

BROOK BILLBOARD

Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 1

**Wednesday 6th
September – Friday
20th October 2023**



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

A WELL BEING MINDSET

Dear Parents and Carers

Charity Appeals

An enormous THANK YOU for your support of the Libyan and Moroccan crises. Along with our friends in the Willow school we all dressed in colours representing the flags and raised an amazing

£706

That is an absolutely fabulous total and it has been sent to the Red Cross to distribute to the two crises areas

Next week will be our raffle for the SMILE TRAIN. 20p a ticket with prizes for children and adults. We hope to raise enough to pay for one cleft palate operation. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 2nd October.

Assemblies

Throughout the year, your child's class will share some of their amazing achievements with the rest of the school. So far we have celebrated Daffodils and Swifts classes. Your child will be given a certificate in assembly and it is lovely to see how proud they are of their achievement. Your child's class will also share an assembly on a theme once a year to which you will be invited - we look forward to welcoming you then.

Parents' coffee morning and workshops

Our first coffee morning of the year is being held tomorrow at 9.30. We hope to have Racial Equity lead, Markfield and someone from Borough transport to meet with you. This is a time to meet other parents and carers and to ask any questions at all about life at the Brook. We will be holding parents' workshops on Maths,



phonics and reading, e-safety and behaviour during the year - please let us know if there are any other topics you would like to cover

Music Therapist Cheow celebrates 35 years

Congratulations to our music therapist Cheow Godfrey who has worked at the Brook since it was formed and previously at William Harvey. Last week she had been working with us for 35 years. We have given her an engraved locket as a token of our appreciation of the many children she has helped through her therapy.

Staff changes

Pam Barnes will be retiring next week after many years working with us. We are very grateful to her for her support of all of our children and wish her a long and happy retirement

Ed Putman is not retiring, but is leaving us at half term to take up a position as a Head of School in a special school in Essex. Ed has been a member of school staff for over ten years and has made an enormous contribution as a teacher and a manager. We are delighted for him and very grateful to him for being such a significant part of the Brook family for so long. Thibaut de Wolf is continuing as our Assistant Head and Carlos Teixeira will continue as a manager with special responsibility for Positive Behaviour Support.

Finally

It has been such a pleasure to walk around the school and see how settled and industrious all of our children are being. Our new children are doing extremely well and are coping admirably with all the new things they are encountering - even sitting in whole school assemblies and eating lunch in the dining hall. Our celebration assemblies remind us all just how much progress our children make and how many times they make us proud. We have been learning a song about how it needs each and every one of us to build a community: we are very privileged to have a community here that includes your children, our staff, our friends in the Willow and yourselves.

Best wishes from Maureen and the Brook staff



SMILE TRAIN RAFFLE!!!

We will be selling tickets from today and they are 20p a ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 6th October, please send your 20p's in a sealed envelope with 'Smile train raffle' written and how much you sent on the envelope.

Thanks Maureen

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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Thank 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

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Every month SEND Power in Haringey goes for a Walk and Talk in a different Haringey park.

It's a great way for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to meet and support each other.

As advertised in our monthly newsletter, our next Walk and Talk is Monday 2nd October. We're off to Finsbury Park.

Please share this with your parents/carers. [Link to flyer](#)

[Find all of our upcoming Walk and Talks here](#)

Meeting point: Park View Café, opposite Manor House station.

Meeting time: 11.30am.

We'll go for gentle 30 minute walk around the park before heading into the café by the playground for some tea and cake (our treat).

The route will be mainly flat and even. Rain is not forecast for Monday (and hopefully that won't change).

Lizzy and Grace will wear hi-vis jackets. If parents/carers are running a little late, they can give us a ring:

Lizzy - 07871 729 863

Grace - 07549 023 657

hello@sendpowerinharingey.org

Thank you very much in advance,



Black History Month

Next week is the start of black history month and to celebrate we would like to invite you to read a story to a class or tell your story instead. If this is something you are interested in please email admin@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk or text BHM Reading to 07964 526 306
Thanks from Anthony Egbinola

IRWIN MITCHELL SOLICITORS

"Law firm Irwin Mitchell have a new webinar series, the Irwin Mitchell Night School, kicking off on Tuesday 3 October 2023. The series will offer a friendly and informative introduction to different areas of law, which will aim to empower attendees. Their first session is on welfare benefits and support during a cost of living crisis. Later sessions will focus on EHCPs, medical law, and planning for the future. It is free of charge and open to all."

https://events.irwinmitchell.com/irwinmitchellnightschool?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=im-linkedin



