

'Appreciation'
'Positive and supportive Relationships'

Brookfield Newsletter

13th March 2017

'Achievement'
'Confident and Independent Pupils'

'LEARNING TOGETHER ACHIEVING MORE'

Events this week...

- Monday - Y5 Maths masterclass pm
- Tuesday - YR open morning 9.00am
Y4 to London Zoo
- Wednesday - 2E class assembly 10.25am
London Contemporary Dance School performance to KS2—2.00pm
- Thursday - RF to CLC
- Friday - Y3 open morning 9.00am
Y6 to The Hall for Science workshop
Choir Cluster Festival

Mini Science week

Last week, children from across the school took part in a range of exciting workshops led by the Crick Institute. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the different activities and were 'an absolute delight' according to Andy and Maria (workshop leaders). Here are some photos from 4Cs sound workshop.



This week is National Science week and the theme of the week is 'Change'. Following on from last week's workshops, we will continue to raise the profile of science through high quality science lessons, an optional poster competition, table groups with a science theme and promoting scientific questions. Carla (Science leader)

Camden Times Tables Spring Slam Final

Barnaby (Maths leader) writes:

Over this last term, children from years 3 - 6 have been taking part in the inaugural 'Camden Spring Slam', a competition where the children are competing against other Camden schools to show off their times tables knowledge. Over 6 rounds, the children have been answering 50 times tables questions, with the class's average score out of 50, forming a league table against other Camden Schools.

On Friday March 24th, The Camden Times Table Spring Slam final is taking place. Unfortunately, we can only take one child from each year group to represent the school.

If your child thinks he / she has got what it takes to be a times table champion then try-outs will be taking place during lunchtime at 1:00pm on Wednesday in Barnaby's classroom. Do encourage them to come along

Multiply by 9

$4 \times 9 = 36$

3 tens 6 units

- Spread your 10 fingers in front of you, palm down.
- Count your fingers from the left pinkie to the number you are multiplying by 9 (in this case, the number is 4, so you count to the left index finger).
- The number of fingers to the left of that finger (3) is the number of 10s (30), and the number of fingers to the right of that finger (6) is the number of ones.
- In this example, the answer is 3 tens and 6 ones, or 36.

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Open Afternoon

In line with our core value - **'positive and supportive relationships'**, thank you to all those who have returned their open evening slips so quickly.

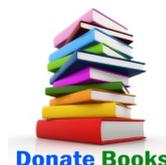
If you haven't managed to yet, please can you send them in by this Wednesday at the latest, so teachers can start allocating appointments.

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Donate a Book

Gemma (literacy leader) writes:

We've had a great response to our book donation scheme and even now books are still being handed in. May we ask that you or your child, hand them directly to the class teacher as opposed to the school office. Many thanks!



Donate Books

Other news

'Fundraising for Brookfield'

Last week, the Fundraising Committee met to discuss some of the projects which we would like people to consider donating towards. This week we are launching 'Fundraising for Brookfield' and a letter will be sent out in the next few days, outlining the projects we would love you to consider supporting. Many thanks to Camilla (Emilia's mum) for helping to design the excellent logo above.



Public Meeting at Yerbury Primary School regarding 'Fairer Funding' - Tuesday March 14th

Linked to this, tomorrow evening at Yerbury Primary School, there is going to be a public meeting to discuss the financial challenges which many schools across the country are currently facing. This has been organised by 'The Tufnell Park Parents Support Group' and is going to take place from 8.00pm - 9.30pm.

The Support Group writes:

Did you know that all schools in England are facing massive cuts? London schools are set to be especially badly affected by the proposed 'National Funding Formula'. You can find out the likely impact on your local schools at www.schoolcuts.org.uk. If you take a look at the map you will see that every single school in Islington and Camden is set to lose funding. If education funding falls, our children will really suffer. There will be:

- fewer teaching and support staff
- less support for children
- bigger class sizes
- fewer resources and out of school activities
- less choice of subjects at secondary level

We would really like to see as many parents as possible at the meeting at Yerbury School on Tuesday 14th March at 8pm - 9.30pm.

Speakers will be:

Richard Watts - Islington Council Leader

Rob Kelsall - NAHT (National Association of Headteachers)

Jo Yurky - local parent and founder of

www.fairfundingforallschools.org

Madeleine Holt - Yerbury parent and co-founder of

www.facebook.com/RescueOurSchools/

The meeting will be chaired by Roz Webb - Yerbury parent governor.

There will be plenty of time for Q+A and the school will be open afterwards for you to use the computers to email your concerns and fill in the consultation.

'Fairer Funding' meeting at Brookfield

Oliver Lewis (parent and local councillor) is also in the process of organising a similar meeting at Brookfield and we will let you know of the date just as soon as we can.

Sports News - Vitality Half Marathon



Yesterday we completed the 'Vitality Half Marathon' at Wembley Stadium! 25 children, some parents and myself represented the school and ran so well. We had our very first Reception child Thomas G, who ran the entire distance! I was so proud of him and the team. There were so many smiley and determined faces, which made the morning really worthwhile. To next year...

With Easter fast approaching I have postponed the gymnastics festival to Thursday 4th May. It will be held in the top hall after school at 5pm. An application form will be available this week. No completed form - no entry. This Wednesday, after school Y6 boys are taking part in football friendlies being held at Talacre. I will take the children straight after school and traffic permitting, will return to school by 6pm. Parents are welcome to attend. On Thursday morning, a small group from Y4 and Y6 will take part in a Gymnastic competition - again, being held at Talacre. The event is an entry level event and was very much enjoyed by last year's team who came 3rd respectively. Again, parents will be allowed to come and watch but from the balcony above.

News from the office

School lunches

This half term's lunches will cost £69

The end of term is also the end of our financial year. With this in mind, please ensure that all your accounts are cleared in full. If you feel this could be a problem, please talk to Carole in the office.

Donations for trips

Many thanks to those of you who have kindly made a contribution towards your child's school trips for this year. If you have yet to do so, we would be grateful if you could arrange this before the end of term. All contributions, however small, would be most welcome. As mentioned, this request is also linked to the end of the financial year.

Red Noses

You can buy your red noses from Brookfield's school office from this Wednesday onwards. They are £1 each. Please make sure you have the correct money as we aren't able to give change.

After school sports with Lee

Why not try a £5 drop in session until the end of term!

[Help Brookfield and sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

Brookfield PTA News
March 13th-March 19th



Brookfield Primary School Needs YOU!!!

Do you want to help Brookfield School?

Do you have a few hours' spare time per week?

Do you know other like-minded parents?

If you can answer yes to those questions, we want to hear from you! At the end of this school year, we're stepping down as PTA chairs after 18 months in post, and with such a huge financial challenge ahead of the school, it's critical that we can hand over the PTA to people who will rise to that challenge. New parent Eliane Glaser is already shadowing us but the chair role is not a job for one person so we need other parents to volunteer too. Brookfield Primary School depends on the funds raised by parents and the wider community to make our children's early school years as rich as possible.

It's a really rewarding role and the more people are involved, the more manageable it is. You could easily split up responsibilities – if you're a word-whizz, you could write the newsletter; more of an organiser? You could help set up school events. Maybe you have brilliant marketing and people skills? You could bring in sponsorship from local businesses and promote our events. The PTA provides opportunities to develop lots of skills and being involved on the executive really builds self-confidence.

Please get in touch for a chat. Find out what you need to know on the email below...

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