

BROOK BILLBOARD

**Term Dates 2023 –
2024**
Autumn Term 2

**Monday 30th October –
Thursday 21st December
2023**



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

A WELLBEING MINDSET

Dear Parents and Carers

The countdown to the Christmas holiday has begun and we have had a wonderful Christmas tree donated which is looking resplendent in the reception area. Kingfisher class and friends from the Willow helped to decorate it.

Takeover Day

We were invited to take part in the Haringey Borough-wide 'Takeover Challenge'. This is where children take over a role and learn about the World of Work. This is something we have been doing at the Brook for some time, but it is the first time we have been asked to be part of the project. Ardil became the Headteacher; Niaz became a site services worker; Andrew worked in finance and Chance worked in Admin. The Mayor came to visit us with his takeover young Mayor and it was a marvellous and enjoyable day. Well done to all of those children and others at the Brook will get this experience next term.

Events

Our Christmas Events are as follows:

Wednesday 13th December 1.30 to 4.00pm is our Christmas Fayre. Your children are making some wonderful craft items for sale. There will be a second hand toy and book stall too. Please come and support this event as it is our children's opportunity to support other charities. This year we are supporting **Childline** and a local charity **UCKG Help Centre**.

Wednesday 20th December inclusive Christmas lunch. This is our annual lunch with the Willow in which the kitchen staff outdo themselves again and provide a lovely meal in a very festive environment. There is **no uniform that day** – children can wear Christmassy or party clothes, whatever they feel comfortable in.

Father Christmas will also be visiting your child on that day and they will be getting a small gift and a book as a gift

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Holidays

As you will know, children are expected to be in attendance at school for the whole of each term and the DfE are very clear that in-term holidays cannot be authorised. We certainly find that when children are away from education for a period of time, their progress is affected. There are times, however, when there are family crises and we understand that there may be no extended family to look after your child. If this is the case then it is important that we have at least a week's notice so that we can provide work for your child to do in their absence. If we do not get any request for authorisation then we are obliged to contact the Education Welfare Service when there is an absence for which we do not know the reason. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding of this situation.

Heating

Our underfloor heating system has failed and the local Authority are working with us to get some temporary heating installed – as you can imagine this is a very big job due to the size of the building. The classrooms are not yet as warm as we would like them to be but we are assured that things should be up and running properly very soon. Do though, please, consider giving your child an extra layer of clothing in the interim and please make sure they have a coat, hat and gloves every day now that the weather is getting colder.

Donations

Thank you to all of you who have been sending in donations of snack items, fruit, money, toys and other items that we can use in class. As you know we have a charity and thanks to the money we have received, all classes have been given £80 pounds for this academic year to buy equipment or to put towards a lovely trip. Some teachers will use the money for a Christmas event and others will wait until the weather gets warmer. We are very grateful to everyone who supports the school in any way.

Thank you for your support as always and we look forwards to seeing you next Wednesday at our Fayre.