Your Wellbeing Team (PBS) at The Brook



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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A WELLBEING MINDSET

- R**elationships
- E**valuative
- S**tructured
- P**ositivity
- E**ngagement
- C**onsistency
- T**eamwork



Brook Photo Gallery



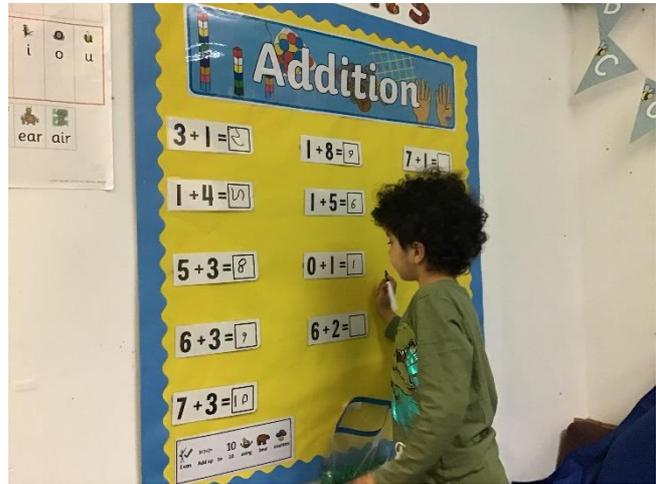
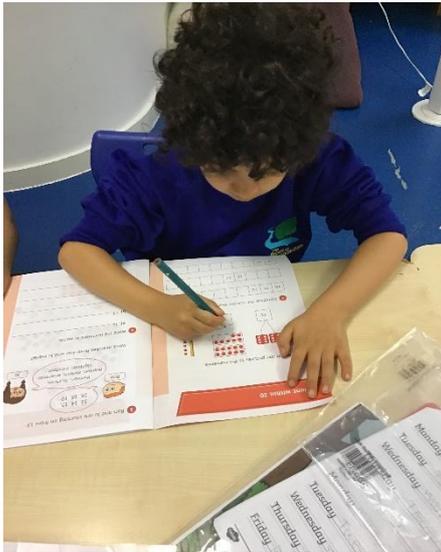
Ant and Spider Class had their first drumming session. Everyone was very engaged, and did beautiful sitting. Ant and Spider Class really enjoyed listening to the different songs, and even joining in!





Daffodil class enjoyed exploring a human size skeleton. We have been learning about our body parts too.





Completing maths independently



Reading to the class





Learning to design and print in DT



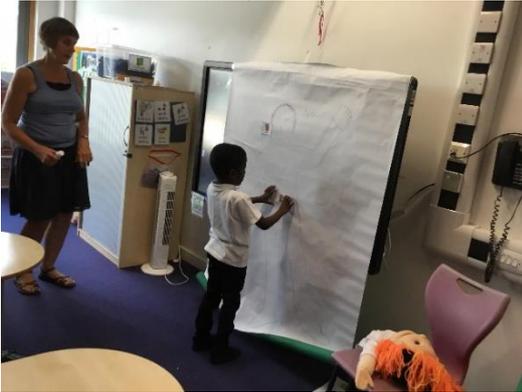


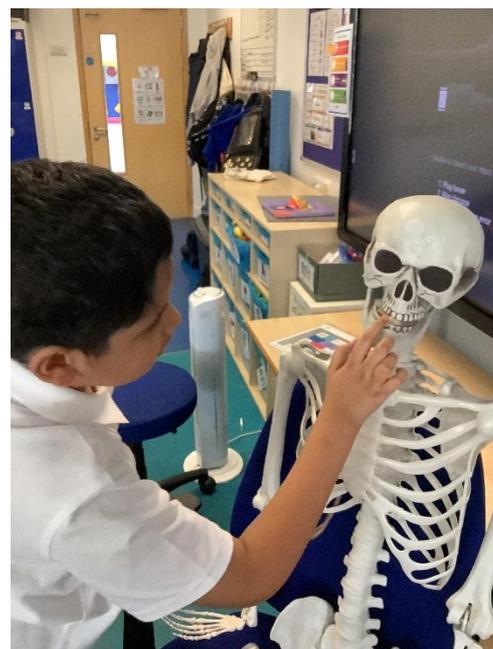
Working on their Art and Motor Skills during PE



Dragonfly class

We have been learning about our body parts. We enjoyed looking at a life size body of Ayden and labelling it. We then painted the body.







Kingfisher Class had an exciting encounter with a real skeleton. They eagerly examined the skeleton, counting its bones and understanding their role in the body's movement. This hands-on experience allowed them to connect theory with reality, fostering a deeper knowledge of our inner structures.





