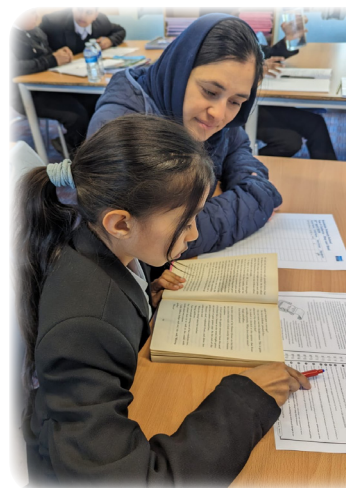


Stay and Read!



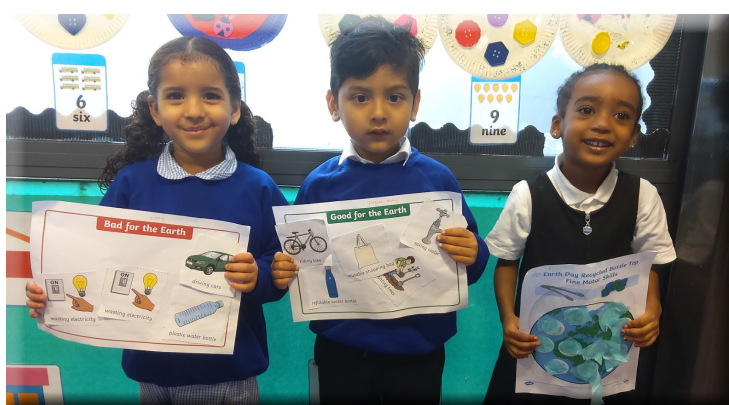
Reading is one of the top priorities for us at Brookside. Our pupils are given a range of opportunities to engage in reading throughout the day. To develop a passion and love for reading within the home, our parents, guardians and carers were invited to a 'Stay and Read Workshop' in Key Stages 1 and 2.



Parents, guardians and carers were engaged in tips on how to read with their child and to properly complete the reading record. Parents, guardians and carers also engaged in age related tips on questioning, and reading comprehension skills. Our families look forward to these sessions to bond over a good book.

Earth Day

The Nursery children were engaged in various creative activities during Earth Day as they learnt about different ways of taking care of the planet. These activities included colouring the earth, tracing a model of the earth, cutting and pasting things that are good or bad for the earth and using flour, water and food colouring to make a model of planet Earth.

