



## Story Time

Year 1 have their very own book club! Last week, the pupils gathered together to read *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson; a story in which a young monkey has lost his mummy. The children took turns to read the book with the impact of shared reading enabling the children to reconnect with the book whilst assuming the character of Monkey's mummy. This then led them to partake in engaging discussions about what Monkey's mummy should look like and why!



## Mathematics

Children in Reception are using various types of instruments to enhance their mathematical skills. Last week, pupils used tongs to select numbers, not only to improve hand-eye coordination, but also to develop their fine motor skills. Well done children!



## Mastering Phonics and Writing

Three pupils in Reception visited the Headteacher last week to share their amazing work. Despite the difficulties posed by the lockdown, pupils have been working diligently this term by attending school daily and ensuring that they are continuously progressing in their learning. We are pleased to share that the majority of our children have achieved their Phonics Set 1 Sounds and are now working towards achieving their Set 2 Sounds, through segmenting, writing and blending words. Well done to all our children for their resilience and perseverance.





## Mathematics Doubling Numbers

On Friday 5th February, to support their learning in Mathematics, pupils in Madrid cut out butterfly shapes and employed this as an aid to enhance their understanding of doubling. The children applied printed dots using paint to one of the wings before folding the template in half to discover a perfectly symmetrical print! The children were enthused to see the same number of dots imprinted on the other wing. How exciting is it to learn through play! Why not try recreating patterns at home with your child using raw potatoes cut in half...



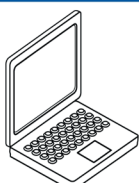
## Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year this week, pupils have been learning about the various customs and traditions that are reflected in Chinese culture, including: exchanging presents, the preparation of particular foods and what the Year of the Ox denotes. The new year is rife for releasing lanterns; thus, the children extended their celebrations by designing vibrant lanterns for their families as a symbol of letting go of the past year and welcoming a new one with hope and fulfilment. The School also prepared a special Chinese meal with Chicken Chow Mein on the menu to ensure the children got the full experience!



## THE 20-20-20 RULE

to reduce the effect of digital eye strain



Take a break  
for 20  
seconds



Look at something  
20 feet away for  
20 seconds



Every 20  
minutes.

follow the 20-20-20 rule and give your eyes a break





### Throw and Clap Challenge

Here is a photograph of one of our pupils completing the Throw and Clap Challenge. We also have some amazing videos that have been shared with us; these will be uploaded to the School website in due course... Watch this space!



### Hillingdon Weekly Challenges

Brookside Primary School is currently taking part in Hillingdon Weekly Physical Challenges. These challenges allow children to get active, have fun, improve health, engage new audiences and increase motivation.

**Week 4 will start on Thursday 25th February.** Mr Christie and Mr Iwaram (**PE Co-ordinators**) will provide your teachers with a video of what you need to do each week. Your teachers will post this video within your class on Microsoft Teams. These challenges can be done at home or at school. All scores will need to be sent to your class teacher by Thursday, the following week. Please see the schedule below for all upcoming challenges.

	Challenge	Date
Week 4	Speed Bounce	Thursday 25th February
Week 5	Climbing the Mountain	Thursday 4th March
Week 6	Skiping	Thursday 11th March

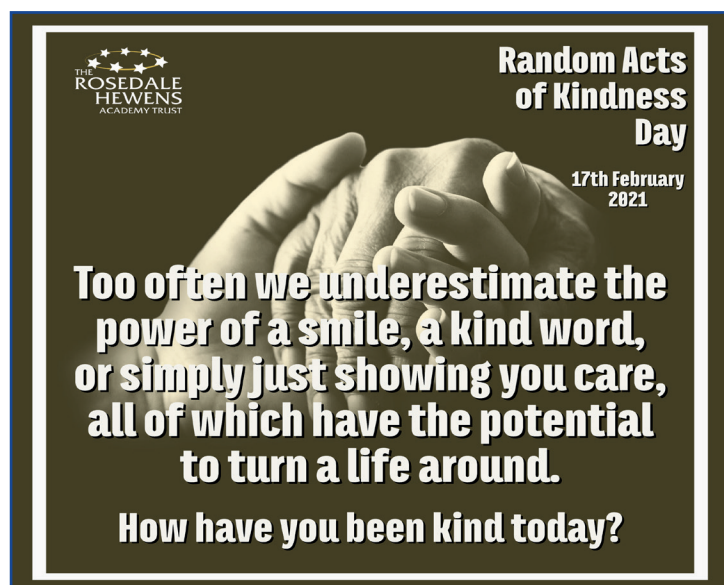
We're committed to everyone's well-being.

