



Brentfield News



Dear Families of Brentfield,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to tell you about some ongoing work we are doing as a school. I am very proud to be working in collaboration with other Brent schools to ensure Brentfield continues to be an inclusive and equitable school for all. At Brentfield, we value diversity and recognise the importance of adopting a curriculum that is rooted in anti-racism. We will be launching a new unit of work next term which incorporates our B.R.A.V.E values called 'It's B.R.A.V.E

to be anti-racist'. This unit of work will run along side our PSHE curriculum and allow children a safe space to discuss, learn and grow in a way that promotes kindness and acceptance. This is an important part of our curriculum that empowers children to be able to talk about issues that may impact them.

Our Christian families will be celebrating Easter as we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday, a very important time for reflection in the Christian calendar. During the holiday our Muslim families will also be celebrating Eid-Al-Fitr. I would like to wish to all our families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 15th April at 8.35.

Best Wishes

Nicola Harmer

Upcoming Events!



- **End of Term**

Thursday 28th March - school closes at 1.15pm

- **Start of Term**

Monday 15th April at 8.35am

- **Coffee Morning**

Wednesday 24th April, Wednesday 1st May, Wednesday 8th May, Wednesday 15th May

- **Reception 2024 Offer day**

Tuesday 16th April

- **KS2 SATs Week**

Starts Monday 13th May

- **Polling Day - Thursday 2nd May**

The school will be closed, learning will be online

- **Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May

- **May Half term**

Friday 24th May. Children finishes at normal time.

Brentfield's Celebration of Learning!



This term all year groups participated in a celebration of learning. Each class chose a country to explore, further learning about the history and culture of that country. They linked the country to the author they studied during Book Week.

Gold Class chose to learn about Nigeria. The children really enjoyed exploring the Nigerian culture through African drumming and dance. They read a book called *Chicken In The Kitchen* by Nnedi Okofo, through the story the children learnt about different festivals, in particular Nigeria's Yam festival where they wear face masks. The children loved creating their own masquerade masks and enjoyed dancing to cultural music at a festival of their own during class learning time.

Red class dived in to explore the wonders of Morocco. They enjoyed reading the story of Aladdin and going on a imaginative journey to the Middle East. During learning time they experimented with different ways of retelling the story and learning about it's origin.

Emerald class discovered the beauties and wonders of Ireland. They read the story of *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde, which allowed the children to further think about the acts of kindness and sharing.

In **Blue class** we explored China, and the importance of loving our differences. We looked at the author Joan Hoe, learning that the characters in her stories were of the same heritage as her. This was important to her, as growing up she had no books where children looked like her.

In **Lilac class** we explored the country of Pakistan and the wonderful author - Hiba Noor Khan. Throughout book week, the children dived into the culture of Pakistan and created posters, biographies and vibrant henna art.

Silver class - Learnt about the history and culture of Sri-Lanka . They enjoyed reading a book by Nizrana Farook called ' The girl who stole an elephant'

"It was lovely to see all the amazing work our children have been doing" Year 4 parent







Thank you for completing our Annual Parent Questionnaire!



"Great teachers. The school is very good. My child makes very good progress. I am happy for my child to be at this school. I appreciate the teachers' efforts and care."

Feedback

A total of 78 parents completed the questionnaire

My child is happy in school - 99% of parents agree

My child feels safe in school - 96% of parents agree

My child is well taught at school - 100% of parents agree

My child receives appropriate home learning - 98% of parents agree

The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved - 97% of parents agree

The school deals effectively with bullying - 90% - of parents agree and 8% of parents didn't know

The school is well managed and led - 96% of parents agree

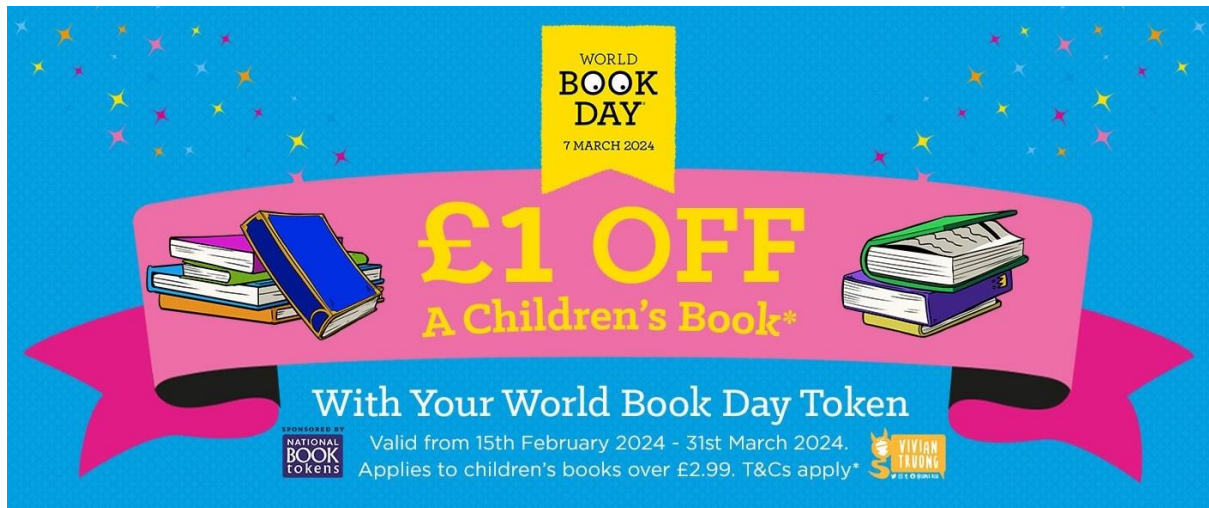
The school responds well to any concerns I raise - 94% of parents agree and 5% haven't raised concerns

