

DATES FOR DIARY



Monday 7th – Year 1 Animal Workshop

Tuesday 8th – Safer Internet Day

Monday 14th – Friday 18th Half term

Dear All,

It's been so lovely to have a clear run of a school year and, dare I say, one that won't be disrupted again. The children in school are now well and truly into school routines again and are flourishing.

We have been able to keep classes open, despite high levels of staff absence at times, although it has not been easy on some days! When a teacher is absent, we try our best to have the same supply teacher in for the duration but, sometimes this is hard to do. Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time – supply teachers are like gold dust at the moment.

Nationally, Covid guidance is changing as I am sure you are all aware. From Thursday 27 January 2022, as a school, we will still be enforcing the need for parents and visitors to wear a mask if they enter the school building. However, to enter the playground for collecting children, parents can choose to wear one or not. Thank you to all those who have supported us throughout this time.

With restrictions lifting, we will be able to continue with our school trips for the rest of the year. Our trips are always linked to learning and add to the broad curriculum we offer at school.

Also, with restrictions lifting, I am sure the PSA have events planned to support our school community - look out for announcements regarding this.

Angela Anterkyi

Head Teacher

We have had two teachers go on maternity leave in the last couple of weeks (Ms Oti and Ms Vo). Ms Oti has sadly decided to not return. She will be greatly missed as she has been part of the school for more than 10 years. Such an exciting time for them both and I'm sure you will wish them all the very best.



PARENTS SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who responded to the parent survey. It is always useful to receive feedback and we will be responding to many of the comments people made and will feed back as soon as possible.

However, we have actioned one change already. One parent pointed out that she does not see all SLT as we are all on gates. I shall now be moving around the gates and attend each gate at least once per week. I too have missed seeing so many of you. Further actions will follow.

Cleaner/kitchen role

We have a vacancy for a part time cleaner within school. The role is an early start which may well suit someone out there. We need someone to clean specific areas from 7.00am – 8.30am, Monday – Friday.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Liza Silvanian either by phoning: 020 8452 1350 or emailing on lsilvanian@gladpark.anthemtrust.uk.



LOCKDOWN

On Thursday 3 February we will be having a Lockdown drill in school. This is a requirement of all schools. This drill is done in case of an emergency whereby the school needs to be locked down and in silence. We make this into a game for the younger children and it is handled very well by all staff. Maybe you could talk to your children about this beforehand.

BAGELS!

Bagels, bagels, bagels! I think I have toasted more bagels in the last two weeks than I have in my entire life leading up to that time!

However, the children have the option to have a bagel in the mornings and several parents have been reassured that their child at least eats something before school starts.

Please be assured that the spread used is vegan so has no allergens.



Term Dates 2021-22

Spring Term 3	Dates
Inset Day (School closed to students)	Tuesday, 4 January 2022
First Day in school for students	Wednesday, 5 January 2022
Last Day in school for students	Friday, 11 February 2022
Term Break	Monday, 14 February – Friday, 18 February 2022
Additional Information for Term 3:	
Bank Holidays:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 3 January 2022 (New Year's Day substitute day) 	
Spring Term 4	Dates
First Day in school for students	Monday, 21 February 2022
Last Day in school for students	Friday, 1 April 2022
Term Break	Monday, 4 April – Monday, 18 April 2022
Additional Information for Term 4:	
Bank Holidays:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 15 April 2022 (Good Friday) • Monday, 18 April 2022 (Easter Monday) 	
Summer Term 5	Dates
Inset Day (School closed to students)	Friday, 13 May 2022
First Day in school for students	Tuesday, 19 April 2022
Early May Bank Holiday (Students not in school)	Monday, 2 May 2022
Last Day in school for students	Friday, 27 May 2022
Term Break	Monday, 30 May – Friday, 3 June 2022
Additional Information for Term 5:	
Bank Holidays:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 2 May 2022 (Early May bank holiday) • Thursday, 2 June 2022 (Spring bank holiday) • Friday, 3 June 2022 (Platinum Jubilee bank holiday) 	
Summer Term 6	Dates
First Day in school for students	Monday, 6 June 2022
Last Day in school for students	Thursday, 21 July 2022 (1pm finish)
Inset Day (School closed to students)	Friday, 22 July 2022
Term Break	Monday, 25 July 2022 – first week September TBC
Additional Information for Term 6:	
Early finish of 1pm on Thursday, 21 July 2022	



Parenting Workshops

"My daughter no longer wishes to wear traditional clothing"

"My son went missing for days."

"My daughter refuses to say where she goes when she leaves the house."

Calling all parents and carers of young people between 11 and 17 living in Brent. We invite you to attend the Brent Early Help Spring series of parenting workshops.

- Workshops will support, empower and inform.
- Gain knowledge and tools to help keep your children as safe as possible.

Workshop 1: Gangs: Parental Awareness

When: Thursday 20th January 2022 10.30-12.30pm. Where: Online, join via Microsoft Teams.

This workshop will focus on providing parents with information about gangs and the associated risks to young people including knife crime. Parents will learn about how gangs groom and exploit young people and signs to look out for.

Workshop 2: An Introduction to Understanding County Lines for Parents

When: Tuesday 25th January 2022 10.30-12.30pm. Where: Online, join via Microsoft Teams

A parent's guide to understanding what County Lines are, how they are formed and operate, who is targeted and how they impact the lives of young people and their families through exploitation. Parents will learn about signs to look out for.

Workshop 3: Parenting: Your Style, Your Child

When: Thursday 3rd February 2022 10.30-12.30pm. Where: Online, join via Microsoft Teams.

A total of 149 different languages are spoken in the London Borough of Brent. It is the most diverse borough in the UK. This workshop will celebrate that fact and provide parents with an opportunity to explore how their culture informs their parenting practice and style.

Workshop 4: Next Steps

When: Thursday 10th February 2022, 10.30-12.30pm Where: Online, join via Microsoft Teams.

Managers from the Brent Early Help Service, including from the Youth Offending Service, Accelerated Support Team and Westminster Drug Project will speak and facilitate discussion regarding the following topics:

- Gangs
- Culturally sensitive parenting
- Drugs and alcohol
- What do parents want to see happen next?

If you would like to attend any of the Workshops please email ParentingProgramme@brent.gov.uk (interpreters available)

Family Wellbeing Centres provide a wide range of services to support parents and children. To register and book activities please go to www.brent.gov.uk and search for Family Wellbeing Centres.

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