

## Pumpkin Carving

Many children enjoyed celebrating Halloween during the half term, however, pupils in Reception engaged in both practical and verbal discussions as part of their 'Understanding of the World' topic.

With assistance from the teachers, the pupils enjoyed exhibiting their creativity by scooping out the flesh and seeds before carving shapes into the skin of the pumpkin. Once creatively carved and finished with a lit candle, the pupils marvelled over their impressive skills as they watched the pumpkin flicker in the dark.

We gathered some mixed views from the children who were competent in describing their carving experience and discussing the lifecycle of a pumpkin with some wonderful adjectives!



## Firework Display Art



"Remember, remember the 5th of November". On Thursday 5th November, pupils in Nursery produced some fantastic artwork, creating colourful firework displays in celebration of Bonfire Night.

To resemble all the wonderful bursts of colours and recreate the full experience, pupils used glitter as a prominent feature to create the illusion of sparks and ultimately make their masterpieces 'pop'. The children were thrilled in their creative attempts to make festive, fun firework crafts and had a 'blast' throughout!





### Guy Fawkes Night

To commemorate Guy Fawkes Night, on Friday 6th November, pupils in Berlin and Madrid designed beautiful, bright, bold firework display pictures and explored sounds by using their imaginations to identify onomatopoeic words associated with fireworks. They enjoyed discussing the dazzling lights and spectacular sparks whilst sharing their exciting experiences with their peers.





### American Flag - Fruity Kebabs

To continue with their learning on American foods, Year 5 pupils used various fruits with the colours of the American flag, to create fruit skewers representing independence in America. By arranging the fruit using a threading technique, our fruit kebab extraordinaires stimulated their digestive juices by aligning strawberries, raspberries, grapes and bananas onto the skewers in an aesthetically pleasing manner, before devouring their delightful, refreshing creations.



## Brookside Primary Spelling Bee Competition

This year's Spelling Bee competition promises to be thrilling, as children will be rewarded for their hard work and spelling skills. During the spring term, Key Stage 1 will enter their Spelling Bee competition while Early Years will showcase their special spelling skills during the summer term. Are you an excellent speller? Do you like to compete? If the answer is yes, then enter round one of Brookside Primary's Key Stage 2 spelling competition starting on **Monday 16th November**. Good Luck!

## Curriculum Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks, the teaching staff have arranged virtual curriculum meetings with all parents, guardians and carers in order to share their child's targets. Teachers will also share what worked well from the previous year and the level of support they will need from families for the children to surpass their targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There will be an opportunity towards the end of the meetings for teachers to answer any general questions that families may have about learning in the year group. All meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams and a link will be emailed in due course.

## Microsoft Teams - Online Classrooms

As we enter the second wave of coronavirus (COVID-19), we expect more pupils to be accessing their classrooms virtually if they are asked to self-isolate. All pupils have received letters and guides on how to access their respective classrooms, along with an email address and password.

We request all parents, guardians and carers to access **google chrome** and enter '**Office 365**'. Next, sign in using your child's email and password. You will have two options - 'change password' or 'enter security questions'. Once signed in, please click the box on the top left hand side of the screen, then access the **Microsoft Teams** application. If you require any assistance, please contact the School office.

## Cancellation of Pupil Photographs

We regret to inform you that the scheduled bookings for the School photographs this month have been postponed due to the national lockdown; we are hoping to re-schedule after the lockdown period.


We appreciate your understanding of the steps we are taking to help keep staff and pupils safe. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Preparation of School Meals

We understand that some families may have concerns surrounding the safety of our meal preparations during these challenging times. Thus, we would like to reassure you that we are doing our utmost to ensure we continue to follow safe food handling practices in our kitchens. As such, extra measures have been put in place to ensure that school meals are freshly cooked each day and are prepared and served safely in accordance with government guidelines.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 16th November</i>	
	<b>MENU 2</b>	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Meatball Pasta Bake	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Meatballs with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Strawberry Mousse with Fresh Strawberries	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Creamy Pasta Bake	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Lamb Patty with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Fillings (sliced chicken, salad, coleslaw, tuna)	
Meal Choice 2	Sweet Potato with Fillings (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
<b>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</b>		

		
NOVEMBER		
Monday 16th	Spelling Bee Competition - Key Stage 2	
Monday 16th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 1
Tuesday 17th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 2
Wednesday 18th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Nursery
Wednesday 18th	9:30am	Curriculum Meeting - Reception
Thursday 19th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 3
Friday 20th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 4
Monday 23rd	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 5
Monday 23rd	9:00am	Phonics Workshop - Nursery
Tuesday 24th	9:00am	Curriculum Meeting - Year 6
Tuesday 24th	9:00am	Phonics Workshop - Reception
Wednesday 25th	9:00am	Phonics Workshop - Years 1 and 2
Thursday 26th	9:00am	Reading Record Workshop - Years 3 and 4
Friday 27th	9:00am	Reading Record Workshop - Years 5 and 6