BROOK BILLBOARD

Term Dates 2023 – 2024
Autumn Term 2

Children return on

Monday 30th Oct – Thursday 21st December





Dear Parents and Carers

Time has simply flown this half term and it has been a very busy action packed one. Summer lasted that bit longer than expected but now the rain and the wind seem to arise just as we are getting the children on and off the buses! Do please ensure your child has a coat as it is important they play outside even if it is slightly damp.

OFSTED

Two inspectors were involved in our recent inspection and treated pupils, staff and parents to whom they spoke with the utmost respect. They clearly wanted to make sure that your children were getting 'a good deal' and the inspection was robust, rigorous and exhausting. We are awaiting the report from OFSTED which we do hope will be published soon and we will circulate it as soon as possible so you can see what judgement has been made.

GOODBYE

This week we said Goodbye to Ed Putman who has been at the school for over 10 years finishing his career with us as Assistant head. Many of you will know him through the wellbeing, multiagency and training work that he has done. He is moving to become head of School in Essex and will be greatly missed as he has made such a significant contribution to our school. We wish him every success in his new role and are sure he will pop back and see us when he can.

FIREWORK EVENING

The Willow and Brook parent association are organising a Fireworks Evening on **Friday 3rd November from 4 until 6.00pm**. There will be food, stalls and a magnificent firework display. The cost is £2 per child and £5 for adults. It will be open to all of our school community but also Broadwater Farm. It promises to be a lovely evening so do come along if you can (there is a poster with all the details at the end of the bulletin)



SNACKS

Thank you to those parents who are sending in money and goods for our children's snack times. Please do what you can to support us with this as it really helps us at a time when money is very tight everywhere.

EHCP banding

The LA has decided that it is important that the amount of money that a school gets for a child should be organised much better than it is at the moment. They want it to be about the children's needs not about which school they attend. They are opening a consultation which will show everyone what 'band' a child will be put in, depending on their severest need. Any school which teaches that child will then get the money attached to that band – it won't matter if they are mainstream or special. We are currently putting all of your children into 'bands' using their EHCPs and our knowledge of your children's needs. We do not yet know what money each band will give us so we may get the same, more or less money in the future. If you can participate in the consultation process please do so as it will be the way that special needs in the schools is funded for the foreseeable future.

Black History month/ African Heritage / Big Draw

This month we have been celebrating Black history and African heritage with many events and activities. Today we have parents reading stories for us and there is a treasure hunt around the school associated with the Hair Love by Matthew A Cherry that is being read. We have also been involved in the Big Draw which is where we do art and design activities — we have linked those to Black history and the children have been printing African print patterns and we will be having a fashion show this afternoon in assembly. Willow friends have joined us creating amazing artwork that has stretched across the floor of the gym — it has been a fabulous month for exciting activities

Half term

We finish today, Friday, and we return on Monday 30th October – normal time. Please do have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing your amazing children again on 30th.

Best wishes

Maureen and the Brook Staff





Positive Behaviour Course happening soon in Wood Green

The dates of the course are:

- 1. Tuesday 31st October 2023:
- 2. Tuesday 21st November 2023:
- 3. Tuesday 5th December 2023:
- 4. Tuesday 5th March 2024:

The commitment has to be for the first 3 dates all day. Let me know if you are interested. Thank you. Carlos Teixeira admin@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk

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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Inank 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



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 <u>approach their class teacher in the first</u> 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

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Brook Photo Gallery

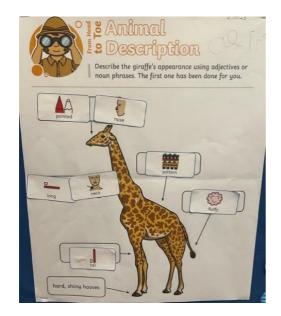


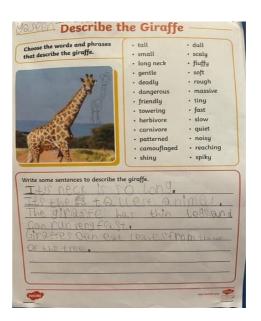


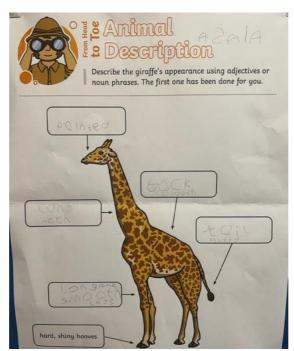












During literacy this term Kingfisher Class have been reading the story Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae. The pupils put their literacy



skills to the test by writing a description about the main character ${\it Gerald}$ the ${\it Giraffe}$.























Swift class is working on their hand writing skills the pupil are encourage to write words and letters as a part of everyday practice. We have also celebrated their outstanding dedication to writing during Assembly. All the children has been recognized and reworded with the Handwriting certificates.





























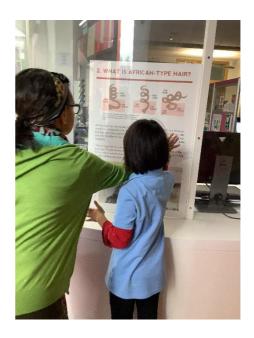
Cricket Class reading for pleasure and dressing up on Fridays









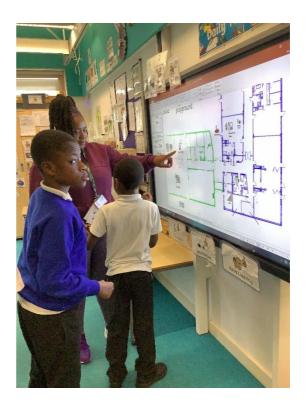


























CAMHS Referrals

We have launched new, additional ways to refer young people to CAMHS via the email and phone number below.



Email: beh-tr.spoa@nhs.net Phone: 0208 702 3111

You will be asked to complete a referral form by email

For <u>non-referral</u> CAMHS enquiries please continue to contact your local borough teams:

NB: Until April 1 2024 you can still make referrals via the individual borough team emails (right) in addition to the new number and email above.

After 1 April 2024 referrals can ONLY be made via the above new number and email.

After 1 April 2024 please continue to use the individual borough team numbers (right) for non-referral enquiries only and to contact specific teams. The individual borough email addresses will no longer take referrals after this date.

Individual Borough Team Contacts

Barnet

02087024500

behtr.barnetcamhsreferrals@nhs.net

Enfield

02087025100

beh-tr.enfieldcamhs@nhs.net

Haringey

02087023400

beh-tr.camhsreferral@nhs.net)









SEND

Help us improve support descriptions for children with SEND

Have your say!

We're updating the language used to describe the needs of children with SEND.

We need your help to ensure the new descriptors are accurate, useful and fair.

Have your say by filling out our consultation survey!



Use the QR code above or visit: haringeysendbandings.commonplace.is





