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Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to you and your children as life at the Brook returns to some sense of normal. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their classes, making friends and showing how pleased they are to be back full time. So many of them have grown too.

A big thank you too, to all of you for your understanding, patience and co-operation as we embed the procedures in place to make the school as COVID-19 safe as possible. We really are saddened that we cannot mix with our Willow friends but we know it is the right way forwards at present and the Family bubbles that we have created are allowing us to have differentiation in sessions such as Maths, English (communication) and phonics as well as extending your children's social skills.

We are realistic that there may be occasions when we have to ask bubbles to self-isolate if we have a case of COVID-19 confirmed in school. If your child is not well then we would not expect them to engage in learning activities, but if they are self-isolating but not ill, then we will be delivering on-line learning to them and will be making personal contact. You will recall that we asked you about your on-line facilities at home last term, but we really do need to know immediately if you are going to have issues with helping your child to access on-line learning.

If you have not already done so, please do make sure you send in clothes suitable for your child to do PE and also a





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named water bottle. This helps us to keep your child's equipment separate.

It has been so pleasing to see all of our children working hard in lessons, settling to class routines very quickly and walking around with a spring in their step and a beaming smile on their face.

Thank you again for your continued support in these unusual times and please do feel free to contact your class's teacher, Felicia Rock or a member of SLT if you have any worries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Maureen and the Brook staff



BROOK SHARE ACTIVITIES GROUP

I'd like to send a huge thank you to those parents who joined the SHARE Whatsapp Group, and made it a **Safe, Honest, Awareness-driven, Reflective and Engaging** space to be part of... THIS IS TRULY A LEGACY GROUP THAT WILL BE AROUND FOR MANY MANY YEARS TO COME!!! Take a look at what our Brookster children got up to over the summer holidays from page 8. If you'd like to join the Whatsapp Group please text the Brook Parent mobile number on **07964 526 306** thanks from Felicia ☺



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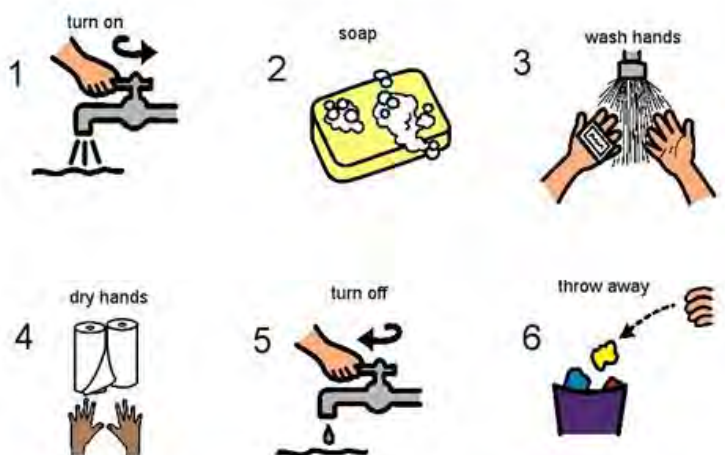
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WANTED: BROOK PARENT GOVERNOR

A very big thank you to Katrina Serrette who has served the Brook School very well as a Parent Governor. We are, therefore, now looking for nominations from any parents who feel they could give their time and expertise in order to represent the Brook school within the Broadwaters Learning Community Governing Body.

What does the role involve? There are monthly Governing body meetings which Governors are asked to attend that cover the range of teaching, learning, curriculum, finance, premises, staffing and community outreach. Some meetings will be in the mornings and some in the evenings – at present they are virtual but will be face-to-face in future.

Interested? If you feel that you would like to put yourself forward for this position, then please submit a short resume explaining why you would like to be considered, and what you feel you could offer. You are, of course, very welcome to discuss the role with Katrina or with Maureen before putting yourself forward – the admin staff will arrange a telephone call for you with either Katrina or Maureen.

If only one parent is nominated, there will be no need for an election but if we have more than one interested parent, then an election will be held and details will follow.

Still interested? Please email your nomination to **Lowri.banfield@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk** or send it into school in a named envelope by **WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER**



Leading Parent Partnership Award – LPPA

We greatly value the partnership that we have with all of our parents and carers, and we have therefore decided to sign up to try and gain the Leading Parent Partnership Award – LPPA. This is a recognised award, consisting of ten evidence-based objectives - which provides a challenging framework so that we can strengthen our partnerships with yourselves. We believe that The Brook is a welcoming and friendly place and that we promote and value our relationship with our parents.

So what is the award?

The LPPA is a nationally recognised award achievable by schools who work very closely with the families of their pupils. The assessment is made by an external advisor.

What difference does the award make to the work done with families at The Brook School?

It makes our work with families even better. It will improve our communication and build more activities for families in school. As you know we are always trying to improve and completing this award will help us do that!

How can families help with the award?

- Read all information that we send out
- Take part in events we organise if you are able and when we are able to open our doors again
- Complete any questionnaires we send out as honestly as you can
 - Contact us with any suggestions or ideas which will help our communication with parents even better





Welcome to Haringey SENDIASS at Markfield

Who they are

They are a free, impartial and confidential service funded by Haringey Council and provided by Markfield, an independent charity. They offer advice, information and support to parents/carers and young people from 16 – 25 years old in Haringey with SEND.

Parents and carers can access our range of support services to get the information and support they need so that their children can be happy and successful in school. They also work directly with children, young people and adults up to the age of 25 years old that have a Special Educational Need or Disability. As part of SENDIASS they usually run a monthly Family Club, training workshops and group talks on SEND topics.

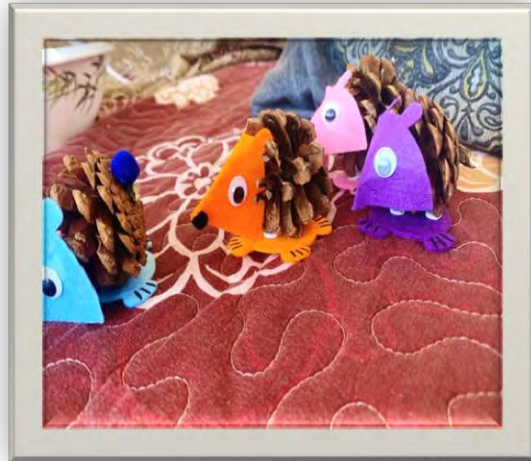
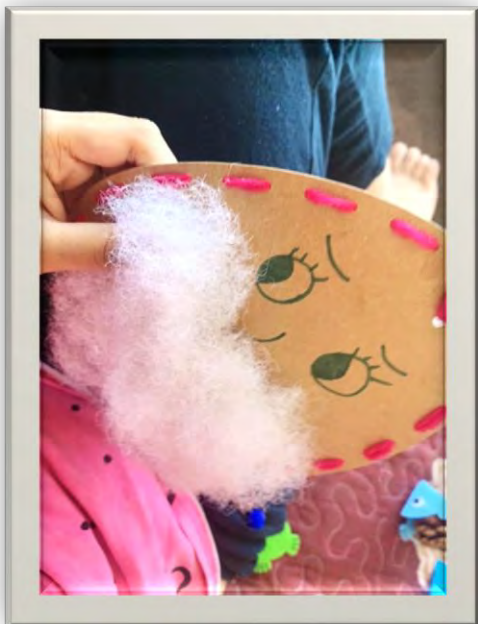
Their Family Support Team can also offer specialist advice and information on issues such as disability benefits, behaviour support, transition & adulthood and guidance on other support services that you can access.

MARKFIELD LEAFLET AVAILABLE THIS WEEK!
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



SHARE Activities

Summer Fun!!



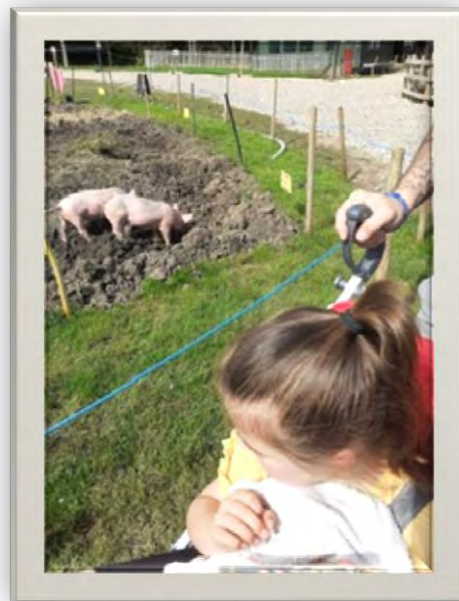
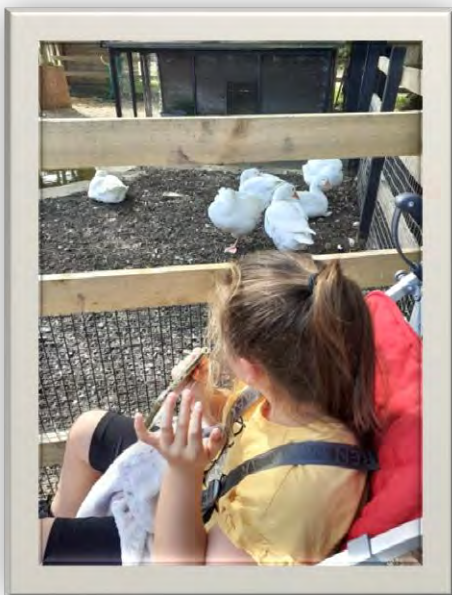
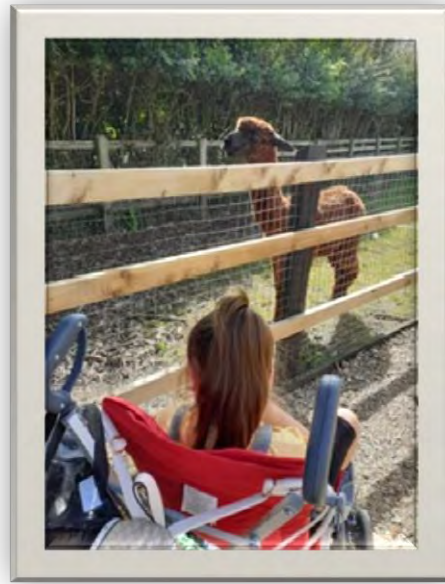
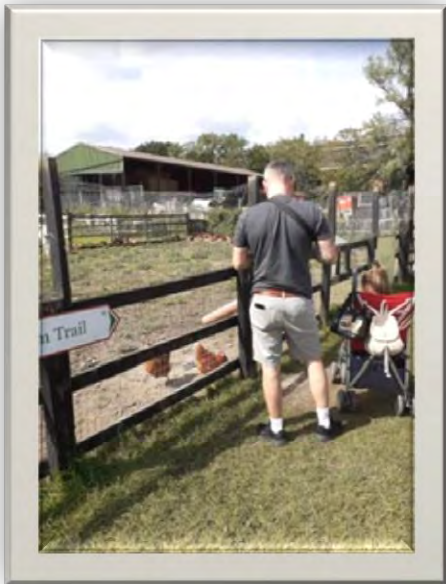
Some beautiful crafting by one of our Brook children!





