

# BROOK BILLBOARD

## Term Dates 2021 – 2022

### Summer Term 1

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Friday  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### May Half Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Monday  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Children return to school  
on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



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

**A WELLBEING MINDSET**

Dear Parents and Carers

Time seems to be passing so quickly and already we are approaching the month of May. The clement weather has allowed us to take more educational trips outdoors and our children really benefit from these experiences. Today, for example, we have three classes at the Science museum. It is so important that our children have these enrichment opportunities.

We have been working very closely with the Haringey charity myAFK who are committed into helping disabled young people into employment. Jake and Kate have been working with our Year 6 children to give them World of Work taster opportunities as they, and we, feel that it is so important for us to be thinking about our children’s futures when they are young adults and beyond. We will have a special assembly at the end of the year to showcase the work that myAFK has been doing with us and to celebrate just how mature and industrious all of our year 6 pupils have been in those sessions.

Now that our COVID restrictions have lifted, we would like to invite you to join us for a Headteacher’s briefing/Coffee morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30 until 11.00. If there are specific issues you would like us to talk about then please let Felicia know. We look forward to seeing you then.

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### Parent Governor

We are delighted that two of our parents have put their names forward to be our parent Governor. We will therefore be holding an election. Their statements are written below and you will see that they are both excellent candidates



**Casting your vote.** Once you have decided which parent you will vote for, you can either **email** Felicia on felicia.rock@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk ; **text** the parent phone 07964 526 306 or fill in a **ballot paper** that will be available at reception to put in a confidential ballot box.

Please do vote – the parent Governor role is so important as it ensures your voices are heard.

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For those of our families who will be celebrating Eid over the next few days, we hope that you have a wonderful celebration and the Brook will be enjoying a wonderful, joyous Eid celebration assembly next Friday



Best wishes

From Maureen and the Brook Staff



COVID Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 will be offered this term, more information will be available soon



# Brook Parent Governor Candidate Statements

## Candidate Statement 1

Hello, my name is Fartun Ali.

My child is in Reception this year and we are just starting our journey into special needs education. I am so pleased that he has settled so well and is making progress. Recently I was part of the parent group which met for six weeks. This gave me the opportunity to network with other parents and to share my experiences. It is so important that we realise we are not the only ones with difficulties.

I am interested in becoming a parent governor as I believe my experience and knowledge will help other parents at the Brook but also help the school too.

I am very transparent, patient and I am a quick learner.

I believe I would be a great asset to the Governing Board and will do everything I can to support the pupils and staff.

## Candidate Statement 2

Since my two children Jaylen and Kayden Iyolo started attending the Brook school, I have seen remarkable development and progress in them. I have been incredibly impressed with the care they have received, and the progress the two of them have been able to make.

My two children are 10 years old began their journey to success when they joined the school and within a very short space of time, they made strong relationships and friends.

As a happy parent, I am extremely keen to give something back to the school who have given so much to my children, hence my application to be a parent governor.



*In terms of my skills and background, I am a qualified Nurse since 2013; I have a diploma in adult nursing which have given skills which I believe will be crucial to this role. I am a hard working individual as well as having leadership and strong communication skills. I am compassionate, flexible, reliable and can work effectively in a team.*

I have a deep understanding of the needs of busy working parents in ensuring the welfare of their children in their academic setting and understand the challenges other parents and children with additional needs can face on a day to day basis. I feel that my professional skills, combined with my passion for making a difference to the lives of children such as mine, who need particular care and attention, would make me an excellent choice for the role of parent governor.

My children's future is of the upmost importance to me and these are my priorities. Therefore I would be delighted to be given the opportunity in also making a difference in the education of not just my children but to the school as a whole.

Thank you very much and my kindest regards

Shaddy Tshimanga

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**Have a restful May Bank Holiday!**



# BROOK BILLBOARD

**Term Dates 2021 – 2022**

**Summer Term 2**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June -  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Summer holidays**

**Children return on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
2022**



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

**A WELLBEING MINDSET**

Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this, enormous bubbles are floating past my window accompanied by the sound of squealing and laughter. This is because we have ‘Mr Bubble Man’ who uses bubbles as a means of developing our children’s communication, turn taking, attention and focus – the sessions keep the children spellbound (and staff too) so they are very reluctant to have to share Mr Bubble Man with the next class.

