

## Frosty Visits Brookside Primary

On the last day of term, Frosty the Snowman visited all the children who came to school. Spirits were lifted with big gazing smiles as children entered the School for a thermal temperature check. It was a lovely way to end the School year!



## Design and Technology - Microorganisms

Children in Year 6 have been learning all about microorganisms and whether they are helpful or harmful. They looked at yeast in particular and the influence of temperature on its growth. With this overview, our bread masters worked with the yeast provided to produce bread rolls with artisan bread qualities, and that signature chewy texture, with a thick, crispy crust before enjoying every last morsel!



## Rocket Ship Finale

Children in Year 1 completed their spectacular rocket ships on Friday 18th December, and worked cooperatively to add the finishing touches to their rockets. Pupils capitalised on the breakout sessions following after, designed to evaluate the end product and provide suggestions as to how it could be improved. Well done children!



## Parent Academic Conference

All parents, guardians and carers of children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to attend a Microsoft Teams meeting to view the progress of your child or children. Please check the dates and times for your child's year group. You will access the meeting using your child's School email address and password. A reminder text message with the time and date for each year group will be sent the day before the meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact the School if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you online this year.

Timetable below;

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 6	Wednesday 13th January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Year 2	Thursday 14th January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Year 1	Friday 15th January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Year 4	Wednesday 20th January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Year 5	Thursday 21st January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Year 3	Friday 22nd January	4:00 to 5:00pm
Reception	Wednesday 27th January	4:00 to 5:00pm

## Remote Education during Lockdown

Thank you to all parents, guardians and carers for your support with remote learning. You can find the School's Remote Education Offer on our website, via the link: [http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/rosedale\\_brookside/uploads/document/2\\_129\\_bps-primary-remote-education-offer-2.pdf](http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/rosedale_brookside/uploads/document/2_129_bps-primary-remote-education-offer-2.pdf). Our aim is to ensure that all children maintain learning routines through following a timetable with their Class Teacher and Teaching Partner. We fully appreciate that each home set up is different and encourage you to contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties with your child not being able to access their remote learning, so that we can support with alternative arrangements.

We will continue to place links on our website to other resources that children can access. In addition, the BBC have announced that from Monday 11th January, CBBC will be broadcasting three hours of education programming from 9:00am to midday, for those families experiencing difficulties with internet access. Your child's teacher will work with you to look at different options.

## Government Announcement on SATs Assessments

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced on Wednesday 6th January that SATs assessments for primary schools will not be going ahead this year. The rationale is that removing the need for these external assessments will allow schools more time to deliver their full curriculum, ensuring children do not miss out on the breadth and depth of their skills and knowledge development in each subject right up until the end of the summer term. We will continue to undertake teacher assessments in order to track pupil progress, and to ensure that there is accurate and useful progress information about each child when they transition to their next year group. This is especially important for Year 6 as they prepare to move into secondary education.

## Parent Consultation Meetings


Thank you to all parents, guardians and carers who participated in their child's consultation meetings on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January. If you did not attend your meeting, please make contact with your child's class teacher to re-schedule your meeting.

## Phonics Screening

There is currently no update from the government on the status of phonics screening checks. We will continue to maintain our phonics learning and to monitor progress, with internal assessments taking place.

## Use of Social Media

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that children must be 13 years of age in order to have a Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat account, and 16 years of age to use Whatsapp. You can find more information on age restrictions from The Safer Internet Guide, available here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-social-media-services>. During lockdown, there may be an increase in children wanting to access social media and to communicate with others online, and we ask parents, guardians and carers to closely monitor this to prevent risks and help keep their children safe.

	<b>Week Commencing:</b> <i>Monday 11th January</i>	
<b>SPECIAL MENU</b>		
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1:	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Halal
Meal Choice 2:	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3:	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Vegetarian
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1:	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables	Vegetarian
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1:	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1:	Chicken Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2:	Pork Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3:	Vegetarian Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Vegetarian
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Meal Choice 1:	Fish Fingers with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	
Meal Choice 2:	Quorn Nuggets with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	Vegetarian
<i>The daily dessert choices will be as follows: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly or Ice Cream pots</i>		

## Contact Details

If your contact details have changed and you have not updated these with the School, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. During the national lockdown, it is even more vital that we have accurate contact numbers and email addresses.

## Staggered Start and End Times

School has re-opened to all vulnerable and key worker children with staggered start and end times.

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 their school day!

Year Group	Arrival Time	Dismissal Time
Nursery AM	8:30am	11:30am
Nursery PM	12:30pm	3:30pm
Years 2 and 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Years 1 and 5	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception and Year 4	9:00am	3:30pm

## Primary School Admissions 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on Friday 15th January 2021. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary) or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.