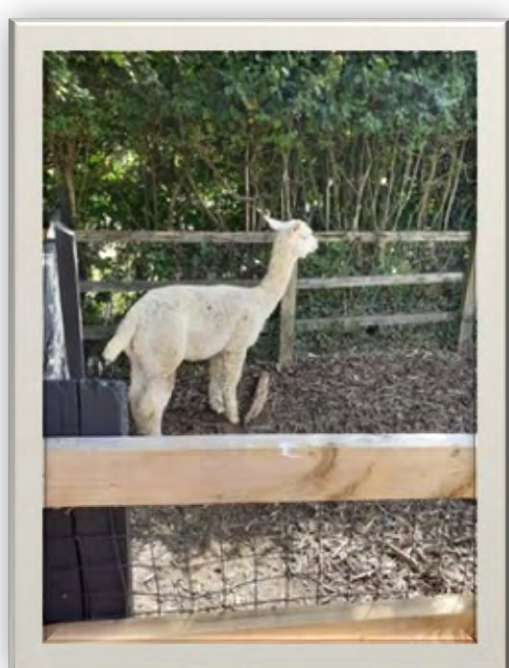
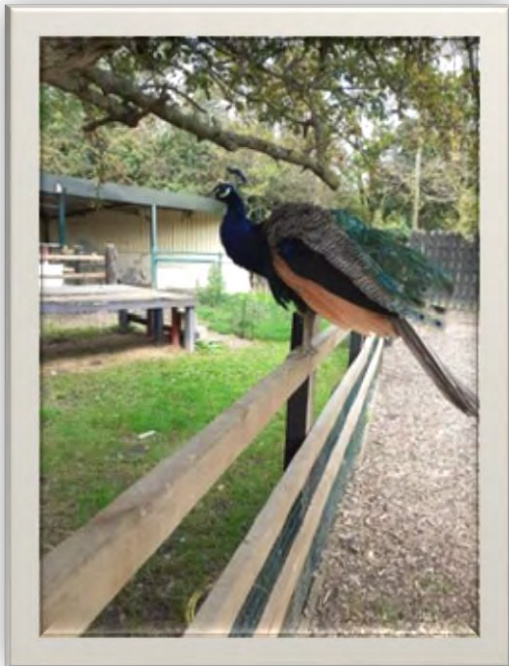
Family day out to Clacton whilst enjoying a dip in the sea!!

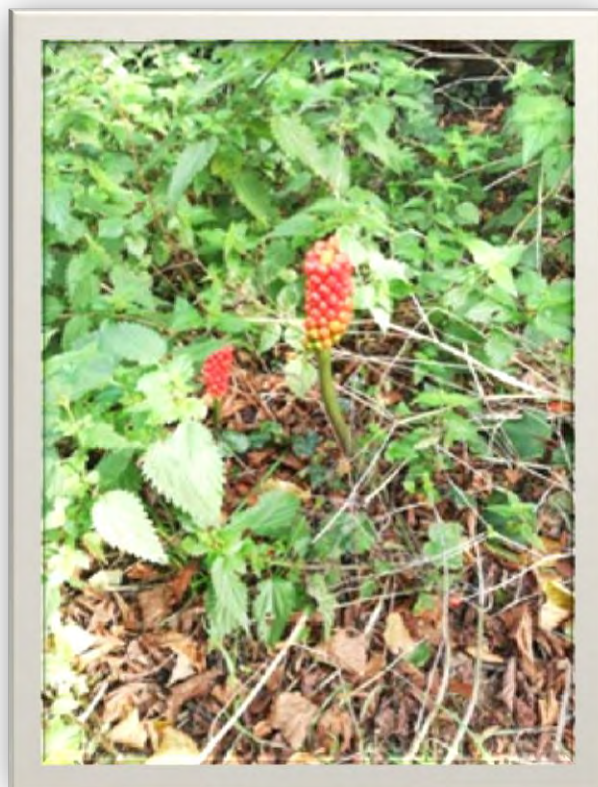
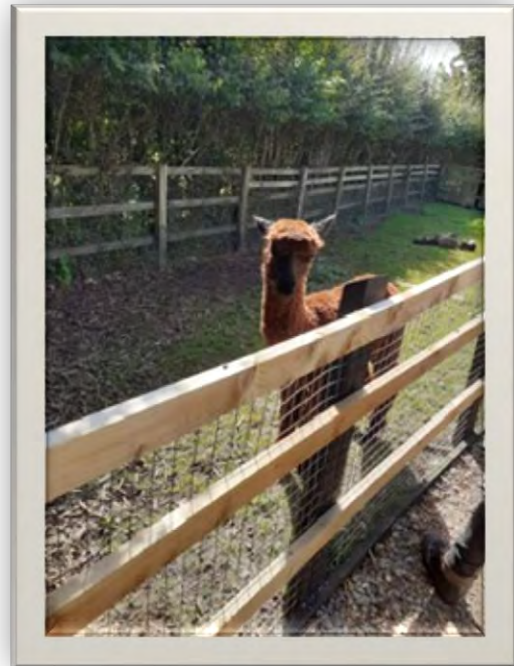




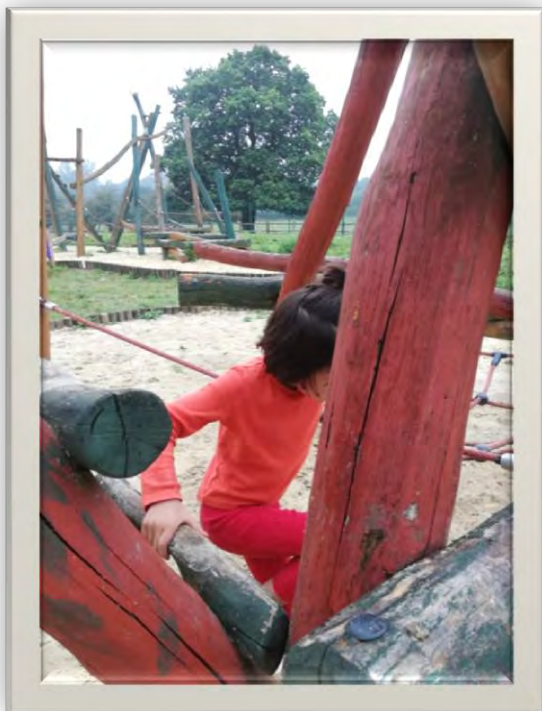
**Aldenham Country Park – Hertfordshire was a real favourite
with our Brooksters 😊**





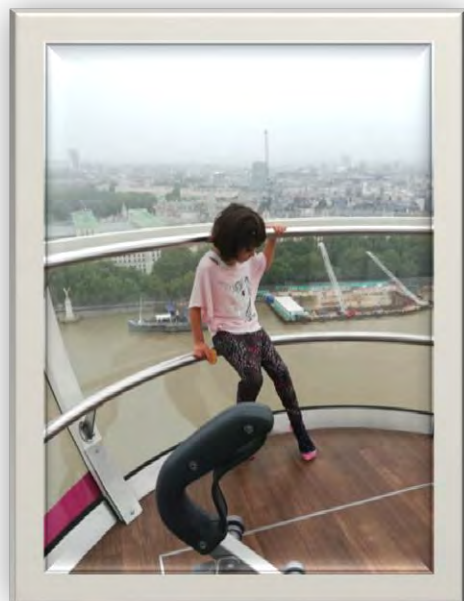
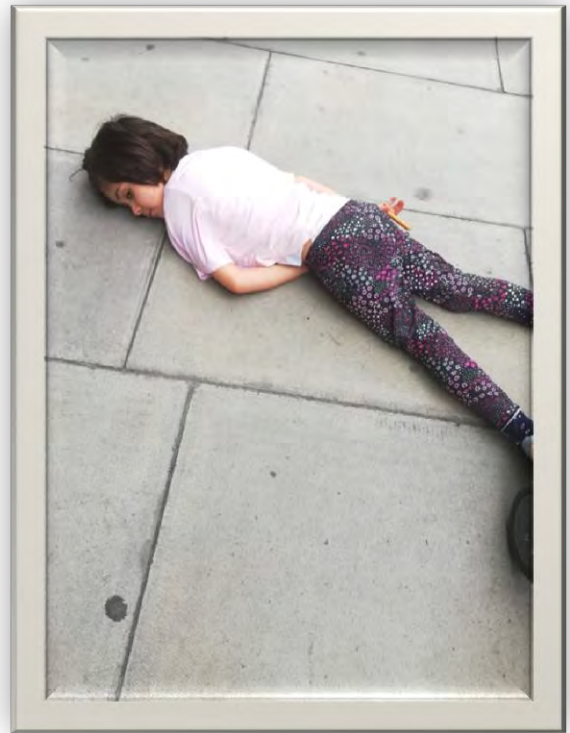






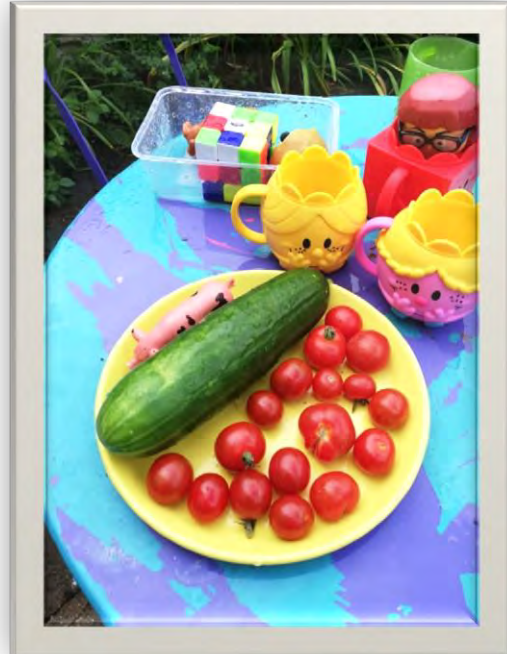
Playground shenanigans!