If you were to go into our therapy room this afternoon you would be amazed at how it has been transformed into a hair and beauty salon as part of our World of Work programme. Already it is possible to see how the ‘staff’ are improving their skills – they check if you have an appointment, take the payment and give a receipt (we are the cheapest hair washing service in Haringey at £1 a wash); wash, dry (with a hairdryer) and even style the hair. Last week some of our pupils ended up with fabulous braids – all done by their peers. Applying nail varnish is also one of the skills being taught and already the varnish is now being put only on the nails rather than knuckles and hands. It is so important that we open our children’s eyes to the world of work and show them that they have many skills that they can develop to make a contribution to society when they get older.

Are you free on the afternoon of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June? If so, do bring your children and any member of the family who wants to come to a Tottenham community event here at school – it starts at 1.00pm and ends at 3.00pm with plenty of activities to enjoy as well as some performances. Although some staff will be attending, the event is not one the school has organised so we cannot provide any childcare.



We have had a Creative Arts week this week and there is an amazing exhibition of artwork in the foyer – our children never cease to amaze us with what they are able to produce and there are so many different techniques, styles and masterpieces on display. The TV screen also shows the children producing the work over the week. If you are coming into school over the next few days, please do have a look at the exhibition.

The temperature is starting to rise so please do make sure that you send your child in with sunhat and some suncream so we can protect their skin. We want the children to be outside as much as possible this term as it is far too nice to be cooped up inside – we also use the opportunity to go a little further afield too.

You may be wondering about your child’s class for next year – we are having to delay sharing this information as we do not yet have names of all of our new children yet. We will let you know as soon as we have final confirmation from the Borough and then hope a Meet and Greet afternoon can be arranged before term ends. If not we will ensure that there is a meeting early in the new academic year.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes

From Maureen and the Brook Staff



**Congratulations to The Brook on keeping their Makaton Friendly status – this will be in place until 2023!**



# Brook Life



The Brook school is applying for the Green Flag.

The Eco-Schools programme focuses on empowering young people to lead environmental education and action in their school, local community and beyond. It does this by providing a simple, seven-step framework that turns pupils into forward-thinking, decision-making, planet-protectors.

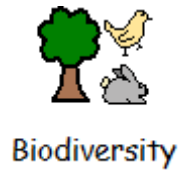


The Brook has been meeting with the Willow representatives, and we are working on step 3 at the moment – the action plan.

We are going to focus our actions on three main topics, Waste, Healthy Living and Biodiversity.

We want our pupils to be aware of the challenges our planet faces, and will continue to face throughout their lifetimes. Our hope is by doing this we will empower our pupils with the passion and skills to protect our planet now and throughout their lifetimes.





As a school we aim to pass on the environmental and ecological values to our children and involve the pupils to take action and make the difference. We are aiming for a more 'green' school. More details on the action plan coming soon.





Jaylen 12<sup>th</sup> - May-22

My solution to save the planet is to encourage the use of water bottles rather than single use plastic bottles another solution is to recycle plastic bottles and bags.



# Art Show at The Brook









# EarlyBird Reunion

**Saturday 9 July at the Markfield Project, Markfield N15 4RB  
From 11.30-2.30pm**

This is an event for all parents that have attended our EarlyBird programme (and friends).

This will be held at the Markfield Project on one of their family club days, Saturday 9 July, so it will not be exclusive to EarlyBird parents only- but a good chance to catch up.

The doors open 11.30-2.30 - you can drop in at any time between these times.

Past EarlyBird presenters and some members of the Education Inclusion Team will be there too, so it will be a good opportunity to meet up with familiar faces and make new acquaintances.

There is an optional £3 donation asked for at the door to cover the cost of food, as lunch is provided.

Please indicate below if you plan to attend the session to help Markfield plan how much food to buy ahead of the event.

Hope you can make it!

Complete the form - link below to register your interest.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JuYzuX56fW>



# Summer Schools Festival

at The Willow and the Brook on  
Broadwaters

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 1 to 3pm**

There will be Samba Drumming, African  
and Chinese Dance, Youth Choirs, Rappers  
and a DJ.

Come along and bring your children to  
have a fun day out!

There will be a BBQ, Ice Cream van and  
Police Horses

**FREE ENTRY**



# BROOK BILLBOARD

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 1

**Term Starts: Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2022 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2022**



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

**A WELLBEING MINDSET**

## Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that I am writing this at the end of another academic year. It seems to have flown past and yet when we see how all of our children have grown in both stature and maturity, we really do note the passage of time. Thank you for your support during the unexpected hot weather - it was certainly the hottest any of us could remember during school time, but we suspect it won't be the last going forwards.