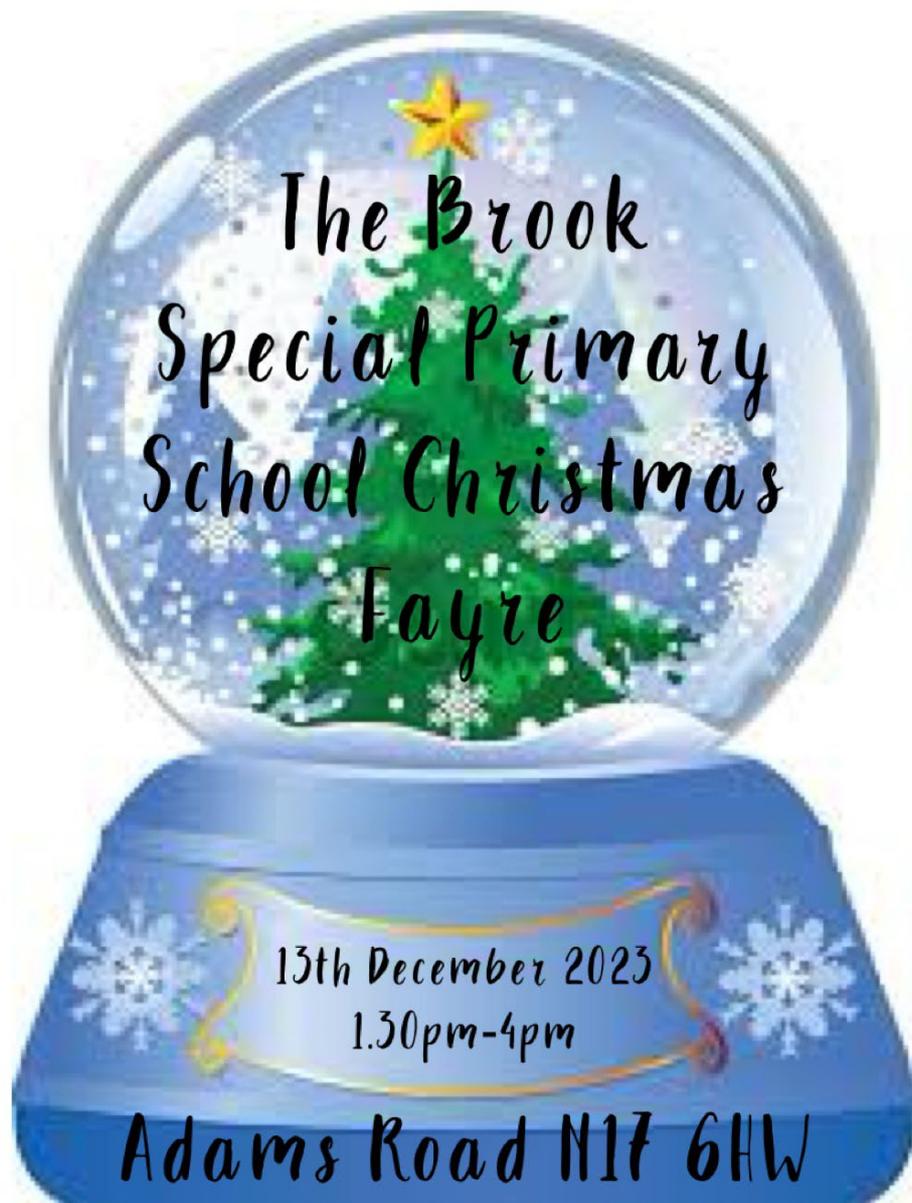
Best wishes from Maureen and the Brook staff



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Come and enjoy an afternoon of
Christmas delights.

All monies made go to Child Line and The
UCKG Help Centre



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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

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Carlos Teixeira
PBS / Wellbeing Lead



Thibaut de Wolf
Assistant Head Teacher



Perry Aydin
SNA / Assistant to the MDT



Uche Ananwa
Class Teacher



Youcef Gabsi
SNA / Sports specialist and rebound coach



Sherbjana Suli
UQ Teacher



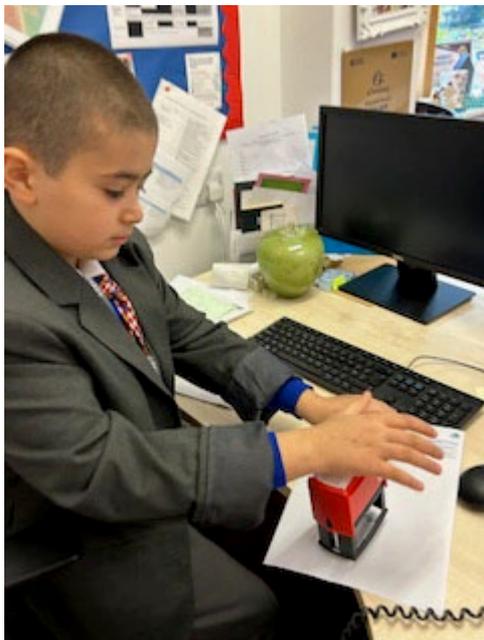
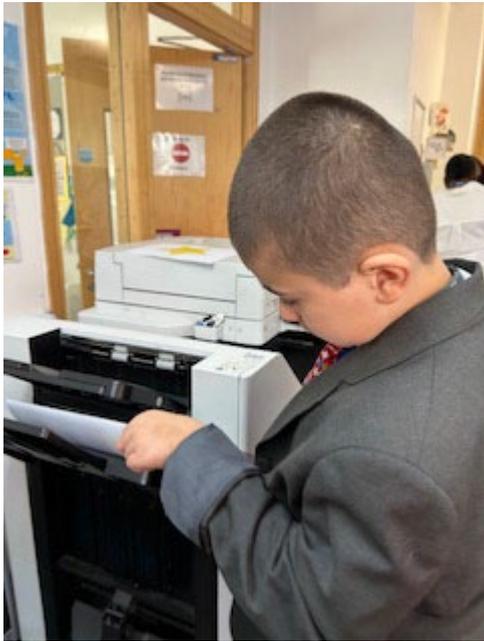
At The Brook, your child's wellbeing is at the very centre of our practice. To strive to improve quality of life for all we have created our own wellbeing mind-set rooted in RESPECT. We promote Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and use this framework and approach, to best support your child's wellbeing. 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. 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



