

# BROOK BILLBOARD

**Term Dates 2023 –**  
**2024**

**Autumn Term 2**

**Children return on**

**Monday 30th Oct –**  
**Thursday 21st**  
**December**



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

**A WELL BEING MINDSET**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our BILC Fireworks event last week. Although the rain meant that we had to have the stalls inside, it didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm nor enjoyment. It was a truly inclusive event and was billed as a celebration of our OUTSTANDING community. Ourselves, the Willow and the Children's Centre all have outstanding as our OFSTED rating – I think that probably makes us unique!

The weather has begun to show signs of winter and it is essential that your child comes to school in a coat – we let them play outside in most weathers but they cannot access outdoor play if they have no coat. Also we are having to change all of our heating system so for the next couple of weeks the school will be less cosy than usual. If you can put your child in a vest or an additional t-shirt, then that would be helpful in case the classrooms are a little chilly.

This week is anti-bullying week, when we think about how we can help our children understand what bullying is and how much it can hurt. It is particularly important that our children know how to keep safe on the internet as cyberbullying is a big problem. Monday was 'odd socks' day as that helps us to show that we are supporting anti-bullying and that it is a wonderful thing that we are all different. Some of our children, and staff's socks were very eye-catching.

We have some parental events coming up soon – a coffee morning tomorrow (Wednesday) when you will get the chance to hear about our positive behaviour support strategies and to ask your questions and also to learn more about sensory integration and to give some ideas of how you can meet your child's sensory needs. There is also a parents' evening coming up near the end of November. That will give you a chance to



meet with your child's teacher, review progress and see if there is anything that needs to be worked on.

An enormous thank you to those of you who have been sending in money and goods for snacks. It really does help to offset the cost of the foodstuffs and snack time is a really important time for our children to enjoy a social event as well as improve their independence skills and communication. Your donations are always very much appreciated.

As you know, Ed Putman left us at half term to take up a position in a school nearer to his home so our Senior Leadership Structure is as follows. – Sukina Campos is our Deputy Head; Thibaut de Wolf is our Assistant Head and Carlos Teixeira is our Behaviour and Wellbeing lead. As always, our door is always open should you wish to talk to any of us about anything that will help us to work in partnership with you to help your child make the best possible progress.

Looking forward to seeing you at this week's coffee morning

Best wishes from Maureen and the Brook Staff

**Maureen Duncan - Headteacher**  
**Sukina Campos – Deputy Headteacher**  
**Thibaut De Wolf – Asstistant Headteacher**  
**Carlos Teixeira – Wellbeing & Behaviour Lead**



## PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am

Please come to meet other parents from The Brook and share a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Thanks Felicia

## SNACKS AT THE BROOK

Please help us by sending in some snack foods to share with your child's class. Or, if you prefer, a small donation to help us buy these items. We are a NUT FREE school. Suitable snack foods are:-

- Apples, bananas and satsumas
- Raisins
- Bread sticks
- Rice cakes
- Cream crackers
- Rich tea or digestive biscuits
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Thank you very much for your support - **as an advert says 'Every Little helps!'**



The Brook School charity is called:

The Brook Special children's Fund- help us build brighter futures

Charity number 280180

Bank account 65505207 Sort code 089299

If you shop online then **Give As you live** gives us a bit of money every time and **COSTS YOU NOTHING**.

You have to register first with Give as you live and then you go through Give as you live every time. Most shops, supermarkets etc have joined.

This is the Link:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>

Thank you

### PARENT FORUM in HARINGEY

The Parent Forum in Haringey is called SENDPOWER and it is open to all parents who have children with a disability.

They explain:

We are a group of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Haringey. We support each other and share our views with Haringey council and other decision makers, to help improve services for all SEND children and young people in the borough. It is free to join and parents who are already involved think it is great.

To find out more - check their website on [www.sendpowerinharingey.org](http://www.sendpowerinharingey.org)



## Your Wellbeing Team (PBS) at The Brook

At The Brook, your child's wellbeing is at the very centre of our practice. To strive to improve quality of life for all we have created our own wellbeing mindset rooted in RESPECT. We promote Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and use this framework and approach, to best support your child's wellbeing. All members of the team are trained PBS practitioners. Furthermore, to ensure safety for all, they are also equipped to train and support staff with the use of reasonable force.



**Carlos Teixeira**  
PBS / Wellbeing Lead



**Thibaut de Wolf**  
Assistant Head Teacher



**Perry Aydin**  
SNA / Assistant to the



**Uche Ananwa**  
Class Teacher



**Youcef Gabsi**  
SNA / Sports specialist  
and rebound coach



**Sherbjana Suli**  
UQ Teacher

If you need support from the school regarding your child's behaviour, mental health or overall wellbeing please approach their class teacher in the first instance.

If it is then felt, that further support is required, a member of the wellbeing / PBS team may also support you and your family.

**R.E.S.P.E.C.T**  
**A WELLBEING MINDSET**

**R**elationships  
**E**valuative  
**S**tructured  
**P**ositivity  
**E**ngagement  
**C**onsistency  
**T**eamwork





## Brook Photo Gallery













During the Art session Swift class is worked really hard to make a real size human skeleton for their class display. This project is a continuation of the science topic they've been exploring in multiple sessions.













Bumble Bees doing differentiated Math activities