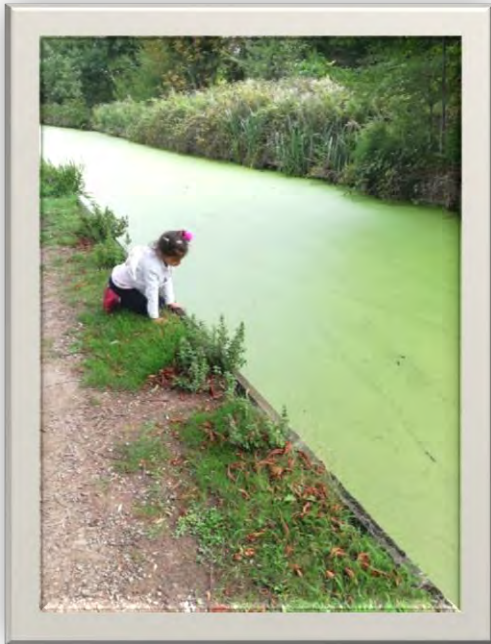
Adventure time at the London Eye 😊





Picnic-time & great Poundshop Finds

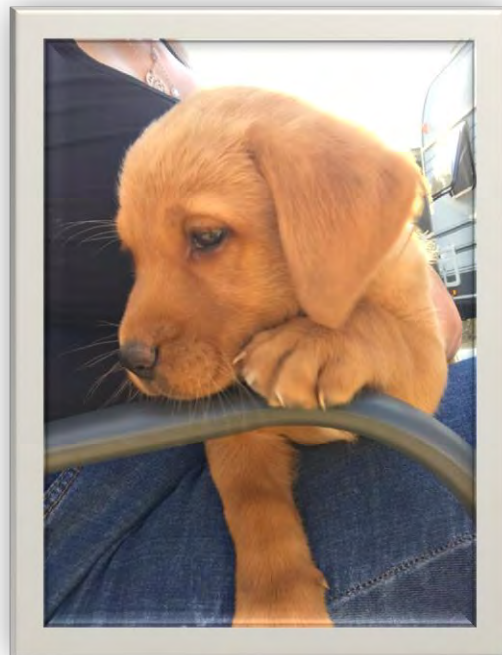
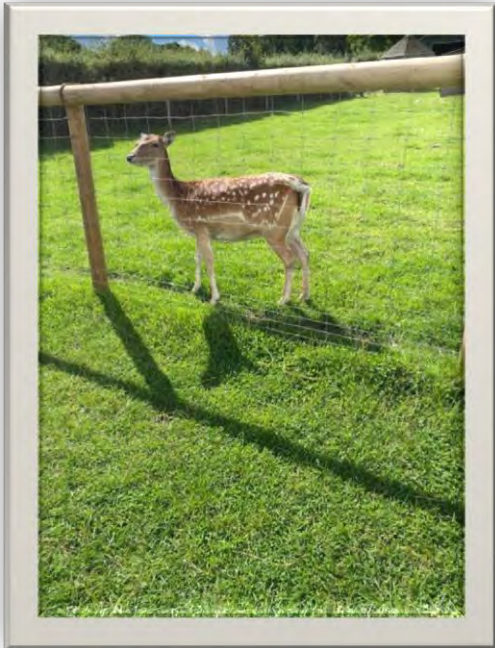






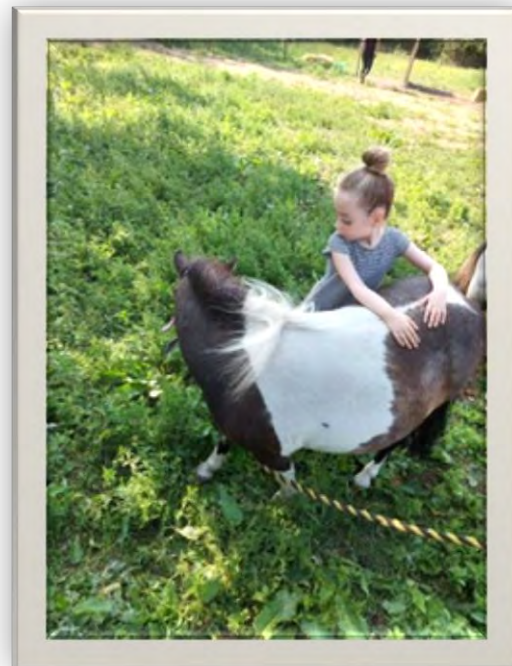
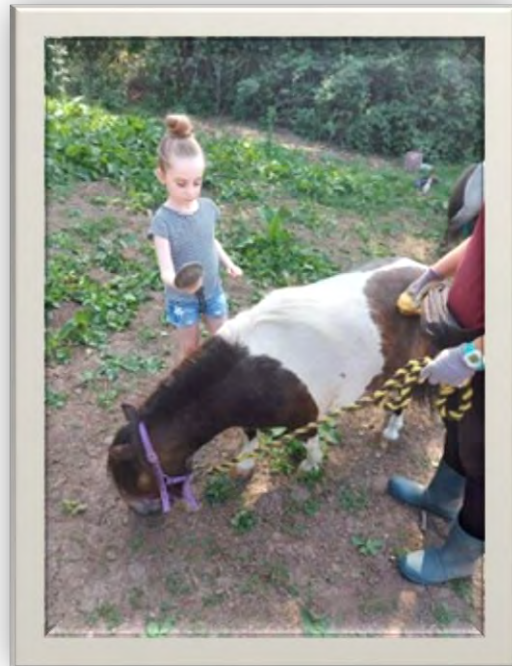
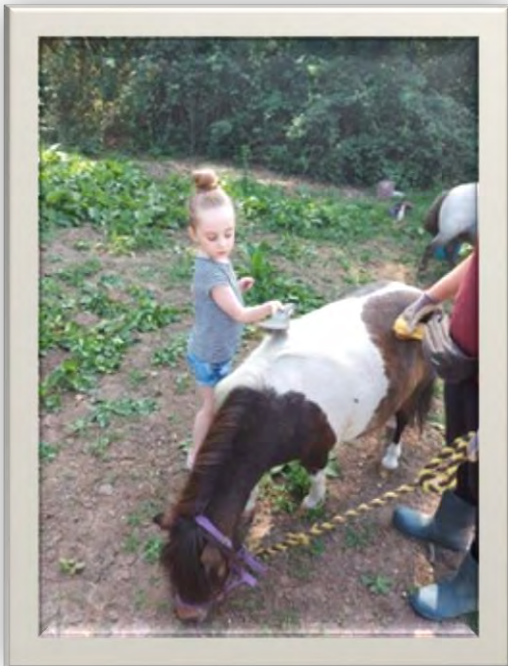
Getting to grips with the animals!

