

Message from the Head teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards the end of term, I am sure everyone is appreciating the lighter mornings and evenings. There is a definite feel of Spring in the air, even though the temperature may still be a bit chilly on some days, seeing the daffodils and crocuses scattered around the school grounds at Brookfield House is very uplifting. Some of the flowers grew from bulbs that were donated to school by the London Childrens Flower Society. Thank you to Heather and Lovie at Brookfield House who took the time to plant the bulbs, the Society visited the school last week and awarded the school a silver certificate which we are very proud of.

Hopefully the longer days encourage us all to spend more time outside in the fresh air.

The cafe at William Morris site is progressing. The students and staff are pleased with the new equipment that has been purchased, including a coffee machine. Look out for regular updates. The students are looking forward to serving their first customers and experiencing the world of work.

Thursday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. This is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The theme for WDS is '#end the stereotypes' The campaign to raise awareness is called 'Lots of socks' with everyone being encouraged to wear a pair of patterned or mismatched socks to get noticed and to spread the word that they are wearing them to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Hopefully many of our staff and students may take part in this.

Please click on the link for more information:

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Joanne Sweeney

Deputy Head teacher

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

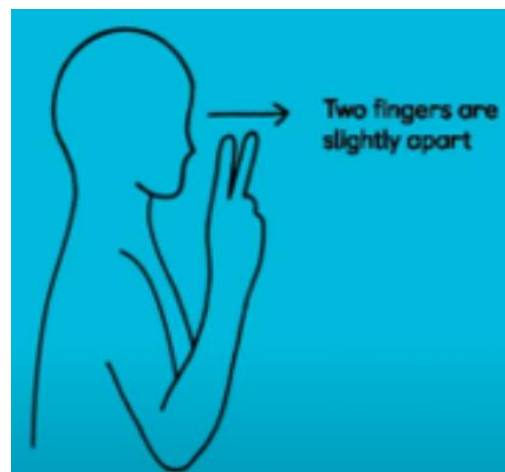


27th March Last day of Term

15th April Return to school

Makaton Sign of the Week – To Look

This week's Makaton Sign is: [To Look](#)



Holy Month of Ramadan

March and April is a special time for many of our Muslim families with the Holy Month of Ramadan. Ramadan started at the weekend and ends around Tuesday 9th April 2024 (depending on the full moon).



This Week's Top Attendance

Whole School Attendance

(Average this year)

87.6%

Attendance Congratulations

Classes with above 90% attendance

- (WM) Charles – 97.2%
- (WM) Fotheringham – 94.4%
- (WM) Mandela – 94.1%
- (WM) Capaldi – 93.7%
- (WM) Adepitan – 93.4%
- (BH) Maroon – 93.3%
- (WM) Wonder – 93.2%
- (WM) Fox – 92.0%
- (BH) Blue – 91.9%
- (BH) Bronze – 91.9%
- (BH) Ruby – 91.4%
- (BH) Gold – 91.2%
- (BH) Coral – 91.1%
- (WM) Pearson – 90.6%
- (WM) Goldberg – 90.5%
- (BH) Lilac – 90.5%

Childcare Support Expansion 2024 – Information from LBWF

As we prepare for the commencement of the first phase of the childcare expansion on 1st April, we have received enquiries from parents and carers regarding their eligibility, how to secure their place, and understanding how government's free childcare expansion works as well as information on childcare provider charges.

To address these queries effectively, we have developed a comprehensive FAQ page dedicated to providing support for families navigating the Free Childcare Expansion. You can access the FAQ page at [Childcare Support Expansion 2024](#)



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World Book Day @ WM Campus

William Morris celebrated World Book Day, and what an enjoyable day it was. Learners dressed up and even participated in a mass book swap with parents. It was a fun filled day for all.



Learning @ WM-British Science Week

British Science Week (BSW) was celebrated at WMS between 11-15th March 2024. This was an opportunity for the whole school to take part in class projects to showcase what they have been learning in Science this Spring term. Fuji-explore pathway studied 'plants including trees' this term and for their projects they planted flowers. Fuji challenge were looking at 'Everyday materials' and built houses from a range of recycled materials. Everest pathway studied 'Animals including humans – Nutrition, muscles and bones' and they created skeletons and a moving arm! Fantastic effort from all classes!



The project winners for British Science week were:

Fuji-explore – Angelou + Doyne

Fuji-challenge – Jordan + Goldberg

Everest – Eilish + Capaldi

The overall winners for British Science Week that demonstrated knowledge on their topic, creativity, and effort, as well as working on the BSW theme of 'Time' are:

PEARSON CLASS

Finally, the theme for British Science Week was 'TIME' and each class experimented or created different ways to measure time, such as sand timers, water timers and pendulum paintings. Below are the pictures of some of the projects and paintings presented in the exhibition on Friday.