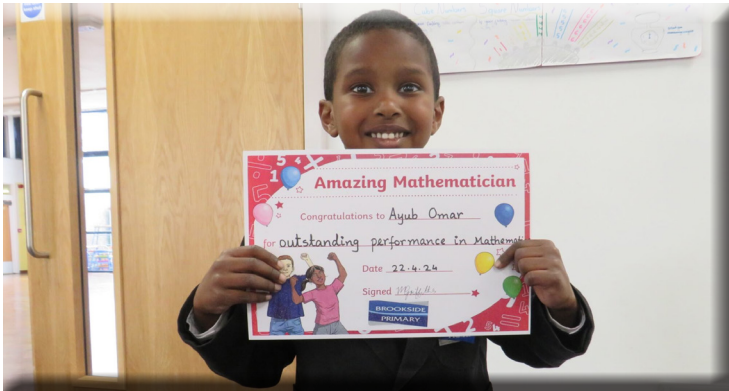


Everyday Materials

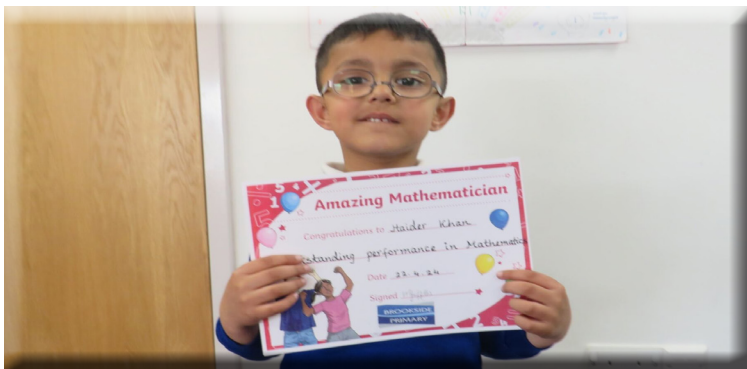
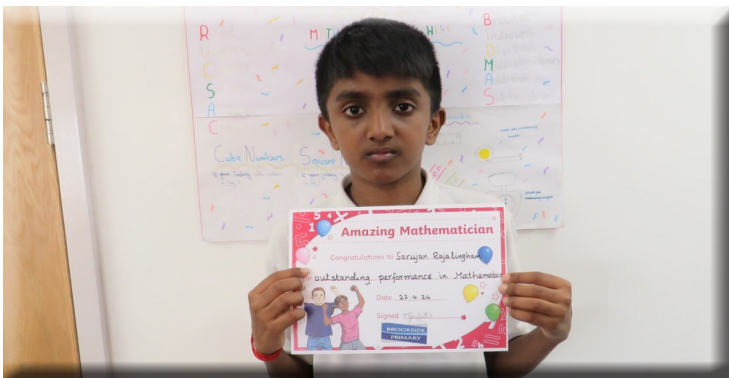
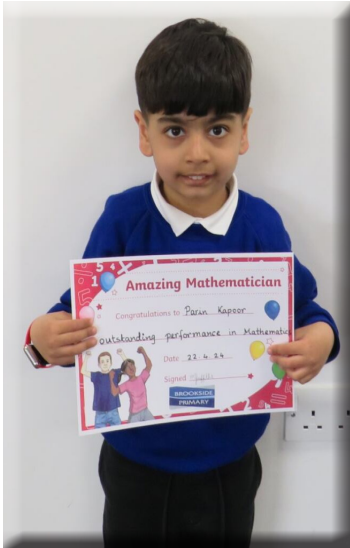
Year 1 Helsinki has been learning about 'Materials' in their Science lessons. To showcase their learning, Helsinki put on a production about materials for the rest of the school and their parents. The children talked about where materials come from, what they are used for and how different materials suit different purposes. This learning was linked to the story of The Three Little pigs who made their houses using different materials. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing, dancing and talking about materials and showing off everything they have learned. Well done, Helsinki Class!



Amazing Mathematicians



What remarkable mathematicians! Certificates were presented to students at Brookside Primary for their exceptional math achievements across all year levels, from Reception to Year 6, in both the Rising Stars and SATs assessments for the Spring term. They have been true Maths Ambassadors throughout the term as they excelled in their lessons.



Let's Grow

Class Madrid showcased their assembly by acting out the story of 'The Very hungry Caterpillar' in connection with the recent topic 'Let's Grow'. They also explained and sang a song about the life cycle of a caterpillar. We limited the use of technology during the performance after making our Earth Day pledge to save electricity to benefit the planet.



Ofsted Inspection - GOOD!

We are excited to announce that our school has retained its rating as being a **GOOD** school by Ofsted! This is an incredible and remarkable accomplishment that demonstrates the dedicated and collaborative driving force of our entire school community.

As we look to the future and continue our journey towards being an outstanding school, we are determined to build on this success and push even harder. We will continue to strive for excellence each day as we develop resourceful, reflective, responsible, respectful young leaders of the future. Thank you to our hard working staff, supportive parents and resilient, rational students for making this a successful venture. Congratulations Brookside Primary family. We did it! Let's keep up the great work, together!

Please use the link to read the school's recent Ofsted report: <https://www.brooksideprimarysch.co.uk/latest-news/latest-ofsted-inspection-good>



Year 6 SATs Exam Week – Monday, 13th to Thursday, 16th May

From **Monday, 13th to Thursday, 16th May**, the pupils in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs exams. They will be sitting the following papers on the below days:

Date	Subject	Test Papers
Monday, 13th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: Questions Paper 2: Spellings
Tuesday, 14th May	English Reading	English Reading
Wednesday, 15th May	Mathematics	Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday, 16th May	Mathematics	Paper 3: Reasoning

It is absolutely essential that your child is in school during this week and on time as the exams will start promptly in the morning. Please ensure that they are well rested and have eaten a good breakfast as this will allow them to do the best that they can.

Please note that after the SATs have finished, the Year 6 pupils will continue to sit assessments throughout June and July, therefore they must continue to attend school as normal. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Week – Free Breakfast!

Research shows that when children eat a good breakfast and are well hydrated, their ability to concentrate and focus on learning at school is improved. With this in mind, we are offering all Year 6 children the opportunity to attend school at 8:10 a.m. on each day of the week commencing Monday, 13th May, the week of their assessment tests, for a free breakfast! We would also like to remind parents, guardians and carers of Year 6 children to ensure that they bring a small bottle of water to keep on their tables throughout the week. Thank you.

Bank Holiday- Monday, 6th May 2024

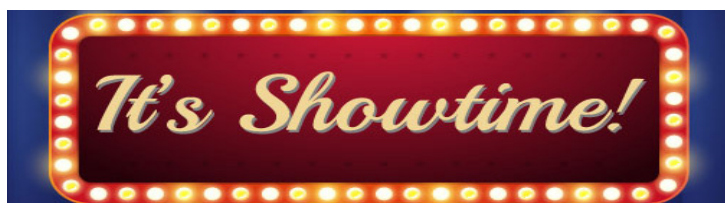
Please note that Monday, 6th May is a bank holiday. Therefore school will be closed. School will resume on Tuesday, 7th May 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

After School Fun Clubs

After School Fun Clubs will begin from **Wednesday, 8th May** 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.