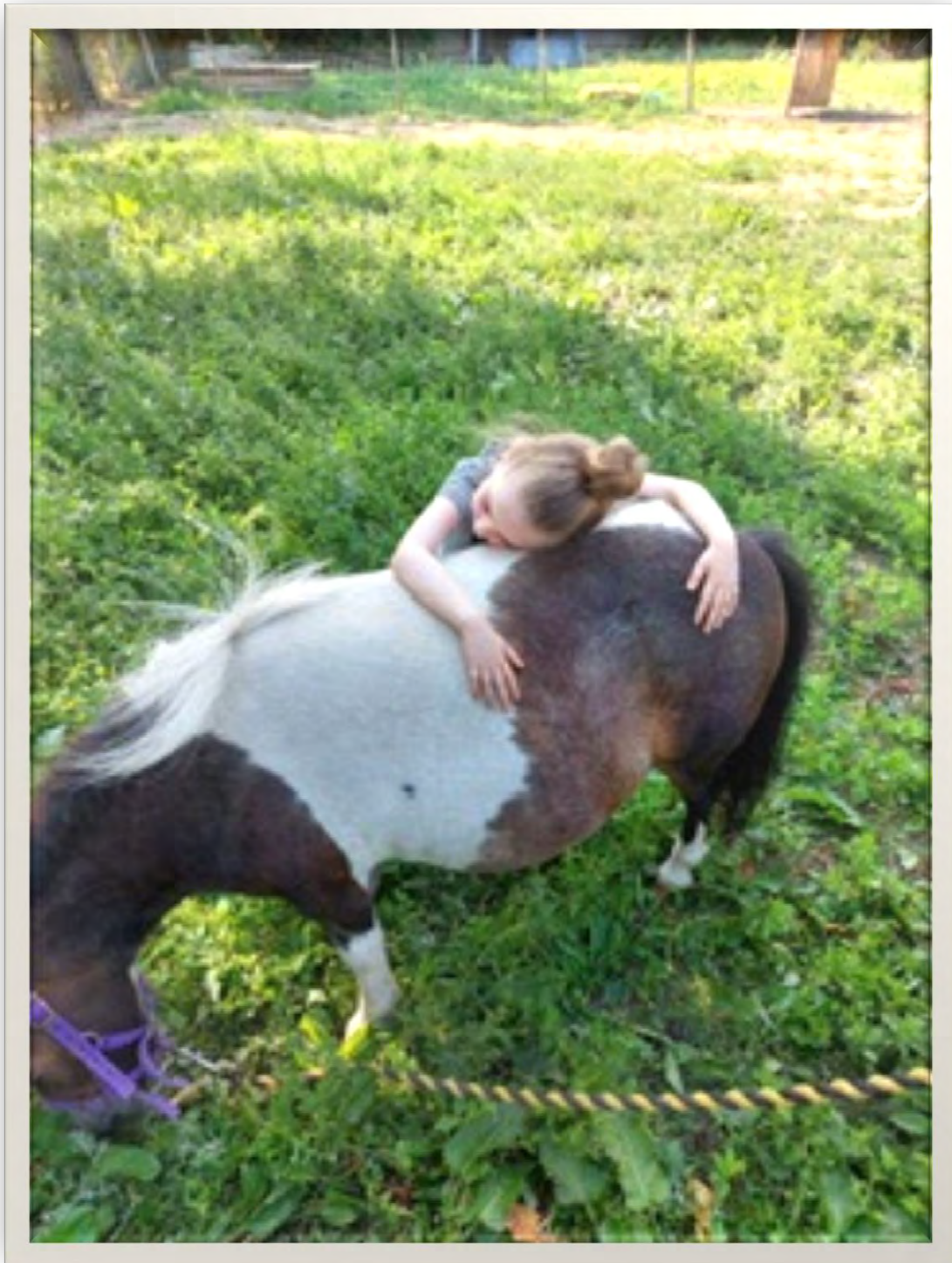




Someone has a new puppy, so cute!!!







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Our first term is in full swing now and we are delighted to see that the majority of our children are enjoying being back at school and are coping well with the safety measures in place. We are providing them with a rigorous 'recovery' curriculum which is giving them the chance to explore their feelings and emotions following lockdown as well as giving them necessary structure and aspirational learning opportunities.

COVID UPDATE

You will have received many letters and texts about our COVID plans and safety measures but I do need to clarify the essential elements which follow the Government guidelines for Special Schools. These aim to keep your children, and our staff, as safe as possible.

- If your child is ill for any reason, please do not send them in
- If they are running a temperature / have a new, dry, persistent cough (ie coughing endlessly throughout an hour) or cannot taste anything, please keep them at home
- If they have the above COVID symptoms they cannot come into school for TEN days from the start of the symptoms UNLESS they have a COVID test and it is NEGATIVE.
- If any test is negative they can return before the ten days but we would need to see evidence of this in order to keep everyone in their class and family bubble safe.
- If any test is POSITIVE, then we must be informed immediately. Please email me on Maureen.duncan@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk ONLY the family bubble or the transport bubble in which a child or staff member has tested positive will need to be sent home.
- If your child becomes ill during the day with COVID symptoms then we **MUST INSIST** they go home in order to keep others safe.

We are not doctors so we cannot judge whether it is, or is not, a COVID cough. However, we must err on the side of caution and must abide by the self-isolation requirements. We are sure you will understand why this is important and would request that you accept the school's actions without reproach or anger.

REMOTE LEARNING

- If your child is away from school and ill we would not expect them to do any schoolwork. However, your school team will make contact with you every week of the illness
- If your child has to self-isolate but no one else in the bubble has to, then we will send you a home learning pack for him or her to use with your





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input. Again we will make contact with you every week. A teacher cannot teach your child in that situation as they have to teach all the children still left in school.

- If a whole class or Family bubble has to isolate then there will be daily contact made by your school team with work set and on line learning opportunities offered. We will want to support you in every way we can during this time as we do understand how stressful it can be. However, it is important that our youngsters get continued education during periods of isolation at home.

TESTING

- It is now possible to get tests at the Irish Centre but these need to be booked in. Those of our colleagues and families who have had tests report that the results come back very quickly.

MORE CHEERFUL NEWS.....

I am delighted to welcome **Tahniah Shabnum** as our new Parent Governor. Her nomination was unopposed so there was no need for us to hold an election. She has written something for this bulletin to introduce herself. Once again a big thank you to Katrina Serrette for representing Brook parents so ably during her time of office.



We are delighted that the Brook School has been awarded the MUSIC MARK AWARD this year. This has been awarded due to the school's longevity of outstanding music provision and innovation. Many congratulations to Maria Preftitsi and the Expressive Arts team for their contribution to this award and also congratulations to Claire Skinner who also made an enormous contribution to music and inclusion during her many years with us.

Thank you once again for the way you are supporting our efforts to give your children as much normality as possible; the atmosphere in school is calm, purposeful and there continues to be laughter in all corners of the school.

Best wishes

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Lost Uniform Recycling

In July 2020 we had a large amount of uniform that was lost or missing. It will be putting the items out for anyone to take and rehome. *Please note that the items are unwashed as we do not have the capacity/staff to wash the large quantity.* You are welcome to come along on **Friday 2nd Oct 12.45 – 1.15pm** to come and take what you need, including white tops and black bottoms and a very limited amount of jumpers/cardigans. The items have been stored since July 2020.

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BROOK PARENT COFFEE MORNING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM!!!

Friday 2nd October @ 9.30am

Tahniah Shabnum our new Parent Governor will be attending so we look forward to seeing you there.

Let's get together and create a platform of support and engagement throughout these times.

Zoom link will be sent nearer the time 😊



Brookster, at Work and at Play





Lacewing have settled in amazingly well this term. They are all enjoying being back at school and are really getting immersed in all the activities. Our theme for the term is 'All About Me', and they are keen to demonstrate their knowledge about this topic. They are really enjoying the Colour Monster story about a monster who teaches us about feelings, as each beautiful colour leads to an emotion. It also helps them build understanding and empathy towards others, as in the story the emotions are attached to descriptions of how the little furry Monster feels inside and how he is able to cope. We are preparing some work on the Colour Monster story for our assembly on Friday.







Nightingale Class enjoying balloon skills and jumping on the trampoline during free flow choosing time





Poppy Class hard at work...





Our topic this term is 'All about me'. Poppy Class were making self-portraits using different techniques and materials.

Also, we have been focusing on catching up with numbers and letters/phonics from our recovery curriculum.

Poppy Class are very thrilled and excited to be back!









Sunflower Class made pizza using a wrap. We practiced our spreading and chopping skills, and enjoyed eating them when they were finished!







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Finally, we are hoping to hold a Colour Monster dress up day next week too. Many parents have asked for something in school as they will not be allowing their children to Trick and Treat over half term. The Colour Monster is one of our target books this term so allowing our children to dress in different colours, or as a monster, will be most appropriate.

The costumes always put a smile on our face so we will be asking for a donation of 50p (or more if you wish) that will go to the Smile Train charity. This is a charity that operates on children with cleft palates and last year our donation sponsored one such operation. The date of this has yet to be finalised so – watch this space.

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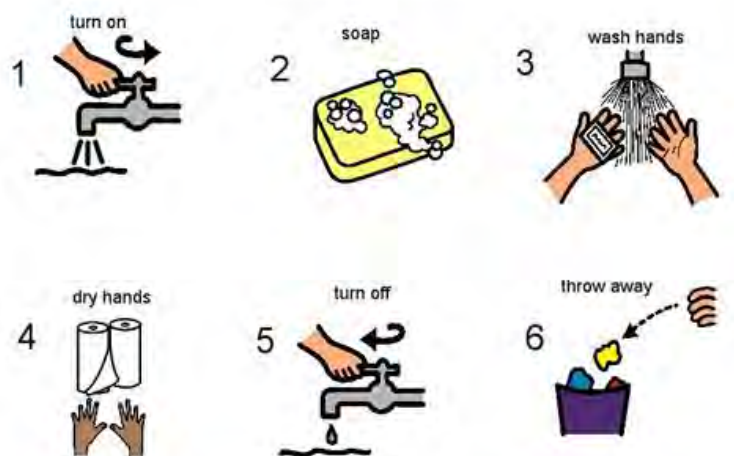
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Y6 Zoom Meeting with Secondary Schools

Autumn marks the start of secondary school visits for parents of children in their last year of primary education. We will be having Martin Doyle Headteacher of Riverside School having a talk with Yr6 parents and thereafter a Q&A. This will be on **Tuesday 13th October @ 1pm and 6pm**. I will be setting up zoom Virtual tours with The Vale and The Grove if any parents are interested. The deadline for secondary school applications is **31st October 2020**.

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We also have a vast array of Home Learning resources for your children to view and videos to take part and sing along with visit <https://www.thebrook.haringey.sch.uk/> Also take a look at the tab Brook online tab on The brook website



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Daffodil Class really love being in the water!!





Making skeletons out of playdough after reading the story 'Funnybones'



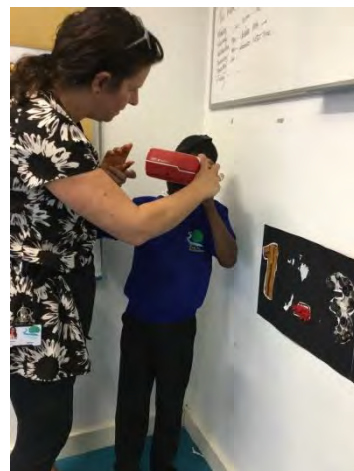
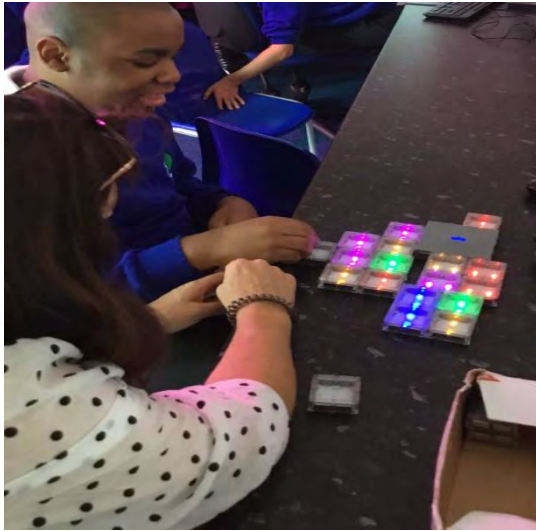
Sequencing 3 letters to make a CVC word and then having a go at writing it





Counting green pasta in to our green bottle







In Snowdrop class we have been exploring the different computing equipment we have in school, including the connecting tiles, interactive whiteboard, beebots and the Virtual reality headset.











