



# Brentfield News



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**School Finishes**  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**At 1.30pm**

**School Opens**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**April at 8.35am**

**Coffee Morning**  
*How Phonics helps my child to read*  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**April @ 8.45am**

**May Bank Holiday**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**School closed**

**Coffee Morning**  
**Year 6 SATS**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**May @ 8.45am**

**Bank Holiday**  
**Kings Coronation**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
**School closed**

**Year 6 SATS start**  
**on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**May.**  
**SATS breakfast**  
**available from 8am**

**School closes for**  
**summer**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**July at 1:30pm**

Dear Families of Brentfield,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support. Parent consultations were very well attended and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at our Achievement Assemblies. We had an amazing turn out to our Celebration of Learning, where children were able to share with you their learning. We were also delighted to welcome Abdi Aden, the Mayor of Brent who joined us in our celebrations. Happy Easter to all our families celebrating during the Easter holidays.

In May we will be changing our payment service from Edu spot to Arbor via the App. For many years we have not increased our prices for our services listed below. However, due to limited budgets, the increase in energy costs and the increases in food costs the governors have agreed to raise costs. Our prices are still very competitive compared to local schools. **The new prices will come into effect from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

**School meals:** £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week (for families in Nursery, Years 3-6 not eligible for Free School Meals)

**Breakfast Club:** £2.25 per child per day and £1.55 per child per day for a sibling.

**After School Club:** £9.00 per child per day and £5.50 per child per day for a sibling

**Late Pick Ups:** Parents persistently picking up their children after 3.15 p.m. but before 3.30 p.m. will be charged a £2.50 per child late pick up fee. After 3.30 p.m. children will be put into After School Club and parents will be charged £9.00 per child

**Nursery Places:** £7 per hour (for parents not eligible for free 30 hours childcare grants and booked in advance)

**Lost library and reading books:** £6.00 per book.

## Book Week 2023

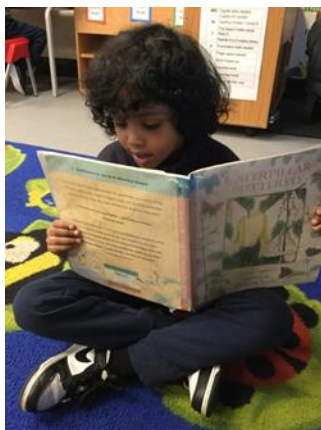
This year we decided that we would celebrate by focusing on non-fiction books and become 'Champions for Change.' Each class picked a cause they felt passionate about and, using a range of reading materials, started to champion change. Here is a selection of some of the learning that took place across the week. Please see our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts for more pictures and videos of our wonderful work during Book Week 2023!

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In our Nursery and Reception classes, the children learnt that dinosaurs are extinct, and there are other animals that are in danger so we need to protect them and care for their home. They also learnt about bees and how they are important for the environment, making their own bee hotel for our school garden.



**Year 1** read the book, Mad About Animals then went on a minibeast hunt. They made their own flower pots and planted seeds which would encourage minibeasts to thrive. By the end of the project, they want to develop a green space in school, using their plants to create a haven for these creatures.

**Year 2** looked at ways in which they could look after our environment. Using the book, 'The Last Wolf' as inspiration, they thought about what happens to animals who lose their homes due to the development of cities. They then thought about how they could look after our forest area in school and spent the week, collecting litter, tidying leaves



and planting seeds and bulbs.



One of the projects in **Year 3** focussed on climate change, the effect that it is having on the world and how they can we can help to stop the crisis. The children explored floods, droughts and melting ice caps and looked at how this is affecting people around the world.

In **Year 4**, Orange Class wrote poems, created sea turtles using pebbles, built a sculpture of a sea turtle, wrote a non-chronological report and welcomed some special guests from the Queen

Mary University of London to explain more about sea turtles!

In **Year 5** children researched how modern-day life in the UK is having a



serious impact on the habitat of British hedgehogs. They asked their parents if they could do odd jobs around the house to raise £1 each so that they could sponsor a hedgehog. They also collected twigs and leaves to create their own version of a hedgehog nest.



Finally, one of the projects in **Year 6** looked at the topic of Visible Disabilities. They focused on disabled access within different settings. They wrote to the Transport Minister of the UK to encourage him to ensure that more tube and train stations have adequate disabled access as they found out that only 33% of 272 tube stations in London have step-free access!





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We like to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils. We celebrate excellence in a range of areas including reading, writing, maths, sports, our BRAVE values and the star of the term. We would like to thank the parents and carers who came to celebrate their children's achievement.



For many of our families the Holy Month of Ramadan has started. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, observed by practicing Muslims as a month of fasting, reflection, and prayer. Only pupils in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to fast in school, younger pupils must fast at home under the supervision of their parents. If you would like your child to fast you MUST complete the google form that was sent to all parents.