The end of an academic year is one of joy and sorrow – joy that we can celebrate all of our children's progress, achievements and successes, but sorrow because we have to let our Year 6s fly the nest to go to the next stage of their life journey. We enjoyed a wonderful celebratory graduation ceremony for them this week and it was so uplifting to share in their successes, to watch them boogie in time to the music and to see them bask in the admiration and affection that surrounds them. We were delighted that the Deputy Mayor Councillor Lester Buxton and Councillor Zena Brabazon joined us and also Regan Lacey from the LA SEND department who drove all the way from Bath to join in the celebrations.

Earlier in the week we had our EYFS graduation assembly where the youngest members of our Brook family were celebrated and made ready for their move to key stage 1 next year. What was so special at both the Reception graduation and the Year 6 assembly was the overwhelming support all of the youngsters had from their families – we so value the relationship that we have with parents because together we can help each and every one of our children thrive, develop





## Upcoming Events

### **9<sup>th</sup> November- Future Makers**

Our Choir will be performing on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Royal Albert Hall

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming information in the new academic year.



their communication and independence and reach their potential.

Other amazing news too – recently our Brooksters choir auditioned to be part of a Future Makers show at the Royal Albert Hall in November. Yesterday we received a letter to tell us – WE HAVE BEEN SELECTED!!! This is absolutely amazing and our choir will be performing on 9th November in the afternoon. Many congratulations to the performers, to Maria Preftitsi, Abass our professional African drum tutor and all of our friends at the Vale.

As the year draws to a close, may I thank you all for your support of everything that we do at the Brook; enormous thanks too, to every member of staff in classrooms, in admin, in site services, in the therapy rooms and in the kitchen for all that they do for our children. However you spend your holiday I hope that you are able to relax, enjoy some family time and recharge your batteries. To our leavers, including two members of support staff Albarina and Iglind Suli, we wish them every success in the future and so look forward to hearing of their achievements,

To everyone else, stay safe, stay healthy, relax and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 5th September.

Best wishes,

*Maureen and the Brook Staff*



## Thank You

We are delighted to work in constant partnership with parents and carers.

Our SHARE forum is there for all our families.

For more information contact our Child & Family Liaison, Felicia Rock



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## Class of 2022

We were so thrilled that Deputy Mayor Councillor Lester Buxton, Councillor Zena Brabazon and a member of the LA SEND team, Regan Lacey joined our Year 6 leavers and their families for their celebratory assembly. Each leaver enjoyed a video capturing some of their amazing achievements; were presented with their graduation certificate and also AQA accredited certificates. It has been amazing to see how much they have all progressed over the years and to know that they are ready to begin the next stage of their journey. Congratulations to them all.



Our Year 6 graduates with Deputy Mayor Councillor Lester Buxton and Councillor Zena Brabazon.



## Polite Reminders

Reminders for the new academic year: If your child is absent please report asap to the reception team on 0208 808 7120

If your child has an upcoming appointment please ensure you email in a copy of the appointment form to the school

[admin@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk)



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## AQA Achievement

We are so proud that all of our children received an AQA certificate for their work in Humanities this year and some received unit certification for expressive arts. As with all awards, pupils have to meet certain criteria and this is both internally assessed and externally assessed. 70 of our children received 1 unit certification; 25 children received 2; 3 children received 3 and 2 received 4 certificates. This is an amazing achievement – well done to all the pupils and the staff who work so hard to help our children make such significant progress.

## WOW

21 of our Year 6 pupils worked with the Haringey charity myAFK to learn about the World of Work (WOW) and to take part in work experience 'taster' sessions. We are very grateful to the employers who hosted the visits and made sure our children worked hard! So a big thank you to Alexandra Palace, Morrisons, Organic Lea, Wood Green Conservation volunteers and Taylor Woodrow. This is an innovative project (as it is something that only usually happens in secondary school) which aims to widen our pupils' understanding of the world of work and to help them know and believe that they can take part in employment when they are older. The children had a wonderful time on each of their tasters; they worked hard and were very proud of their achievements.



### Polite Reminders

New Medication: if, over the summer, your child has been given new medication please make sure you bring to school with the appropriate consent form and information.

Any queries contact the school office.



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A WELLBEING MINDSET



**Our World of Work year 6 pupils with Jake Watson from myAFK.**

We also had an in-house hair and beauty PopUp Salon run by a professional hairdresser (who is also an SNA with our school!). The children who were involved in the project, learnt to greet customers, book appointments, take payment, paint nails and wash and style hair. There was no shortage of willing volunteers for the treatments and we now have some of the most wonderfully groomed staff in Haringey. WOW is now part of the Brook School curriculum and we and myAFK are already planning visits for our Year 6's next year.



# Reception Graduation

What a beautiful morning for our reception pupils and families. Here are some snaps to celebrate the occasion.



Class of  
**2022**  
You did it!



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