Sunflower and Kingfisher Classes have been learning about the famous tennis players Venus and Serena Williams as part of our work for Black History Month. We made tennis rackets out of paper plates and played tennis with balloons!



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Thank you so much for your generous support of our Colour Monster/Halloween Day. We raised an AMAZING £110 for the Smile Train charity, which will help to fund a child to have a corrective operation for a cleft palate. The children looked wonderful in their costumes too.

Black History Month has been a fabulous celebration and we have so enjoyed celebrating our community's diversity. We have even had a special song created which all of our children now sing. It is such a privilege to be part of the Brook and BILC family.

After half term we have been selected to take part in a Mayor of London physical activity project with a karate teacher who also teaches special needs children. We do not know yet which children can have this opportunity, but if you would prefer your children not to participate please let us know.

As we cannot hold face-to-face parents' events at present, teachers will be contacting you to arrange a zoom or telephone conversation the first week back after half term so that your child's progress can be discussed. (If you have had an Early Days Review then your child's progress has already been discussed.)

The Brook Staff join me in wishing you all a restful, peaceful and happy half term. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing all of our children back on **Monday 2nd November**.

Best wishes Maureen and the Brook Staff





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A WELLBEING MINDSET



**Our esteemed Headteacher getting in character
for Colour Monster Day!!**



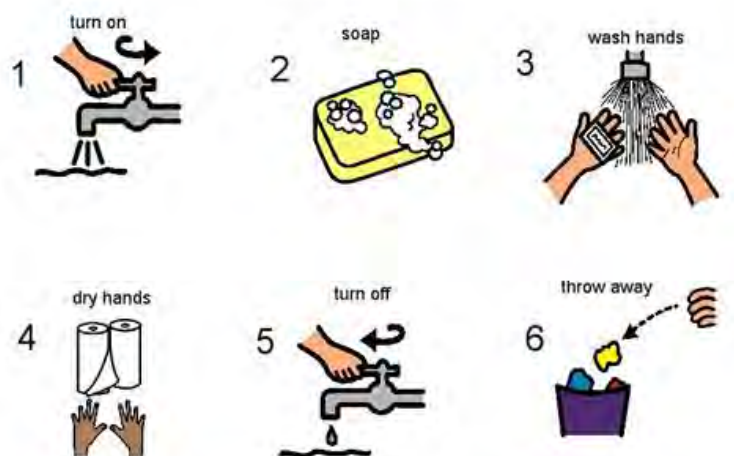
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WORRIED OR ANXIOUS OR JUST NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM for Barnet, Enfield and Haringey NHS

MHST Telephone Support Line

When things are so uncertain it can be difficult to manage our emotions. Would you like to talk to someone about how you feel? We're the Haringey Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and we're here to help! Call us on the number below.

- **Who are we?** A team of Mental Health Practitioners
- **When?** 9am-3pm Monday-Friday.
- **Who can contact us?** Children/young people, parents/ carers, school staff.
- **How can we help?** We're here to listen and support you with your worries and emotions

MHST Contact information

Tel: 0208 702 6035

Beh-tr.camhstrailblazerinbox@nhs

ATTENDANCE AND SPECIAL LEAVE REQUESTS

It is not school policy to authorise absence for the purpose of taking a holiday within school time. A few parents have chosen to take their holidays into the new academic year which is against our policy. It is *essential* that our children attend school every day in order for them to make the progress. If your child does not attend school, and does not have an illness or medical appointment it will be classed as an unauthorised absence. All attendance will be monitored closely moving forward and if necessary we will be contacting the Education Welfare Department for support with persistent absence.

Parents do not forget to take a look at our Brook pupils doing a virtual tour of the school, with their usual flair and style

We also have a vast array of Home Learning resources for your children to view and videos to take part and sing along with visit

<https://www.thebrook.haringey.sch.uk/>

Also take a look at the tab Brook online tab on The brook website



The Brook Celebrating our Staff's Diversity









What an amazing Black History Month 2020!!





Brook Billboard

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish you could have been in school this week to share in the fun and joy that our children had in the lead up to the Christmas break. There was a great deal of laughter, music but also time for learning and reflection. The visit from Santa was greatly appreciated and Mark Whittle provided a wonderful magical afternoon by zoom, entertaining the children with his magic tricks. A big thank you to our sponsors of the Brook Charity for funding the gifts for the children and for the purchase of bean bags next term to enhance our reading corners in the classrooms.

We were sorry that we could not host our Christmas charity fayre this year but thank you for the many donations we have received to buy equipment for our outdoor play areas. This is particularly necessary at the moment because, due to COVID restrictions, we do not have free run of the playground due to the Willow bubbles needing access. Thank you too for your generosity towards the Christmas Jumper Save the Children charity – we raised **over £125** which is a magnificent amount and will support their work.

It has been a challenging term as we all cope with the restrictions that COVID brought. We are really pleased that we did not have to close any bubbles this term and thank you for ensuring that you have kept your children at home if they are unwell and for keeping us updated if they have had to isolate. We do know that there is the likelihood of a spike in infections in January but we have on line learning prepared, and work packs, for such eventualities.

A reminder though – if your child tests positive during the holiday please will you notify us on the phone number **07964 526 306**. This is just to help with the track and trace. Also when we return in January please ensure that you do not send your child into school if they are unwell and, if you have been abroad, that you follow the required procedures for that country.

Thank you for the support, gifts and best wishes that you have given to the staff this week. We very much value our partnership with yourselves and are grateful that you acknowledge the commitment that my staff have shown to your children during these unprecedented times.

However you spend your Christmas break, may you stay safe, keep well, be rested and we look forward to seeing your child back on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Every best wish from Maureen and the Brook staff



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Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

Although the first sign of spring is appearing in our gardens in the form of daffodil buds peeping through, we have had our first snowfall of 2021. Fortunately, it does not appear to be very deep and for those of our children in school, we like them to have the opportunity to experience being in snow as it falls so rarely. I know this is stating the obvious, but please do make sure they come into school with suitable footwear (wellies if possible with shoes to change into) and warm outdoor clothing. That way they can enjoy going into Fox Forest and exploring the playground which looks very different when peppered with snow.

A big thank you to our staff who are continuing to keep the school open and also to keep in regular contact with those of you whose children are at home. If you feel that you need more zoom contact, worksheets or just a more regular chat on the phone then please do let us know. We want to do the best we can for all of our children in these difficult times.

A reminder please that if your child is ill for any reason then please do not send them into school – not only are our children vulnerable but some of our staff are too and we do not want anyone to be put at unnecessary risk of illness. We do want to meet the needs of all of our children but in order to plan staffing it is really important that we know in advance if you are intending to send your child into school if they have not previously been coming, and that they stay for a whole week (unless ill) - this allows us to forward plan appropriately.

We really do appreciate all of the goodwill messages that we have received from you during the last few weeks – it means a great deal to all of us to know that we have your support and that you appreciate that we are doing the very best we can to make things as normal as possible for your children whilst



ensuring everyone's safety. This WILL end and with regular testing and vaccinations on the horizon, we are confident that 2021 will bring positive changes.

Please stay safe and well and, as always, do feel you can make contact with us about anything that is worrying you about school, so that we can do our utmost to solve problems and issues quickly.

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Daisy class have been learning to measure using a ruler. They tried estimating first and then they used their rulers to get an accurate measurement. They recorded their measurements in a table.



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Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

Half term is fast approaching and I hope that it will not be too cold, icy or snowy. Our playground was very beautiful with its light snow covering that looked like icing sugar and we made sure that our children had the opportunity to experience playing in it – it is always a balancing act to make sure that they get every possible experience open to them whilst keeping them as safe as possible. Sadly there wasn't quite enough snow to make a snowman but that didn't stop them making patterns with their footsteps or holding it in their hands for as long as they could bear it – and I think it made it very easy for them to answer our question 'Is the weather hot or cold today'.

You will be aware that we are still awaiting Government guidelines on when we will be fully open after half term. We are continuing to provide remote learning for those children who remain at home and are teaching our usual curriculum in school – do take a look at our 'Brook online' page as we are adding new videos at all times. A big thank you to our staff who are prepared to be filmed – it is not everyone's cup of tea, but we know that our children really love seeing familiar faces and that is why we produce original works ourselves.

For those parents who bring children to school, you will have noticed that our marquee has disappeared: it managed to survive the gale force winds but did not survive the downpour of rain. We have ordered another and will ask you to line up under it again once it is erected to help us with our social distancing and smooth transition into the school building. Won't it be wonderful when we can invite you into the building again for coffee mornings, person centred reviews and parents' evenings?

We have had very few positive COVID cases reported and, to date, have not needed to close a bubble. Staff have been offered both the home testing kits and the vaccine and we continue to do everything we can to keep the school as safe as possible whilst maintaining consistency and normality wherever possible. I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our staff for their commitment, dedication and hard work this half term – we take it as a great compliment that you trust us to keep your children safe and that your children want to be at the Brook – and we are grateful for your continued support.