**Our employees are wearing face masks.**

**We ask that you wear yours too.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

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### Little Marvels Nursery

Little Marvels provides exciting learning experiences for all its children where learning and play work in unison. Little Marvels is the perfect space for your child to learn, play and grow, as they fulfil their full potential in every aspect of personal development within the Early Years Framework. We provide high quality childcare whilst providing enriching experiences and enhanced learning opportunities.

We are a term time only nursery for children aged 2 to 4 years old, and operate between the hours of 8:00am to 3:45pm. We also support wrap-a-round care with Brookside Primary, providing the perfect opportunity for nursery school children to access both provisions and partake in various play experiences that will best support their development. We accept Government funding for 2 to 3-year-olds, and work closely with Brookside Primary School in order to deliver a smooth transition into school reception.

Spaces are currently available at our site situated in Brookside Primary School and our dedicated, highly qualified members of staff are ready to welcome you and your child into the nursery world! Please contact us on 07498 523 579 or visit our website at [\[https://www.littlemarvelsnurseryservices.co.uk/\]](https://www.littlemarvelsnurseryservices.co.uk/).

### Free February Half Term Workshops for Pupils

Hillingdon are providing a series of free workshops for children and young people aged 8 to 19 over half term. You can find details and book places using the links below:


Visit [\[https://trhat.co.uk/febworkshop21/\]](https://trhat.co.uk/febworkshop21/) to see what's on this February half term.

Visit [\[https://trhat.co.uk/febworkshop21-form/\]](https://trhat.co.uk/febworkshop21-form/) to request a free place.

### Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 15th to Friday 19th February for the Half Term holiday. We finish at our normal staggered end times on Friday 12th February between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. School opens again on Monday 22nd February at the normal staggered start times between 8:30am and 9:00am, for the vulnerable and key worker children.

We hope you find different ways to enjoy the half term, all whilst staying safe and not mixing between bubbles. This will ensure the safe return of our pupils and staff alike. Thank you for your support.

	<b>Week Commencing: <i>Monday 22nd February</i></b>	
	<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:	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2:	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3:	Roasted Barbecue Vegetables with Rice	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>		

### Online Learning Packs

Children's online learning packs are available to collect every Friday from the main reception between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

### School Reopening Arrangements

Please note, we will continue to follow the arrangements for the reopening of schools as advised by the government. As such, following the half term, attendance will continue to be restricted to vulnerable children and the children of key workers only. This will be kept under review to ensure the health and safety of all children and any updated arrangements will be communicated to you via the School website.

## Don't have a laptop? You can access Remote Learning through your Xbox or PlayStation

Xbox	PlayStation
1. Plug in a keyboard and mouse (If you have them) into the USB port	1. Press the PS4 logo on the controller
2. Go to 'My Games and Apps'	2. Go to the library and find the Internet browser (WWW)
3. Find and open Microsoft Edge	3. Open the browser
4. Type in www.office.com as you would to access Office 365	4. Type in www.office.com as you would to access Office 365
5. Log in for access to Teams, Office 365, Outlook and OneDrive	5. Log in for access to Teams, Office 365, Outlook and OneDrive

**This should only be used in instances where no other device is available, it is not appropriate for students to be logged into a gaming device during their College day unless this is the case.**

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