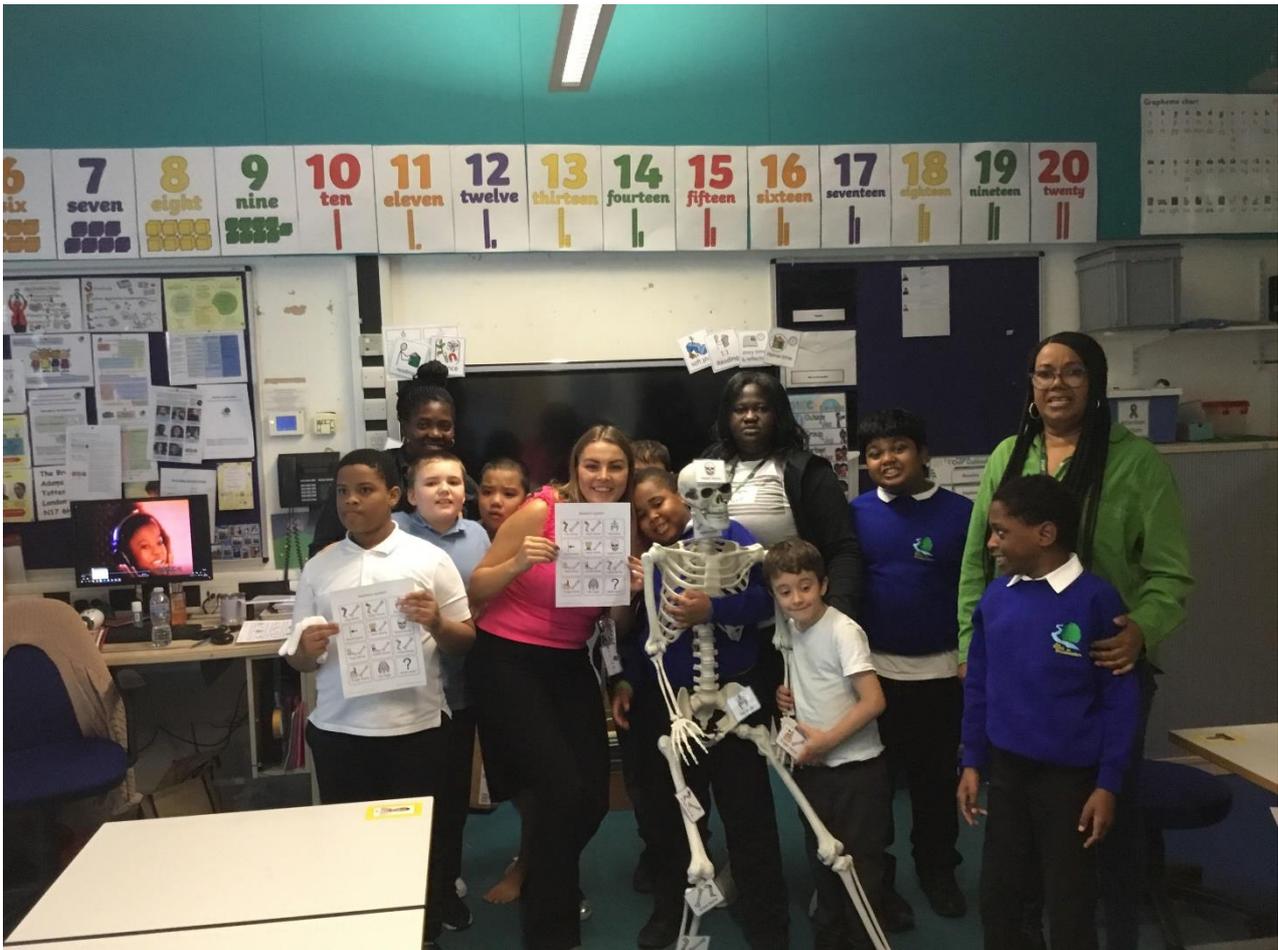
Choosing the symbol for the action and noise he would like for the song The Wheels on the Bus.





In Ladybird Class we use communication boards to develop vocabulary and construct sentences.





Swift class has been learning about fascinating world of the human skeletal system. Pupils have been thoroughly engaged, especially with our hands-on activities using a real-sized human skeleton model!







This month, Poppy class has been on a mission to prove that good habits can be as cool as your favorite book character! We've been diving into action-packed tales while also embracing the power of healthy living. We're showing that good stories and good habits go hand in hand.





Learning how to make cookies!!!

