

BROOK BILLBOARD

Term Dates 2020 – 2021

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 5th Jan 2021

Friday 12th Feb 2021

Holiday

Monday 15 – 19th Feb 2021

Spring Term 2

Monday 22nd Feb 2021

Thursday 1st Apr 2021

Holiday

Friday 2nd Apr – 16th Apr
2021



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

A WELLBEING MINDSET

Message from Maureen

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring is definitely in the air as the front lawn of the school is resplendent with daffodils. Clocks go back next week too and gradually the nights will lengthen and we will feel that the darker days are behind us. All continues to run smoothly at school and we have enjoyed seeing our friends from Willow back on the premises, although we are longing to be able to share sessions and playtime with them. Let's hope that it won't be too long before we can all get back to 'normal'.

We have had an action packed week again this week – as you will see later in this bulletin, we have been lucky to have been given a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers to buy science equipment to enhance our curriculum. We are always so pleased to be able to share the work that we do - and to make new friends and gain supporters is always a real pleasure. We are so looking forward to the time when we can invite people back into school in order to be able to share the work we do face-to-face rather than virtually.

Friday saw us having a Comic Relief Day and it was lovely to see so many children wearing something red and the staff did us proud too – with wigs, sprayed hair, painted spotty faces, capes to name but a few. SLT (Sukina, Ed and myself) baked a range of cakes for a staff raffle and with your contributions and that from the staff we raised an amazing £125.80. So thank you for your support. We try to support charities throughout the year as it is so important for our children to know that they have the skills and talents to be able to do something to help other people and to know how much pleasure that brings.

We have enjoyed 'seeing' many of you in person centred review meetings this week which is a time when we can celebrate your child's progress and personality and can also address any worries you might have. The partnership we have with you is so important because between us we can make sure that we do the best we can to make your child's time at the Brook the best possible experience and equip them well for the future.

You will have received a leaflet this weekend which summarises what we are doing as a school to meet the new Government requirements



to teach Relationships and Sex Education in a way that is relevant, appropriate and meaningful to your children. We know that you often worry about how your children will cope with the physical and emotional change that comes with puberty and we hope you are reassured that we have – and will – be able to support them effectively. If you have any questions, worries or concerns then please do make contact with your child’s teacher, Felicia, Wendy our school nurse or a member of SLT.

Best wishes Maureen and the Brook Staff



BOLOH HELPLINE

Boloh Helpline is a service launched on the 1st October by Barnardo’s with funding from the National Emergencies Trust. The Helpline is a response to the impact of the pandemic on Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities who have been disproportionately affected. Helpline staff are either Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community, or have prior professional experience of delivering services to children, young people and their families from these communities.



OUR CHILDREN AND HYGIENE

To help stop the spread of viruses and tummy bugs, please remind, encourage and show your child how to wash his/her hands. There are many reasons why they may not do this naturally: they can easily forget to do so; they may have sensory worries about water or soap; they may dislike the bathroom, water or even the sound of the hand dryer in public bathrooms.

Hand washing is important for health and hygiene reasons and even more so in these times of the coronavirus. Establishing a strong washing routine can help eliminate viruses, common colds and gastro bouts that children are prone to.



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Wash Hands

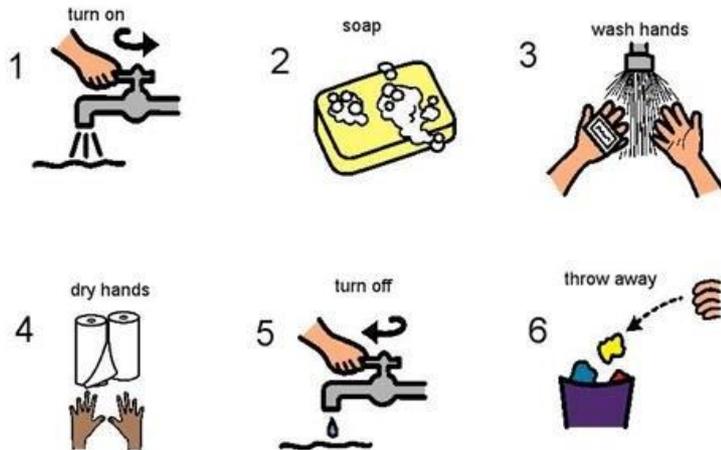


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Please continue to encourage your child washing his/her hands. Feel free to use the social story below to help your children understand how to wash his/her hands.

Wash Hands



RED NOSE DAY





THANK YOU to our friends in the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers for their generous donation to our science curriculum!

Last week we were delighted to meet with the Master, Wardens and other members of the Worshipful Company of Glass sellers, to receive a generous donation from them for our Science curriculum, and to share news of the Brook School. The Company dates back to 1664 when it received its charter from King Charles II. Its role then was to regulate the Glass Selling and Pot-Making industries within the City of London, and to ensure quality and fair trade. Today the company supports the glass selling industry through offering awards, scholarships and bursaries.

We have been very lucky to have been given a bursary and we are going to use it to enrich our science and PHSCE curriculum. We will be buying large mirrors – clear and wonky image ones (like you get in a funfair) to go onto our terraces for our children to have fun during sensory sessions and play times. We will be buying small mirrors that we can use in classrooms so that our children can explore their faces and expressions and we will be buying bug pots, bug magnifiers and magnifying glasses so that we can explore insect life in Fox Forest and in our pond.

We are looking forward to welcoming our worshipful friends into the Brook so they can meet us face-to-face and we can say a personal and proper thank you.



Picture Gallery



Maureen presenting swimming certificates to children in Dragonfly class







bug hunting and pupils exploring through mirrors.