One new project we are hoping to work on over the next year, is to develop a dedicated area at the back of the school grounds which will have playground equipment in it that will develop our children's turn taking and play skills; will give them physical exercise; will help their sensory regulation and will also give them a chill out zone. It will be open to all of the BILC but, as it is a fenced area, this means that our children can be a little more independent in their play as staff will not be worried about them running too far away or hiding in inappropriate places. It is a very exciting project but as you can imagine, it is an expensive one – we will need to raise £100,000 to bring it to fruition – but the benefits for your children and those children attending the BILC in the future will be incalculable.

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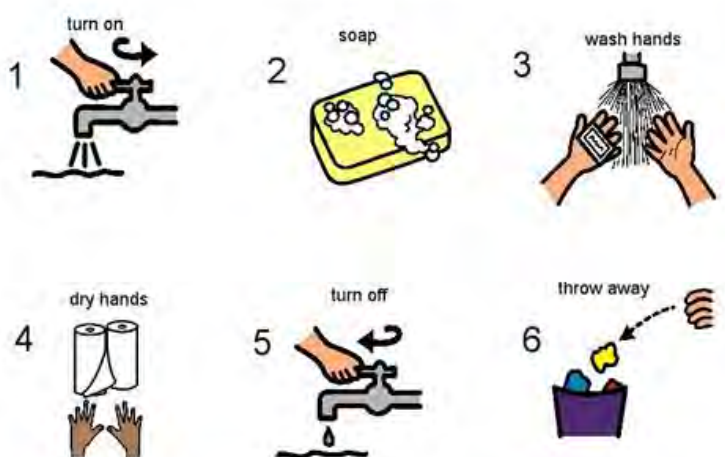
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We are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into school on Monday 8th and it will be very uplifting to have all of our classes back to normal. We do understand that there may need to be a little bit of adjustment for all children next week, especially as the Willow School are back and a shared space timetable will be reintroduced, but your children are very resilient and we are sure that by Wednesday all will be calm and cheery. The Risk assessment from September will be re-instated and you can find that on our website.

We have had a new gazebo erected for parents to wait under (socially distanced and in masks) for mornings and afternoons. A reminder that we unload the buses first so it is advisable for parents to aim to get to school for just after 9.00 and just after 3.00 to avoid waiting for too long. The grass is inclined to be a bit wet and muddy so please wear appropriate footwear.

We are currently involved in a recycling project in which all classes are finding incredibly inventive ways of using scrap items – I was presented with a wonderful bouquet made out of plastic bottles which adorns my office beautifully. We will share some of the ideas over the next few bulletins as they are very creative and innovative.

CONGRATULATIONS to some of our children who have been awarded badges and certificates for their work in rebound therapy/trampolining:

Grade 1 Sabir, Mavis, Yusuf Z

Grade 2 Azaia, Calvin, Cairo

Grade 3 Yusuf

We are always so proud of our children's achievements and are delighted to be able to celebrate their successes.



Next week we are beginning another round of our Person Centred Reviews. These are absolutely crucial meetings for your children and also, we must hold them by law. If for any reason you cannot attend, please do let us know as quickly as possible so that we can rearrange the appointment for you.

We do hope that you enjoy your weekend and we so look forward to seeing all of our children on Monday

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Recycling Project @ The Brook



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Snowdrops PE session was filled with fun and laughter. The lesson was based around movement for example walking, running, throwing, bouncing and rolling. The Hall was filled with a carousel of activities and PE equipment and children used visual aids to help decide what activity they would like to explore.



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Dear Parents and Carers

Spring is definitely in the air as the front lawn of the school is resplendent with daffodils. Clocks go back next week too and gradually the nights will lengthen and we will feel that the darker days are behind us. All continues to run smoothly at school and we have enjoyed seeing our friends from Willow back on the premises, although we are longing to be able to share sessions and playtime with them. Let's hope that it won't be too long before we can all get back to 'normal'.

We have had an action packed week again this week – as you will see later in this bulletin, we have been lucky to have been given a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers to buy science equipment to enhance our curriculum. We are always so pleased to be able to share the work that we do - and to make new friends and gain supporters is always a real pleasure. We are so looking forward to the time when we can invite people back into school in order to be able to share the work we do face-to-face rather than virtually.

Friday saw us having a Comic Relief Day and it was lovely to see so many children wearing something red and the staff did us proud too – with wigs, sprayed hair, painted spotty faces, capes to name but a few. SLT (Sukina, Ed and myself) baked a range of cakes for a staff raffle and with your contributions and that from the staff we raised an amazing £125.80. So thank you for your support. We try to support charities throughout the year as it is so important for our children to know that they have the skills and talents to be able to do something to help other people and to know how much pleasure that brings.

We have enjoyed 'seeing' many of you in person centred review meetings this week which is a time when we can celebrate your child's progress and personality and can also address any worries you might have. The partnership we have with you is so important because between us we can make sure that we do the best we can to make your child's time at the Brook the best possible experience and equip them well for the future.

You will have received a leaflet this weekend which summarises what we are doing as a school to meet the new Government requirements





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to teach Relationships and Sex Education in a way that is relevant, appropriate and meaningful to your children. We know that you often worry about how your children will cope with the physical and emotional change that comes with puberty and we hope you are reassured that we have – and will – be able to support them effectively. If you have any questions, worries or concerns then please do make contact with your child's teacher, Felicia, Wendy our school nurse or a member of SLT.

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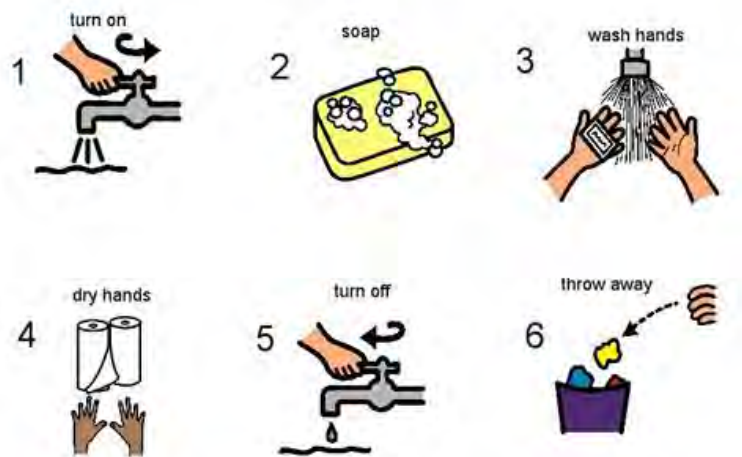
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RED NOSE DAY



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THANK YOU to our friends in the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers for their generous donation to our science curriculum!

Last week we were delighted to meet with the Master, Wardens and other members of the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers, to receive a generous donation from them for our Science curriculum, and to share news of the Brook School. The Company dates back to 1664 when it received its charter from King Charles II. Its role then was to regulate the Glass Selling and Pot-Making industries within the City of London, and to ensure quality and fair trade. Today the company supports the glass selling industry through offering awards, scholarships and bursaries.

We have been very lucky to have been given a bursary and we are going to use it to enrich our science and PHSCE curriculum. We will be buying large mirrors – clear and wonky image ones (like you get in a funfair) to go onto our terraces for our children to have fun during sensory sessions and play times. We will be buying small mirrors that we can use in classrooms so that our children can explore their faces and expressions and we will be buying bug pots, bug magnifiers and magnifying glasses so that we can explore insect life in Fox Forest and in our pond.

We are looking forward to welcoming our worshipful friends into the Brook so they can meet us face-to-face and we can say a personal and proper thank you.

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Maureen presenting swimming certificates to children in Dragonfly class







bug hunting and pupils exploring through mirrors.



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Friday 28th May 2021

Holiday

Monday 31st May – 7th

June 2021

Summer Term 2

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Thursday 22nd Jul 2021



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Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you were able to relax a little over the Bank Holiday weekend and, like us, are enjoying the fact that the sun is shining more regularly. As the summer term unfolds we are so hopeful that we will be able to ease some of the COVID restrictions that we have been adhering to since March last year. We will, of course, not do anything without Government guidance but we are hopeful that we will be able to have some whole school activities later this term – such as Sports Day, Party in the park and a year 6 leavers' celebration.

This week our Year 6 leavers went to Lambourne End for a 'Brook Goes Wild' three day experience. Lambourne End is an activity centre in Essex and our children had a wonderful time being adventurous with activities such as rock climbing, using a zip wire and pond dipping. Being outdoors certainly gave them good appetites and a big thank you to a friend of the Brook School, Janice Pettit, for volunteering to provide tasty hot meals every day. Our thanks also go to Carlos for organising the trip, all of the staff who accompanied the children (and were pretty adventurous themselves) and for all the staff back at school who made sure that learning continued regardless of the necessary changes to routine. We will make sure there are pictures for you to enjoy in the next bulletin.

If you had come into school over the last ten days you would have been able to enjoy a really wonderful part of our science curriculum – living eggs. For ten days we had eggs in an incubator and on about day 5, nine of the eggs hatched out and all of our children were able to see for themselves the beginnings of a life cycle. Sadly we were only allowed to borrow the chicks but you will see from the pictures later on in this bulletin that our children were fascinated. They have also been looking at the life cycle of frogs and have been witnessing the frog spawn becoming tadpoles in our school pond. We are just

waiting for the tadpoles to become frogs and we think there will be quite a swarm.

The new Head of Music in Haringey, Dan Earley, paid us a visit recently and next week will be coming into school to bring some exciting equipment for us to produce some digital and experimental music. We are very proud to have been chosen for this pilot scheme and as Maria Preftitsi has already been teaching some of our children how to create digital musical masterpieces she was an obvious choice.

Don't forget to look at our phonics and Makaton information on our website so that you can brush up your skills to help your child improve theirs. If there is other information you would like us to provide then please do make your suggestions to Felicia Rock via the parent phone or by email.