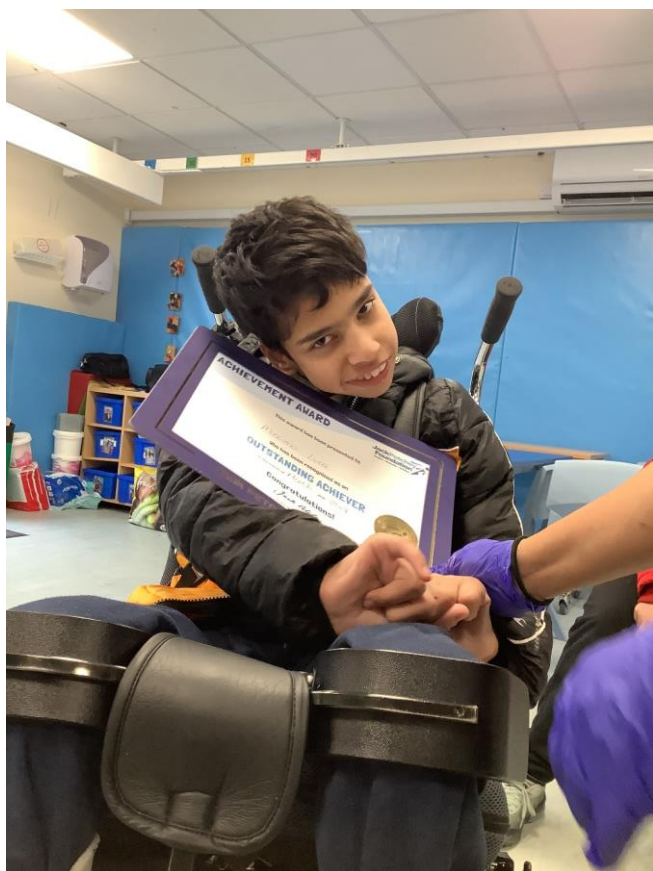


Wear Odd Sock's Day 21st March 2024



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Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achiever @ BH



L C F S – Silver Certificate @ BH



Coffee Morning @ BH

You are invited!

We will be having regular coffee mornings/afternoons at Brookfield House.

This will be a chance to get to know other parents and some of the staff at Brookfield House.

We will be inviting speakers from outside agencies to have a chat as well.

The dates are:

25 April, Thursday morning: 9-10 am

23 May, Thursday morning: 9-10 am

27 June Thursday morning: 9-10 am

Please confirm your attendance by email or by calling the school office, please also get in touch with me if there is any speaker or group you would particularly like to hear from.

Thank you.

Joanne Bardsley-Mitchell

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WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

EASTER 2024

2 APRIL - 12 APRIL

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This Easter we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough.

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Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

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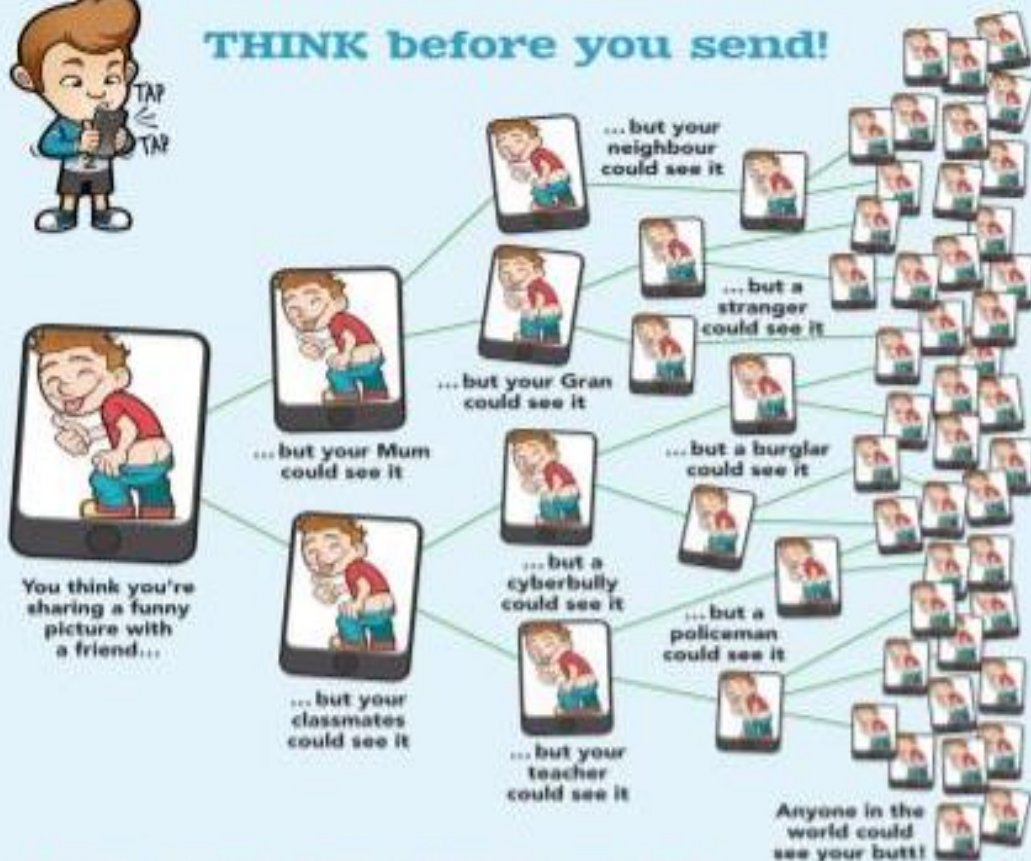


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scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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