato



It was a great experience, as they were able to stand on a big stage, at the Beck Theatre and perform outside their comfort zone. This helped them to understand how these events take place and what happens behind the scenes. It gave them a good insight into another part of music, which enhanced the children's learning and boosted their confidence. It was a great evening and we would like to thank all of the participants who worked hard to make this a successful venture and the parents for their continuous support.



Easter Holiday Extravaganza



The Easter activity days in the half term were filled with joy and creativity as pupils from KS2 gathered for two days of fun activities. Painting stations were set up, allowing participants to express their artistic sides with vibrant colours and Easter-themed designs. Pupils from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed crafting their own Easter bunnies, using a variety of materials and colourful accessories to bring them to life.

The day also featured lively sports games, with friendly competitions adding excitement to the event. Laughter and cheers echoed throughout the area as teams engaged in various sports activities and Easter-themed challenges.



At the end of the day, the group gathered for a classic game of musical chairs. The upbeat music had everyone dancing and laughing as they circled the chairs, trying to secure a seat when the music stopped. The game brought out everyone's competitive spirit in a light-hearted and entertaining way, capping off a memorable Easter celebration filled with creativity, laughter, and good-spirited fun.



The Fierce Vikings

Year 5 Pretoria performed their exciting assembly on Tuesday, 26th March about the invasion of Vikings in Britain. These Scandinavians were first raiders and then traders. They were hungry to invade and explore and settle in the new lands. They also expanded their culture and trade into new territories. Along with song and dance, they shared fun facts about how the Viking's invasion impacted and shaped British History. Fantastic work Pretoria!



Reception Madrid's Parent Assembly

Reception Madrid's class assembly will take place on **Thursday, 25th April at 9:10 a.m.** where parents, guardians and carers are invited. The assembly will be based on the fierce Vikings. They will be presenting the fun story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They will be teaching us about lifecycles and how to be healthy- all covered from their English and Understanding the World lessons. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with you.

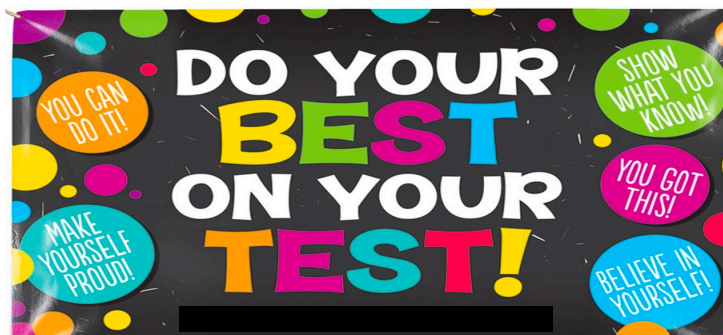
Year 1 Helsinki's Parent Assembly

Year 1 Helsinki's class assembly will take place on **Friday, 26th April 2024 at 9:10 a.m.** where parents, guardians and carers are invited. The assembly will be based on Everyday Materials. We will examine the types of materials, their uses and properties and how materials relate to the story of the Three Little Pigs. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with you.



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, 29th April**. 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!



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.

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
Monday, 22nd April @ 8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM
Monday, 22nd April @ 12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM
Tuesday, 23rd April @ 8:40 a.m.	Reception
Wednesday, 24th April @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2
Thursday, 25th April @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6
Friday, 26th April @ 8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4



Boosters and After School Fun Clubs

Booster sessions will commence on **Wednesday, 1st May (KS1)** and **Thursday, 2nd May (Years 3, 4 and 5)** 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, Writing or Phonics. Please be advised that booster sessions take place in the **morning from 8:15 a.m.**

In addition, **After School Fun Clubs** will proceed from **Wednesday, 8th April** to the end of the Summer 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.

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%.



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>).

BROOKSIDE PRIMARY		Week Commencing: Monday, 22nd April MENU 3
MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	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	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	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	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		



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RECYCLE



RE-USE

 March-May 2024		
APRIL		
Monday, 22nd		Earth Day
Monday, 22nd	8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM Stay and Read
Monday, 22nd	12 40 p.m.	Nursery PM Stay and Read
Tuesday, 23rd		St. George's Day
Tuesday, 23rd	8:40 a.m.	Reception Stay and Read
Wednesday, 24th	8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2 Stay and Read
Thursday, 25th	8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6 Stay and Read
Thursday, 25th	9:10 a.m.	Reception Madrid Parent Assembly
Friday, 26th	8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4 Stay and Read
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		
Wednesday, 1st & Thursday 2nd	8:15 a.m.	Morning Boosters Begin- KS1 and Years 3, 4 & 5
Thursday, 2nd	9:10 a.m.	Reception Berlin Parent Assembly
Friday, 3rd	8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM Stay and Play
Friday, 3rd	12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM Stay and Play
Monday, 6th		Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 7th		World Asthma Day
Tuesday, 7th		Victorian Seaside Workshop- Year 2
Wednesday, 8th & Thursday, 9th		After School Fun Clubs Begin
Thursday, 9th	9:10 a.m.	Year 4 New Delhi Parent Assembly
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
Tuesday, 21st		International Culture Day
Wednesday, 22nd		Year 1 Pirate Parent Assembly
Friday, 24th		Romans Workshop- Year 3
Friday, 24th		End of Summer 1 Term