



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

NEWS

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AUTUMN 2
Oct 2019

Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all

A-Life Workshops



We have been able to book A-life again this year to deliver Healthy Workshops. **In order for these to take place and for children to get the most out of the sessions we need some volunteers to help either for the whole day or for the morning or afternoon session. The sessions are below:**

Thursday 17th October: morning session from 9–12 o'clock

Thursday 17th October: afternoon session from 1–3 o'clock

Year 2 only—Friday 18th October: morning session from 9–10 o'clock

Please let the school office know if you are able to help

Photographs – Monday 7th October

Sue Johnson from Imagination will be in school on Monday taking individual photographs of all the children. During the day, she will also take family photographs, if you have requested this, of children in the infant school and nursery class.

If you also have children that are not in our infant and nursery school and you would like a family photo taken please bring your children to the infant school between 7.45am and 9am or 3.20pm and 4pm.

Proofs of photographs will be sent home to you when they are received in school together with an order form. There is no obligation to buy.

Nursery Application Process – 2020/21



Applications are now being accepted for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 to start September 2020. We now accept applications for nursery places anytime during the academic year after a child's second birthday. The closing date for applications for starting nursery in September 2020 will be midday on Wednesday 11th March 2020.

Application forms are available from the school office

We now offer a limited number of 30 hour places but still work in partnership with Lotties who are also able to offer wrap around sessions for our nursery children.

Aldi's Kit For Schools

Get Set to Eat Fresh is Aldi and Team GB's award-winning schools programme committed to improve the healthy eating habits of children. If you spend £30 in Aldi you should receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. Please send these into school so that they can be stuck onto our poster. If we get enough stickers on our poster we could win a cash prize for our school. Parents can visit www.getseteatfresh.co.uk to download resources to use at home.

Year 2 – Great Fire of London wow day

Year 2 had a fantastic wow day exploring what it was like to live during the time of the 'Great Fire of London'. During the morning they took part in drama and practical activities such as candle making, bread making, weaving and perfume making. In the afternoon they took part in an archaeological investigation using dig boxes to find and explore artefacts. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came to help!



On the Monday after, Year 2 children watched in amazement as the Great Fire of London was re-enacted. The children recalled key facts of this historic event before we started a fire in 'the bakery' of our very own Pudding Lane. The children watched as the wind helped the flames to spread from house to house! They enjoyed experiencing the fire first-hand and described how the smell and heat of the fire made them feel.



Early Years Parent Workshops

We ran parent workshops for Nursery and Reception parents during the transition weeks this year for the first time.

EYFS staff would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who supported us by attending. We are delighted that we had an overwhelmingly positive response from you all in our feedback. It seems that you found the sessions very informative and useful.

81% of Reception parents gave 10/10 for how useful they found the session.

88% of Nursery parents agreed or strongly agreed that their sessions were useful.

Some Reception parents suggested that information from the sessions be published on Tapestry (our online Learning Journal site) which was a great idea and has now been implemented. Thank you so much for the feedback!

Mercury Newspaper - First Day at School Photos

Our 'First Day at School' photos of our reception classes - look out for them in the supplement in the Mercury week beginning 7th October.



Holly Class

Mulberry Class



Rowan Class

Charities

As part of our commitment to the wider community we like to support charities in a fun way. This term we supported research into genetic abnormalities through the [Jeans for Genes day](#) when we raised £250

Friday 15th November we will be supporting [Children In Need](#) with a **spotty themed non-uniform day** - suggested donation £1



[Wear Christmas Jumper Day](#) is on **Friday 13th December** in support of Save the Children

Children will have Christingle assemblies on Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December with all proceeds going to the Children's Society

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-events/celebrate-christingle>

Recycle Stamps for UK Air Ambulance Services

The UK's Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.



We support this charity by sending in our used stamps. You can support as well by sending your used stamps into school whenever you get any.



All funds raised are donated to the Association of Air Ambulances and distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services

Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, all you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and send them into school.



Parking & Road Safety

Issues with parking continue to be a massive problem on our school site. We ask everybody in our school community to be considerate of other people and if you do need to drive your children to school please drive and park safely and considerately.

Diary Dates

October 2019

Monday 7 th		Individual and sibling photos (of children in infant & nursery) Details to follow
Friday 11 th		Y1 WOW day
Thurs 17 th & Friday 18 th		A-Life workshops - (parent helpers needed) - more details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd	4:00-6:30pm	Parents Consultations
Thursday 24 th	5:00-8:00pm	Parents Consultations

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

November 2019

Friday 15 th		Children in Need non-uniform day - spotty theme
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Occasional Day (School Closed)
Friday 29th

December 2019

Thurs 5 th	3.30 - 5.30	Christmas Fayre
Weds 11 th	9.30	Reception Concert
Thursday 12 th	9.30	Reception Concert
Friday 13 th		Xmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th	9.30	KS1 Christmas Concert - Ash & Oak Class
Weds 18 th	9.30	KS1 Christmas Concert - Magnolia & Maple
Weds 18 th		Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th	9.30	KS1 Christmas Concert - Beech & Hazel
Thursday 19 th		Reception & Nursery Christingle
Thursday 19 th		Last session for nursery afternoon children
Friday 20 th		Year 1 & 2 Christingle

Friday 20th
End of Term - finish at 1.30pm