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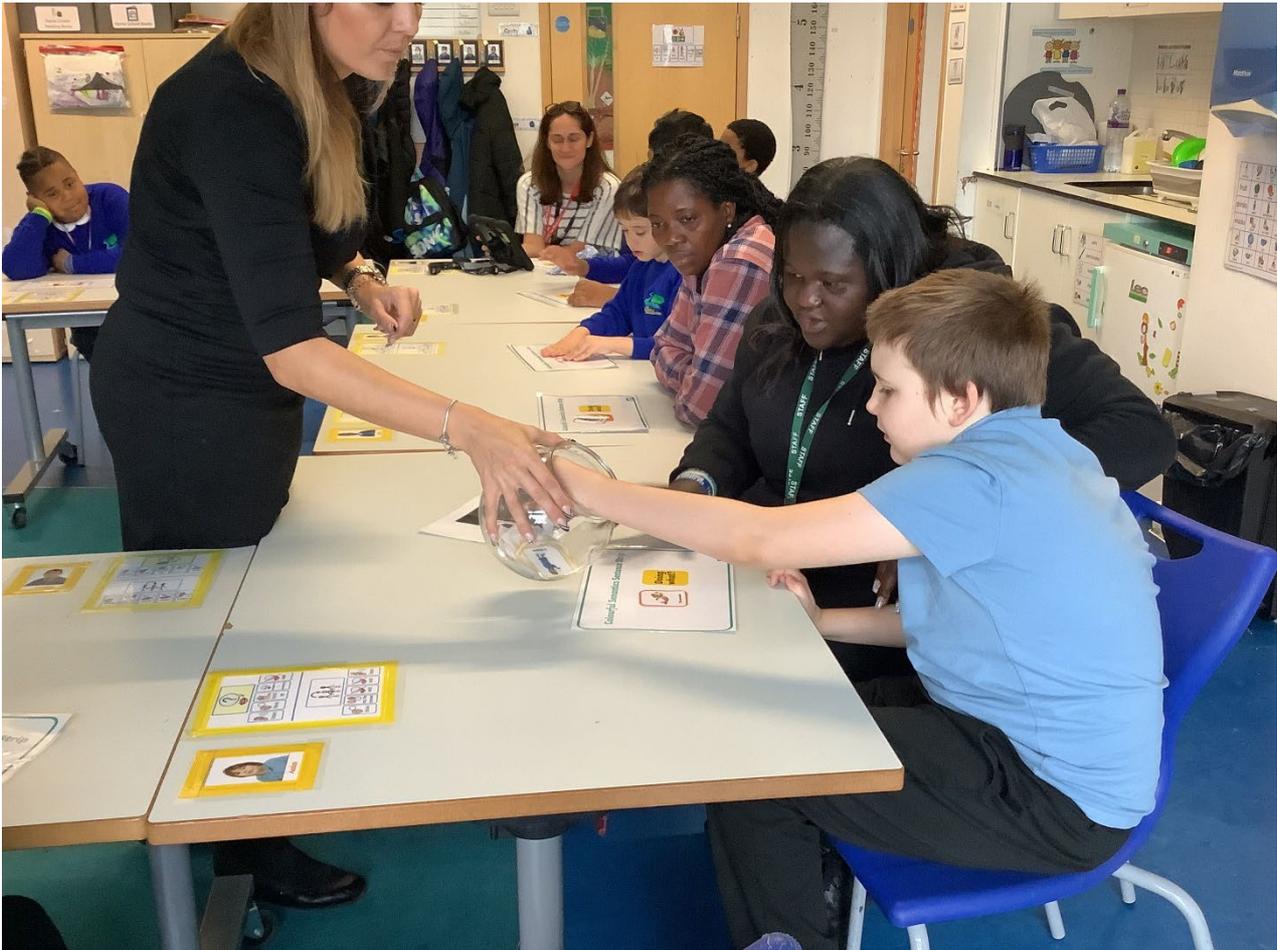
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Swift class incorporate colorful semantics techniques to facilitate the creation of sentences and the expansion of their vocabulary.