I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress - 96% of parents agree

I would recommend Brentfield to another parents - 95% agree and 5% said maybe

"The teachers and office staffs are always supportive and school has good management. It is safe and my children are happy here - it is perfect"

World Book Week!



WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

£1 OFF
A Children's Book*

With Your World Book Day Token

Valid from 15th February 2024 - 31st March 2024.
Applies to children's books over £2.99. T&Cs apply*

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WORLD BOOK DAY

The banner features a blue background with a pink ribbon across the middle. On the ribbon, there are illustrations of stacks of books. The text is in white and yellow. The background is decorated with small, colorful stars.

This year for book week, our theme was 'Authors like us'. We explored and learnt about different authors who were from the same countries as our staff and pupils. The children read some of their stories, learnt about their lives as well as did research about the country their chosen author was from. In addition to this, we took part in a Nationwide book quiz, visited libraries, read to each other and dressed up in traditional clothes or colours from the flags of our countries. We then included all the work from the week as part of our celebrations of learning.









Year 2's Visit to Willesden Library



In Year 2, pupils visited Willesden Green Library, where they received a warm welcome and a guided tour. They learnt about borrowing books and were encouraged to return with their parents soon. They delighted in listening to a librarian read a story, then had the chance to pick out books for themselves before returning to school.

Our Eco Champions



The Great British Spring Clean



From March 15th to 31st, the Great British Spring Clean is underway. Brentfield Primary School has committed to collecting 15 bags of rubbish. Since the beginning of last week, our Eco Champions from each year group have been rotating to gather litter from both indoor and outdoor areas around the school.







Brentfield has become an official drop off point for empty Pringle tubes which cannot be recycled in household recycling. The pringle recycling bin will be placed outside the school gates in the morning between 8.00-9.00 am, and at the end of the school day from 3.00-4.00 pm, during term time only.

Due to the materials used to make Pringle tubes they are hard to recycle and so our Eco Champions will be sending them to Terracycle to be recycled.



Please help us to collect batteries!

Also, as part of our application to become an Eco Champion School we are collecting the following batteries.

AA, AAA, C, D

You will find the battery recycle bucket on a table the school office front desk.

Pop-Up Oral Health Event



Thank you to parents for attending our Pop-Up Oral Health Event on Wednesday at such short notice.

It was great to see so many families speaking to the Healthy Eating Team and Oral Health Team. The Dentist checked more than 40 children's teeth. The oral health of our children is very important. Our Reception children brush their teeth in school every day.

We have invited the dentist and other health professional's to come back in the summer term. For more information on children's teeth see - [Children's teeth - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Head Lice!

Head Lice is not nice, but anyone can get them. We ask our parents to regularly check their child's hair for head lice and report any cases to the school as soon as possible should they arise.

Pets as Therapy

A yellow flyer for 'Pets as Therapy'. The text on the flyer reads: 'Become a volunteer with your pet and you will:', followed by a list of benefits: 'Help your local community', 'Bring joy to those you meet', 'Make days a little brighter', and 'Boost your own wellbeing'. Below the list, it says: 'There's no minimum commitment - we can't wait to welcome you as our PAT Team!'. At the bottom of the flyer is a blue silhouette of three people walking a dog. To the right of the flyer is an inset photograph showing two children sitting on the floor with a black dog.

We are looking forward to welcoming very important visitors to our school!

We are teaming up with a charity called 'Pets as Therapy' that brings highly trained dogs into school to support our children. Under the supervision of their teacher children will have the opportunity to interact with the dogs. Research has shown that children are less anxious when discussing their work to a dog. It can help to increase a child's confidence. More information will be sent to parents and carers next term.

Birthdays



We understand that birthday celebrations are important but we are unable to give out party bags or cake in school. We have a high number of children with allergies in school and need to keep them safe. If parents wish to give out party bags at the front of the school at the end of the day, please give them directly to the parents who can check for allergies and if the items contained are suitable for their child.

Thank you for your support!

Term dates for next Year

[Term-Dates-2024-2025.pdf \(brentfield.brent.sch.uk\)](#)

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