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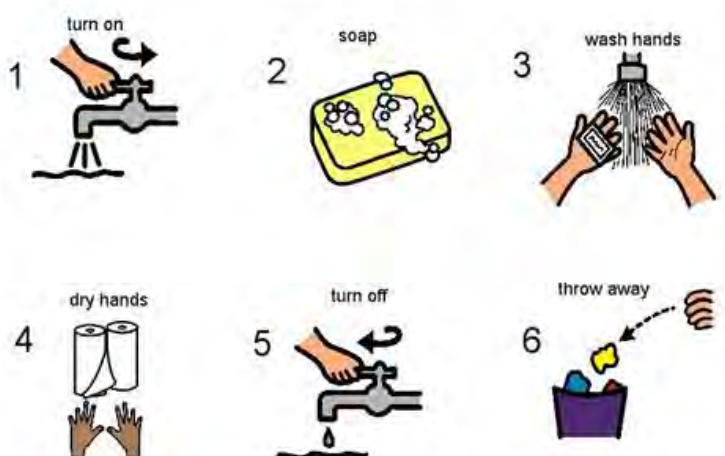
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CLASS PHOTO DAY – Monday 17th May

It's that time of year again, and we are happy that your child can have their picture taken with the rest of their class friends and staff. Individual photos have not taken place this academic year due to restrictions but class photos will be taking place as normal.

So please send your child into school wearing their full uniform and with their Brook school jumper/cardigan on this day. The photos will be available for purchase directly through Kittle Photography and our regular photographer Vicky will be taking the photographs as she knows our children well. Individual photos will be back on the schedule (we hope) next academic year.



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Zoom Oral Health Talk for Parents / Carers



Topic: Impact of sugar on teeth

This is a unique opportunity to ask questions and find out more on how you can best look after your child's teeth

Oral Health Sessions

Every Wednesday in May

- 5 May 2021 11:30 AM
- 12 May 2021 11:30 AM
- 19 May 2021 11:30 AM
- 26 May 2021 11:30 AM
- 2 Jun 2021 11:30 AM

Invite Link and Password

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92919141152?pwd=K3FGNkpXeUJLTVIUU2MwckNRcDdIU09>

Meeting ID: 929 1914 1152
Passcode: c08WPm



For further information please email us:

danica.castaner@nhs.net

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Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 7 - 11 with Autism or Developmental Language Disorder?

The Brook has been approached by a PhD researcher at the University of York who is interested in how children in Key Stage 2 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities experience friendships. The researcher wants to hear about the experiences of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism or Developmental Language Disorder. Taking part in the project will involve your child completing a scrapbook and a brief recorded conversation between you and your child about their friends.

Please contact Laura at
laura.fox@york.ac.uk

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YEAR 6 TRANSPORT SURGERY/CLOTHING GRANT

If your child is in year 6 and is transferring to secondary school in September 21, I will be helping any parents to apply for the transport to their new school. If you are currently eligible for FSM you may also be eligible for a one off payment from Haringey Council to help with the cost of their school uniform. I can help you to complete these forms too if you require help to apply. This will be on Friday 21st May from 10am onwards, please text the school mobile if you would like to book yourself in. Time slots will be sent out this week. *Felicia*





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The Brook Picture Gallery



BROOK RECYCLING PROJECT



Lacewing class worked on painting tins as part of their recycling project to be used in their outside play area. They also explored the Gingerbread man story in their maths sessions.



The recycling project was a great achievement and arose from ideas from the student council. The spring Recycling project aimed to transform a place used as storage for trolleys and bins into an Art Installation. The recycling project brought the school community together to work towards a very important and topical subject resulting in many creative solutions for recycling and upcycling.





Dragonfly class attended forest school at Alexandra Palace and had a wonderful time. We took part in a treasure hunt looking for leaves, feathers and flowers; then we mixed soil and water and did mud painting. We can't wait to go back next week!



Brook children exploring the topic 'Life Cycles'

For ten days, the Brook bought in 'living Eggs' to help us understand aspects of a life cycle. The eggs come in an incubator so all the children were able to see them clearly two or three times. We were so lucky that nine of the eggs hatched and the chicks thrived. The children had an amazing time and it was a lovely way to explore aspects of the science curriculum.







We are absolutely certain that we will be putting in our order for more chicks this time next year.....



BROOK BILLBOARD

Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 20th April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Holiday

Monday 31st May – 7th

June 2021

Summer Term 2

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Thursday 22nd Jul 2021



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Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this letter, we have just finished taking part in a wonderful farewell ceremony for our Premises Manager, Raymond Harvey, who is retiring after many years of working with us all. He has been such a part of the school that we are all going to miss him enormously and hope that he and his wife enjoy spending time together without being interrupted by someone from school telling him that the alarm has gone off, or the pool pump has stopped working or there is a flood in the playground. We are lucky to have such dedicated staff like Ray, who go out of their way to greet the children, solve our problems and still turn up every morning with a smile on their face. After this special assembly, Ray has been able to go round to see all of our children who were able to say 'goodbye and good luck' in their own special way. We will certainly miss our Ray of sunshine.

Our school nurse, Wendy Oudemans has also left us today for pastures new and we congratulate her on her promotion. We will definitely get a replacement once a suitable candidate has been found and the nursing team in Haringey will be helping us out in the interim. Medicals will continue as usual too.

Today, Friday, is the last day of this half term and we are amazed how quickly it has flown past. We only have seven more weeks left and then we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children and hello to our new entrants. We hope that we will be able to do more joint events in the weeks to come and we have some lovely things planned – a sports awareness and participation week to name but one.



Please remember that school restarts on Tuesday 8th June at 9.00am. Transport has been alerted and we hope the sun will shine for us next half term as we would so like to get our children out and about a bit more. I usually remind you about sun tan cream at this point, but I am not sure the temperatures are going to rise enough for that to be necessary.

You will remember that I mentioned we would be sharing some photos of the Year 6 Lambourne End trip this time – some of them will literally take your breath away.

However you spend your half term, I hope it is a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable one for you and your families and we look forward to welcoming your children back on 8th for another action packed half term.

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COVID Testing

Parents, if during the half-term you or your child test positive for COVID please email parents@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk to keep the school informed. Thank you

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Photo Gallery

Year 6 Trip to Lambourne End















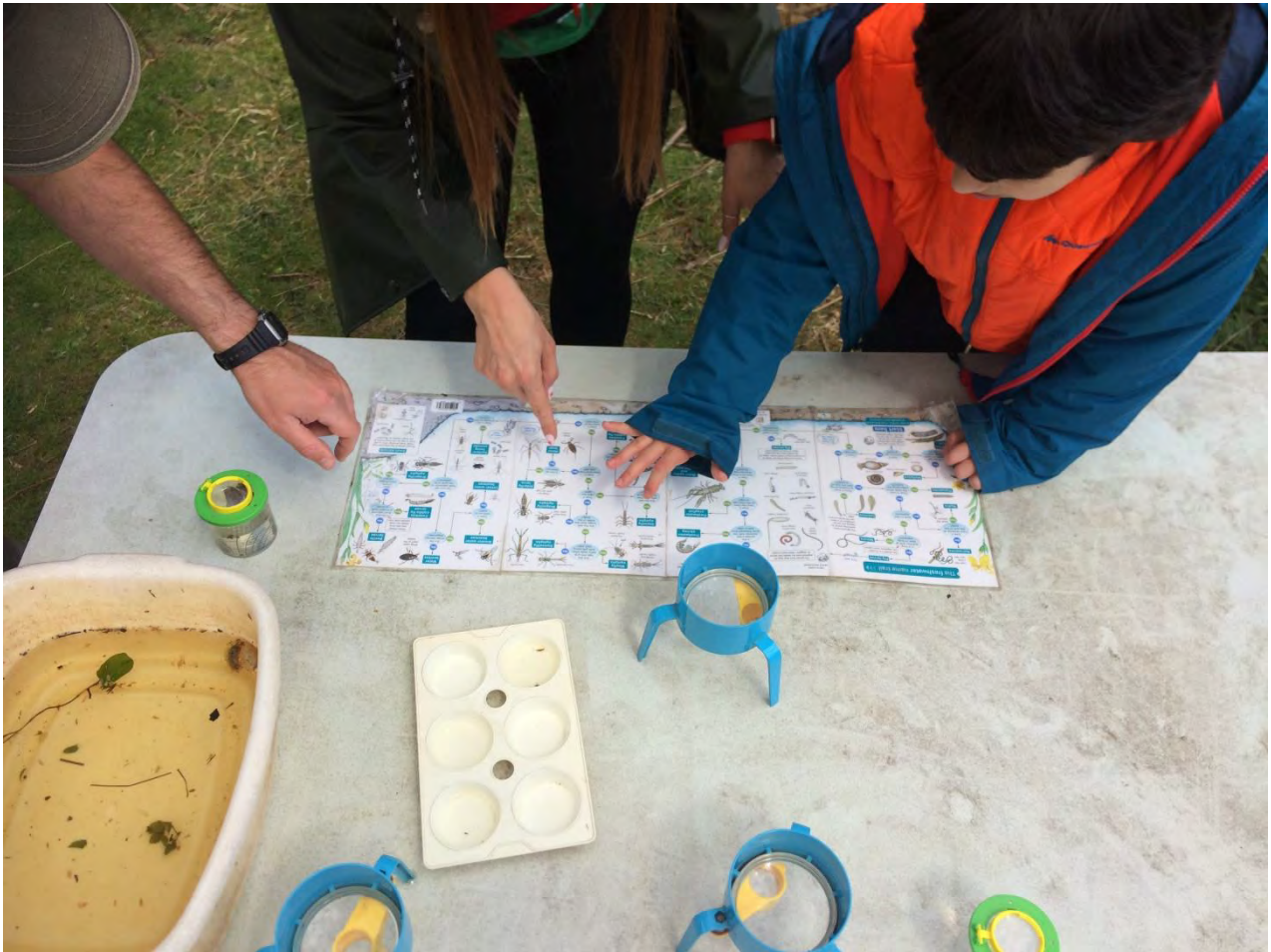












Till Next Time Ray!