Year 4 New Delhi's Parent Assembly

We are pleased to invite all parents, guardians, and carers to attend **Year 4 New Delhi's** class assembly on **Thursday, 9th May at 9:10 a.m.** It's going to be an exciting and informative event that you don't want to miss! The assembly will be based on the Explosive Volcanoes. Come and be entertained as they present fun and interesting facts about different types of volcanoes, how they are formed and the countries where we can find active volcanoes. This will be tied in with their English story- The People of Pompeii.



Year 3 Brasilia's Parent Assembly

Parents, guardians and carers are invited to **Year 3 Brasilia's** class assembly on **Friday, May 16th at 9:10 a.m.** The assembly will be based on the Lush Rainforest. They will be using song and dance to teach us about the major rainforests around the world and the effects of deforestation on the Earth's health and climate. Additionally, we will learn interesting facts about the indigenous tribes who reside in these rainforests. We are excited to share our newfound knowledge with you.

School Readiness at Learn Hillingdon – Information from the Local Authority

So, what is school readiness? Well, we see it as a measure of how prepared a child is to succeed in school, cognitively, socially and emotionally. This allows teachers to focus on developing skills and stops young children playing 'catch up', so they can develop their love for school and parents can be confident that their child is coping well with the transition.

Sadly, the last statistical data shows that in Hillingdon 1 in 2 children are 'school ready' compared to Lewisham where about 3 in 4 children are school ready-fingertips.phe.org.uk 2014. Also, the pandemic will not have improved this situation. So, we are offering all parents of young children, who are about to go to school for the first time a free online course: **School Readiness at 7pm to 9pm on 30th April - 21st May - Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks.**

Course Information: [Learn Hillingdon - School Readiness CHO1055 - Google Docs](#)

Parents can enrol here: [Course List](#) | [ontrack: Learner Hub](#) ([tribal-ebis.com](#)) just click on the blue **ENROL** button. Or if you can't make this particular course, then you could choose the course that is starting in early June or late June. Once enrolled, we will then send the parent, via email, all the information they need to attend including the link to the online class.

Cycling Skills for Adults and Children

Hillingdon cycling instructors are back **every second Saturday of the month from April - October** offering free cycle training to Hillingdon Residents (children and adults). Whether you want to learn to ride or refresh your skills, all are welcome. Cycling sessions will take place at **Pield Heath School Cycle Track** which is a safe and enclosed space to learn.

Please use the link below to find out more information.

[Cycle Skills training - Hillingdon Council](#)

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, 7th May	
PRIMARY		MENU 1	
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			



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 May - June 2024		
MAY		
Monday, 6th		Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 7th		World Asthma Day
Tuesday, 7th		Victorian Seaside Workshop- Year 2
Tuesday, 7th		Kol Chai Reform Synagogue Trip- Year 5 Pretoria
Wednesday, 8th & Thursday, 9th		After School Fun Clubs Begin
Thursday, 9th	9:10 a.m.	Year 4 New Delhi Parent Assembly
Sunday, 12th		National Children's Day
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th		Year 6 SATs Exam 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		Vikings Workshop- Year 5
Friday, 17th	9:10 a.m.	Year 3 Brasilia Parent Assembly
Monday, 20th		Pirate Workshop- Year 1
Monday, 20th - Friday, 24th		Walk to School Week
Tuesday, 21st		International Culture Day
Wednesday, 22nd	9:10 a.m.	Year 1 Pirate Parent Assembly
Wednesday, 22nd		National Numeracy Day
Thursday, 23rd	9:10 a.m.	Year 2 Ankara Parent Assembly
Friday, 24th		Romans Workshop- Year 3
Friday, 24th		End of Summer 1 Term
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st		Half-Term Break
JUNE		
Monday, 3rd	8:30 a.m.	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday, 7th		NSPCC Childhood Day/Big Break Time
Friday, 7th		Hampton Court Trip- Year 5
Tuesday, 11th		Ram Mandir Trip- Year 3 Ottawa
Tuesday, 11th		Support Theatre Workshop- Year 6
Thursday, 13th		Ram Mandir Trip- Year 3 Brasilia
Thursday, 13th	9:10 a.m.	Year 6 Wellington Parent Assembly
Sunday, 16th		Father's Day
Friday, 21st		World Music Day
Monday, 24th		Natural History Museum Trip- Year 6
Thursday, 27th		Battle of Britain Bunker Trip- Year 6