We had a lot of fun using colorful semantics to make sentences and learn new words!

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Bumblebee class learned to operate and explore 'bee bots' during the ICT session

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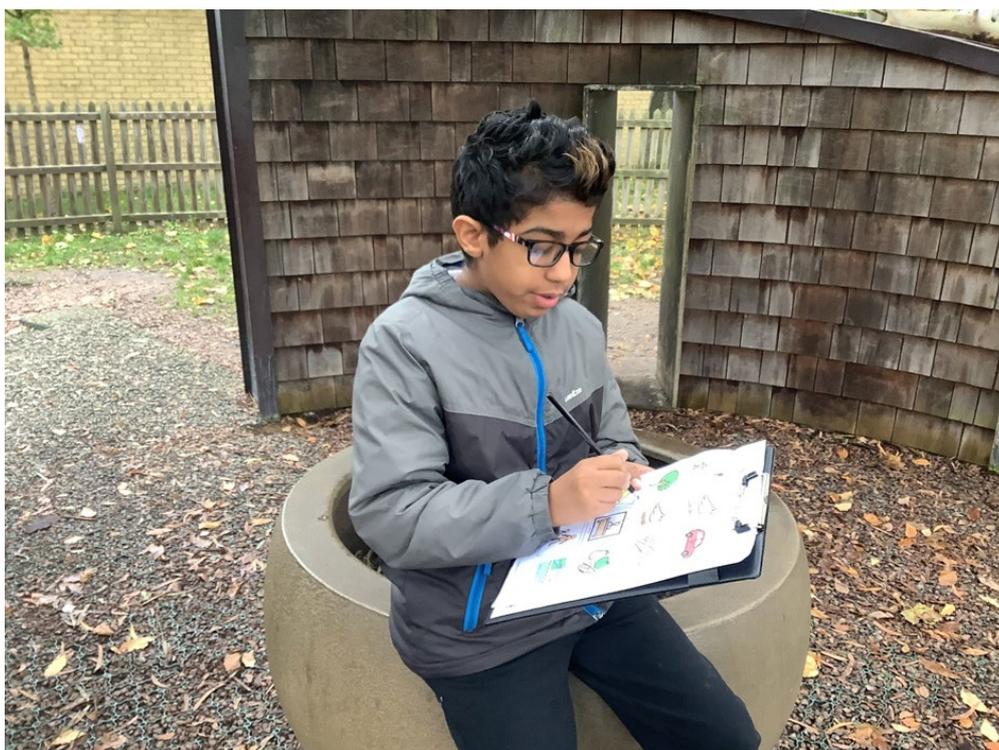


