



# Brookland Junior School Newsletter

'Be kind, be respectful, be the best that you can be'

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## Welcome back

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you had a restful and fun half term. As we kick off this exciting new half term, we're looking forward to all the fantastic learning, adventures, and activities ahead for the children. There's so much to look forward to, from creative projects to new challenges, and we can't wait to see them all continue to grow and shine. Let's make this half term the best one yet!

## Pancake Day - Tuesday 4th March

On Tuesday, all children will have the chance to have a pancake at school to celebrate Pancake Day. If your child would like to have a pancake in school, we ask for a £1 donation which needs to be handed to your child's class teacher on Tuesday morning. Further details regarding Pancake Day are on the flyer attached.

## Celebrating reading next week

With World Book Day next week, we have lots of exciting events happening to celebrate our love of learning at Brookland.

**Monday 3rd March and Tuesday 4th March** - Book Fair after school in the hall (please see email that was sent on Wednesday). We will also be launching the Ready Steady Read competition during assembly.

**Thursday 6th March and Friday 7th March** - Year 4 classes will be visiting the Reception and Year 1 classes in the infants to read books with them.

**Friday 7th March** - Children are welcome to dress up for world book day. Children will be completing world book day activities and finally Year 2 children will be visiting our Year 3 children so they can read together.

## PTFA - Brookland's Golden Bonka Bar Event

This week your child was given a letter from the PTFA regarding the Golden Bonka Bar Event to take home. If your child would like to take part in the event, please complete the form and return it with the exact money to the class teacher no later than Wednesday 5th March.

## Quidditch has arrived at Brookland

This week the children had the opportunity to play Quidditch, inspired from the Harry Potter franchise. Quidditch will form part of our PE curriculum after the Easter break. We couldn't quite get the children flying on broomsticks, instead they played a grounded version of the Hogwarts sport. The children absolutely loved their sessions, as did the teachers as part of their staff meeting. We look forward to Quidditch being played in the Summer term.

## Musical start to the week for Year 3 and 4

This week, year 3 and 4 were treated to a music performance and discussion around mental health by Luke McQuillan, who is a 22-year-old singer-songwriter. Luke has had his own issues with bullying, body image and mental health. He spoke about his own experiences and offered advice and guidance to the children through his messages and music.

## Football match against Hurst Drive

The Year 6 boys football team travelled to Hurst Drive on Thursday afternoon for a school fixture, which resulted in an emphatic 7-0 victory. The goals being shared around by the forwards. Freddie, Louie and Romeo all scored twice and Harrison completed the scoring. The boys at the back - Riley, Jack, Stevie and Eniz - made sure George in goal had very little to do and kept a well-earned clean sheet. It was great to see fantastic team play and sportsmanship towards the other school. Well done to all the boys!

## Year 4 class assemblies

Year 4 will be performing their class assemblies this half term, see dates below. Parents and carers of Year 4 children are invited to come and watch the assembly which will be 10-15 minutes in length.

**Chestnut class - Thursday 27th March @ 9am**

**Pine class - Thursday 27th March @ 2:45pm**

**Elm class - Friday 28th March @ 9am**

## Key dates:

**Fri 28th Feb - Wed 5th Mar** - PTFA Brookland's Golden Bonka Bar event

**Mon 3rd Mar - Tues 4th Mar** - Book Fair in the hall after school

**Tues 4th Mar** - Pancake Day

**Fri 7th Mar** - World Book Day

**Thurs 27th Mar** - Chestnut class assembly @ 9am

**Thurs 27th Mar** - Pine class assembly @ 2:45pm

**Fri 28th Mar** - Elm class assembly @ 9am

**Tues 1st Apr** - Year 3 & 4 parents' evening - more information to follow

**Wed 2nd Apr** - Year 5 & 6 parents' evening - more information to follow

**Fri 4th Apr** - Last day of term - 1:25pm finish

**Tues 22nd Apr** - Children return to school

**Mon 5th May** - BANK HOLIDAY - school closed

**Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May** - Year 6 SATs week

**Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May** - HALF TERM - school closed

**Mon 2nd June** - INSET DAY - school closed

**Tues 3rd June** - Children return back to school

**Tues 22nd July** - Last day of school - school finishes at 1:25pm

**Wed 3rd Sep** - INSET DAY - school closed

**Thurs 4th Sep** - Children's 1st Day back to school

## PE DAYS

**Year 3 & 4** - Monday & Tuesday

**Year 5 & 6** - Wednesday & Thursday

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