Ray went round to all classes to collect his retirement gifts and cards

Ray was presented with a trophy from The Brook School





We will miss you!



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Summer Term 2

**Tuesday 8th June 2021
Thursday 22nd Jul 2021**



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Message from Maureen

We all know how creative our children and staff are but this week the Brook has been bursting with amazing creations as we celebrate our Creative Arts Week. We are very grateful to Tottenham Grammar for providing funding to allow us to invite artistes, musicians and storytellers into school to provide our children with events that have left them awe-struck. The school has been resounding with drumming, story-telling and dancing and staff have provided animation, tie dying, digital art, music technology and a plethora of incredible workshops for every child to enjoy. We finished the festival with an astounding exhibition in the hall on Friday – no need to go to the Tate Modern Gallery in London when you can see unique artwork here.

It seems incredible that we are nearing the end of term and that there is, really, only 2 more weeks left of this academic year. It has been challenging for all of us but we are so proud of all of our children who have shown enormous resilience this year and, as their progress charts will show, have all made at least expected progress. We do so hope that we will be able to enjoy more inclusion next year with our own classes and our friends in Willow – we have missed being able to pop into other classes to share activities and friendship. There will be no changes to our procedures this side of the holiday but coming back we will be returning to our usual school day times. These are **9.00am until 3.30pm** so children will be home fifteen minutes later than they have been this year.

A big thank you to Andy Crawford, one of our multi-talented teachers, for being our school photographer this year. His photos are really lovely as he knows our children so well and he also managed to capture the leadership team, jumping for joy....



Plans are underway for the summer club and it is going to be wonderful to be able to offer such an extensive programme this year. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who are so willing to provide this summer club. Let's hope that the sun shines for us all.

Shortly you will be getting a letter about your child's new class next year if they are staying with us. We are sad that we cannot ask you to come into school for a Meet and Green session this term but we hope to arrange something next term once everyone has settled back. Your child's teacher will also be contacting you before the end of term if you do not already know them so that you can touch base and begin your partnership.

Finally a big welcome back to Rebekah Schroder and Polly Gibbs who are returning from maternity leave. It will be lovely to have them back with us.

As always, if you like what we do, please tell the world but if there is something you don't like, please tell us first so that we can do everything in our power to make things better.

Best wishes from Maureen and The Brook Staff

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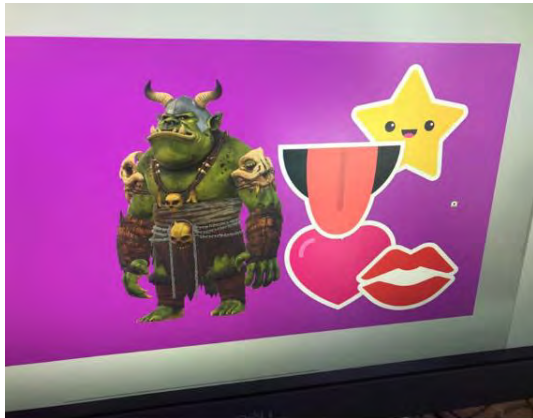
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'CREATIVE ARTS WEEK AT THE BROOK'



Children taking part in the Music-Tech Recording







T-Shirt Workshop











3D Art



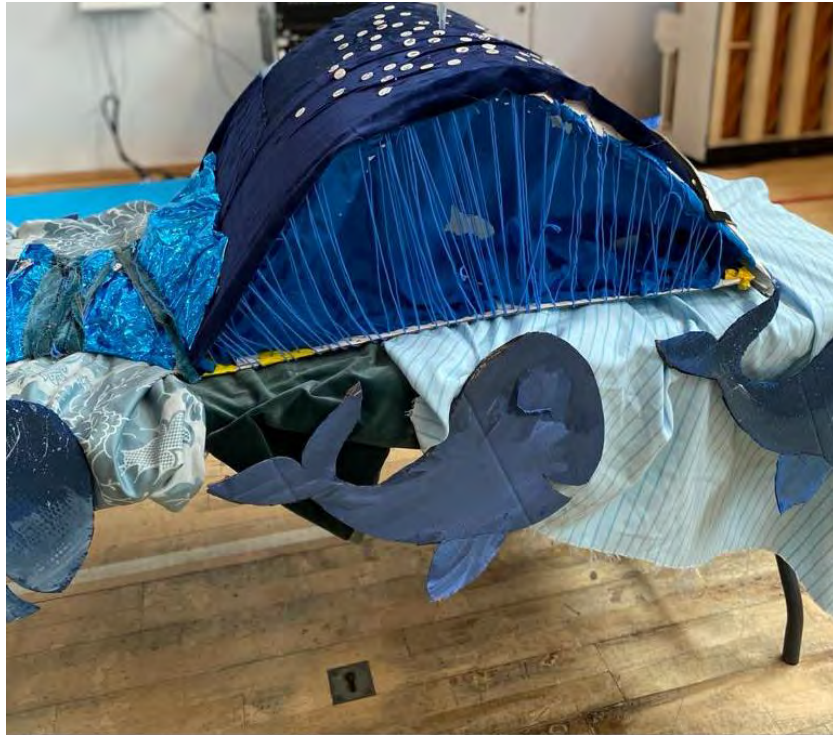












Well done FOR a wonderful week of art.



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Dear Parents and Carers

I have just got back into my office having attended our Year 6 Leavers' Graduation assembly. It is always such a bitter sweet occasion because we are so thrilled with the progress they have made that we are really joyous, but sad because we will miss having them with us next year. Last week we also had a special ceremony for our Early Years children who will be moving into Year 1 in September. For all of those children we have so much to celebrate and it was particularly special to be able to share the occasion with their parents and families – it is the first time we have been able to do this since lockdown and it really did feel that life was a little more 'normal'.

We are all getting ready for the summer break and I am sure you are as ready for a slower pace of life as we are. We are pleased that so many of our children can join us at Summer club and we are grateful that we have had sponsorship for the club and also that we have so many staff able to work over summer to facilitate it. Felicia will be making sure all goes smoothly every day and a big thank you to Sukina too for preparing so much of the groundwork for the club.

This afternoon we have a garden party in our Horticultural garden – water melon, ice lollies and Abbas providing the drumming will ensure that the children end their year on a high. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but your children have been truly amazing and have shown us how very resilient they can be. Their Progress reports will be with you in the next couple of days and we are so pleased that all of our children have made expected or above progress, in spite of COVID. You should be very proud of them all.

The end of a school year is always a time to say Goodbye and this year we are saying goodbye to Jemma Vernon who has been Sunflower teacher for some years. She is returning home to Rotherham and will be working in a school there. I am sure you join me in thanking her for

all the work she has done across the school and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

You will know that we had a monitoring visit from OFSTED last week – it was a bit of a shock for them to come so close to the end of term, but if you remember, they came right at the beginning last time. We do not get any results and there is nothing official I can share with you but we feel that we are moving in absolutely the right direction and that we have put things in place to keep improving. The inspector was delighted to meet some of the children and to see their Art Exhibition in the hall. He also was pleased to see how much improvement we have made with phonics and reading. As it is the summer break, we will not get the official letter until next term but we are confident that we are moving forwards positively. Thank you to those of you who filled in their questionnaire as we appreciate your honest feedback as it helps us to address any concerns.

All that remains for me to say, is to wish all of our leavers every happiness and success in their new school; to thank you all for the support you offer to us so that we can work in partnership with you for the good of your children and to express my thanks to all of our staff for the dedication, commitment and affection that they show towards your children. We talk about being a family – I truly believe we are.

Looking forward to welcoming your children back on **Monday 6th September at 9.00 am** and don't forget school will end at 3.15pm again from September now that COVID restrictions are easing.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are so proud of the following children who have gained accreditation from the AQA Exam awarding body. Thanks to Maria Preftitsi for spearheading this and we hope that more children will gain accreditation in the years to come. It is lovely that our children's talents are being recognised by external bodies. Well done everyone!

Ola	Learning and performing songs
	Recording singing on a backing track in a recording studio
	Taking part in a multi-cultural performance
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Sofiya A	Learning and performing songs
	Singing (unit 1)
Emilija	Learning and performing songs
	Recording singing on a backing track in a recording studio



	Singing (unit 1)
Ramiro	Music (unit 2)
Martin	Music (unit 2)
Cayden	Music (unit 2)
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Pires	Music (unit 2)
Flora	Learning and performing songs
	Recording singing on a backing track in a recording studio
	Taking part in a multi-cultural performance
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Abdoul	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Jerolain	Learning and performing songs
	Singing (unit 1)
Benjamin	Music (unit 2)
Iggy	Music (unit 2)
Daniel R	Learning and performing songs
	Music (unit 2)
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Jhonatan	Learning and performing songs
	Recording singing on a backing track in a recording studio
	Taking part in a multi-cultural performance
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance
Shayden	Music (unit 2)
	Taking part in a musical or dramatic performance



The Brook Choir wows The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers



Yesterday evening, six of our children went up to London as guest singers at the Thanksgiving Service of the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers. This was the company that gave us money to buy science equipment recently.

The children travelled by minibus to St James of Garlikhythe Church which was built by Christopher Wren (although it is not round). They sat in the choir stall in front of everybody and then walked through the congregation to the piano where Maria played for them. They sang their five songs in different languages and were loudly applauded by all the freemen and women.

Their behaviour was impeccable and we were so proud of them. On the way home we stopped off for a treat at Macdonalds and we thought Fernanda ought to go in and sort them out because it was definitely NOT fast food.

A big thank you to Maria for organising this; to Sherbjana and Asghar for accompanying the children and congratulations to the choir members

Sofiya

Jerolain

Ola

Daniel

Jhonatan

Flora

Have a great summer

Best wishes from Maureen and The Brook staff



The Brook Picture Gallery

Reception Graduation!











Farewell our fabulous Year 6's!!