We are going to make a Pumpkin Lantern

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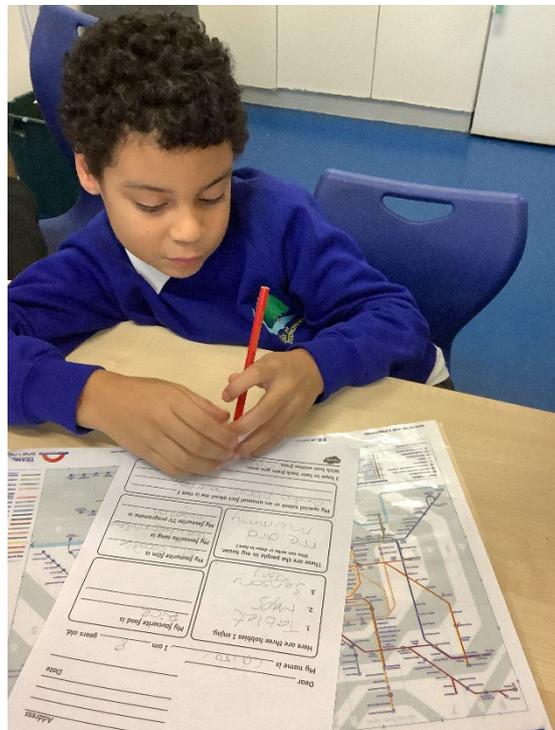
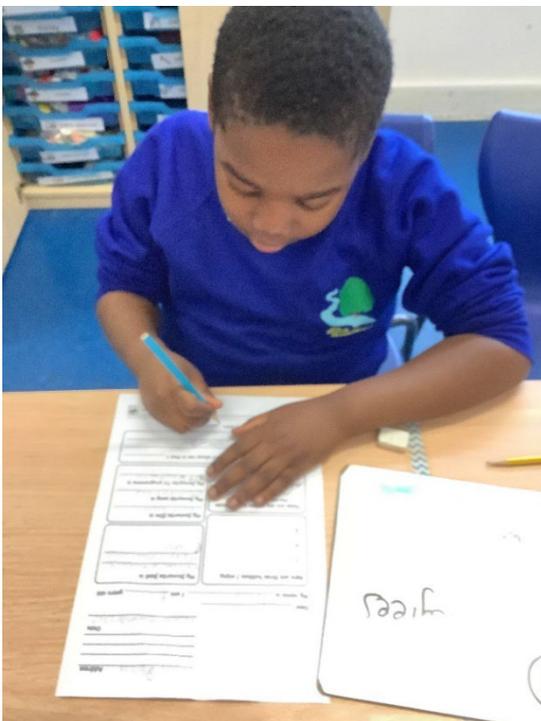
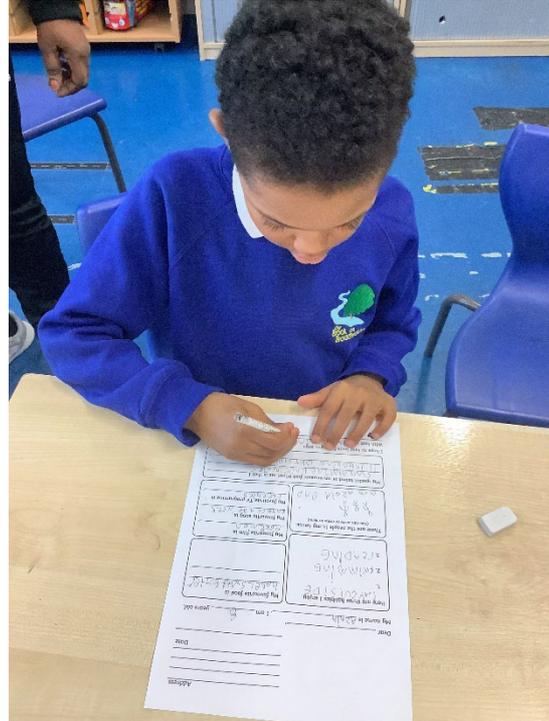
Swift Class are looking at how our senses affect our perception of the world

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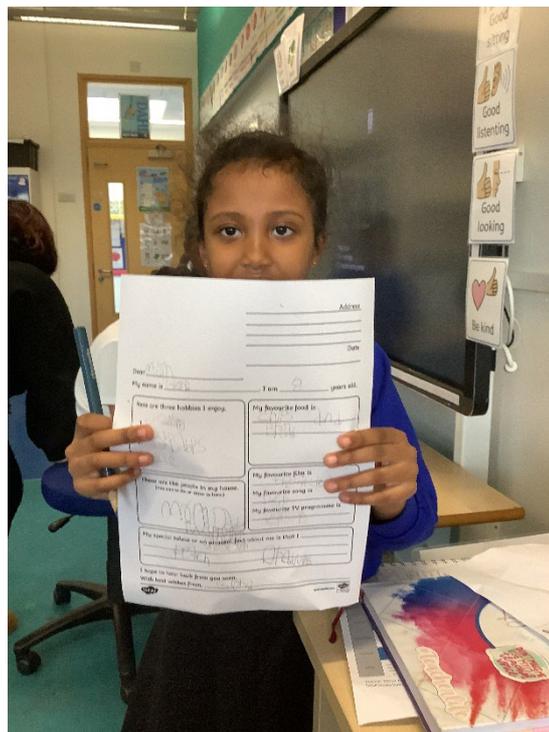


The children in lacewing class are choosing, exploring, mixing and tasting ingredients for our weekly cooking sessions.

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The Brook Special School has established a collaboration with Marcel Pagnol, our sister international special needs school located in Marseille, France. In the initial interaction, Kingfisher Class engaged with the pupils at Marcel Pagnol through pen-pal letters. Each child was guided to share information about themselves, aided by prompts. Kingfisher class expressed joy at the prospect of their letters traveling to France, and look forward to receiving a response!

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