

BROOK BILLBOARD

**Term Dates 2023 –
2024**

Spring Term 1

**Wednesday 4th January
– Friday 10th February**

Half Term holiday

**Monday 13th February –
Friday 17th February**



R.E.S.P.E.C.T

A WELLBEING MINDSET

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into February, half term is now only a week away and the Christmas holiday seems a distant memory. We are aware that the level of illness amongst both children and staff has been very high this half term – and mostly nothing to do with COVID. It is always a balancing act to decide whether your child is well enough to be in school and we are very appreciative of your efforts to ensure that infections are not spread across the school.

Absences

Please do remember that we must have a reason for an absence so that it can be authorised. Telling an escort is useful but the school needs to be contacted directly as we have very stringent processes we must follow if we do not know why a child is away, or we cannot make contact with the family. This is part of our safeguarding responsibility and we take safeguarding incredibly seriously. We also have had some families with personal issues which has required them to take their child out of school for a short while. Again, it is essential that that is discussed with school before any action is taken as it is a legal requirement for children to be in school during term time and permission must be given for any reduction in those days for anything other than illness and medical appointments.

Strike Days

Thank you for your understanding of why members of the NEU took strike action this week. The issue for schools is funding. As you know, we get given our money from the Government and



unlike businesses we cannot find ways of getting more income in. We have not had any significant additional income from the Government for six years and yet food prices, heating and lighting, buying resources etc. have gone up every year. You will also know that we kept the school open during COVID and in order to do that and keep both children and staff safe, we had to spend all of our reserves. We were committed to that course of action but are very disappointed that we were not given any additional money to cover the cost.

Teachers strike very reluctantly but the reality of the situation is that, if more money does not come into our school, we will not be able to give our children the academic and life chances that we currently do yet alone ensuring they have a substantial and nutritional lunch.

We appreciate that strikes are contentious issues and please feel free to come and discuss the situation with us if you are wanting more clarification or information.

Successes

You will see later in this newsletter that we have been awarded the GREEN FLAG for our work on sustainability and also the Leading parent partnership award. We have also been commended for our Global curriculum work with the Erasmus project in which we have been given a certificate that we will put up proudly. Congratulations to everyone involved in these marvellous achievements.

Half term

However you spend half term, we hope that it is an enjoyable time. School restarts for our children on Monday 20th February – normal time.

Best wishes

Maureen and the Brook staff



Green Flag

We have been awarded the **GREEN FLAG** for our work on sustainability, recycling and upcycling. Our Eco committee has representatives from every class in the school and they meet regularly to make sure we are maintaining the high standards that the Green Flag award requires. Congratulations to Carlos, who led the project, and every child and staff member at the Brook for this amazing achievement. We will be flying the flag at the front of the school as soon as the flagpole arrives – do look out for it.



Leading Parent Partnership award

LPPA

We deeply value our partnership with all of our families and we are delighted that this relationship has been acknowledged officially by our receiving the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

Many thanks to you all for your contributions (by coming to Annual Reviews, writing in the home school books, supporting the reading scheme, joining workshops and coffee mornings for example) and especially to our Parent Governor Fartun Ali who was interviewed by the assessor.

Thanks too to Sukina and Felicia who spearheaded the project.



Haringey
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February 2023

Half term

FUN

Activities, courses
and events for
children and young
people in Haringey



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The Brook Photo Gallery



Tyrone and Seda reading during Honeysuckle Class visit to Muswell Hill Library.





Bumblebee Class' educational visit to the Chinese supermarket and assembly celebration for Chinese New Year.

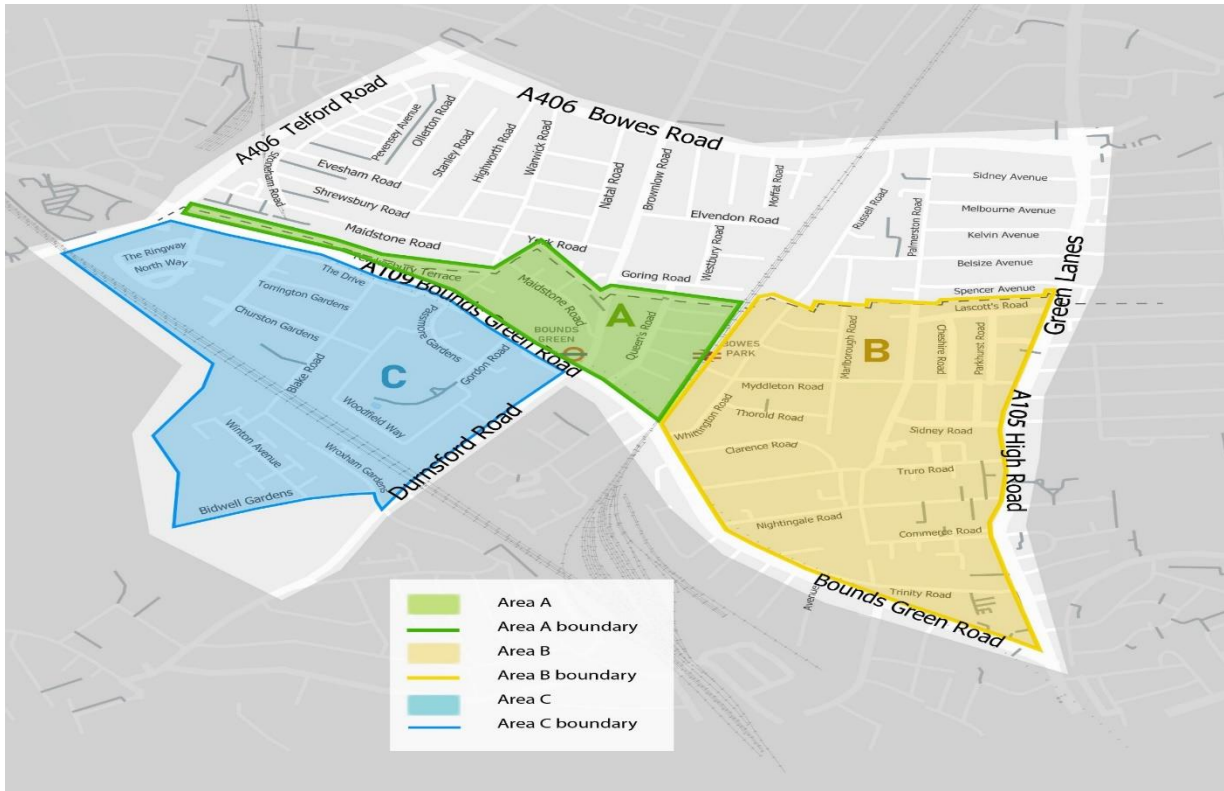


HARINGEY LTNs (Lower Traffic Neighborhood)

Haringey Council have introduced three LTN's since the summer, TWO of them are in action, and ONE started November 1st – the one surrounding us locally here on the BWF farm – West Green Ward is now in action – **please be careful**, all the roads have got cameras and signs.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/roads-and-streets/haringey-streets-people/bruce-grove-low-traffic-neighbourhood-maps>







ABC Parents Haringey & Enfield Workshops and support groups

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