

Chalkhill Primary School Bulletin

Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill

Friday 9th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can not believe that another half term has passed. It feels like only yesterday that we returned to school after the Christmas holidays and welcomed in the new year. Our pupils have been exposed to many wonderful workshops, trips and visitors over the last five weeks and I am excited about what is to come over the rest of the spring term.

On Wednesday Year 1 went on a trip led by Mr Rose linked to their Art topic. Please see the report below from Mr Rose:

“Year 1 children and staff went to the 'A Wild Life for Wildlife' sculpture exhibition along the Thames by Tower Bridge. Year 1 have been exploring and making their own animal sculptures in their art classes this term and the exhibition invites you to become an integral part of the journey with endangered animals through interactive sculptures and engaging experiences. The children had great fun following the map to find and interact with the different sculptures. They were also very excited to see some of the near by landmarks along the Thames such as HMS Belfast and Tower Bridge.”

Today I had the pleasure of leading 3P's assembly which celebrated **International Women's Day** and women in science. The assembly was inspirational for all of our budding scientists as it compared the struggles of scientists from the past with scientists of the present. It also acknowledged the work that British scientists did during the covid pandemic. All children had learned their lines and delivered them with passion.

Thank you to all staff and parents for supporting the children.

As you may know, tomorrow many people across the world will be celebrating Lunar New Year.

This year it is the year of the dragon. The dragon is one of the most revered zodiac signs in Chinese culture. It is said that those born during the year of the dragon will find great success and good fortune. I would like to express my thanks to Ruogang and his mum who sent us an informative presentation from UCL which I shared with the children this morning. I would also like to send greetings of '**Gong hei fat choy**' to all of our families celebrating, and encourage you to visit the wonderful celebrations that will be taking place in London this weekend.

I would also like to share this message from the safeguarding team:

“Yesterday we attended the Brent Safeguarding Conference. Part of the conference was delivered by the British Transport Police. Their message focussed on the rise in crime on transport especially against girls and women. I wanted to make you aware of the following number which you can text **61016** whilst travelling on the bus or tube if you feel uncomfortable or see something that is a non emergency. You can text your location, which direction you are travelling, which bus or tube line you are on and what has happened. You will then receive a text to say your message has been received and let you know what action is being taken.”

I hope you all have a fun and restful half term break, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 19th February.

Ms Shanker

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Half-term

Monday 12th February-Friday 16th February 2024

Back to school Monday 19th February 2024 8.45am

School Arrears

All Breakfast Club payments must be made on time.

If you are having any difficulties please arrange an appointment to see the School Bursar.



Attendance award

**Week commencing
5th February 2024**

goes to:

**6E
With
95.5%**

Attendance

Whole school attendance

93.4%

We always aim to be above 96%



Parent Consultations for Reception-Year 6

Tuesday 27th February 2024 - 3.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 29th February 2024 - 3.30pm-5.30pm

More information on the bookings will be provided next half-term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term Assembly Timetable

Friday 1st March - 2H

Friday 8th March - 1Z

Friday 15th March - 5O

Thursday 28th March - Year 4

Breakfast & Afterschool Club -Y-tec

For further information/register you may contact Y-Tec.

Moji contact number is 07459 339 445 /07440 204 540

Please make sure all payments are made on time

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy at Chalkhill Primary School for a Caretaker/Cleaner for a zero-hour contract. If you are interested in this position please see pages 3-5.

Please note: The last day to submit your application will be 16th February 2024.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Here at Chalkhill Primary, we are committed to keeping our children and school community safe. If you have a concern regarding any children or adult please contact us immediately.

For urgent Child Protection matters, outside of school hours, please contact:

Brent Family Front Door - Tel: 020 8937 4300 or email: brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk

Mrs Butler (Designated Safeguard Lead)

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Barnhill Road - Wembley - Middlesex - HA9 9YP



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Website: <https://www.chalkhillprimaryschool.uk/>

E-Mail: admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk

Follow us on Twitter: @Chalkhillschool

Interim Head teacher: Mrs Heidi Shanker

ZERO HOUR CARETAKER/CLEANER MAINTENANCE ROLE TO COVER HIRE OF PREMISES

The Governing Board of Chalkhill Primary School are looking for a committed and conscientious person to cover a caretaker/cleaning maintenance role during any letting of the premises.

We need a competent person who is able to work in a Caretaker/Cleaner Maintenance role:

1) Term time hour:

Part-time evening (anytime from 4.30pm to 11.00pm)

And/or Saturday (anytime from 9.00am to 11.30pm.

And/or Sunday (anytime 9.00am to 11.00pm)

2) School Holidays:

Anytime between 8.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Friday And/or

Anytime between 8.00am to 11.30pm Saturday.

And/or anytime between 8.00am to 11.00pm Sunday



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LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

You will be required to manage our evening, weekend lettings and school holiday hire. The duties include opening and closing the premises, maintaining the alarms, setting up the premises at the start of the letting and cleaning at the end of the hire, ensuring the site is secure at the end of the letting and ready to be used the next day.

You will also be required to undertake our safer recruitment process, which includes.

- Undertaking a DBS check and satisfactory references.
- Overseas check (if applicable)
- Safeguarding training
- Health & safety training

Job Types: Part-time, zero-hour contract

Deadline date : 16/02/2024

Interview date: TBC

Start Date: TBC

Please download the application form and supporting documents from the school website.

Visits are warmly welcome. Please contact the school office on 0208 904 4508 to make an appointment or email the bursar at admin@chalkhill.brent.sch.uk.

Chalkhill Primary School is committed to the welfare and safety of its pupils and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo the necessary Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks.

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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CARETAKER/CLEANER FOR A ZERO HOUR CONTRACT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The role includes:

- Being a key holder and recognising the responsibilities that this entails such as out-of-hours. opening and locking of the venue and the ability to be the emergency 'on call' contact for hirers.
- Setting up and taking down tables and chairs as per the diary's requirements.
- Laying carpet in specific areas if necessary.
- Checking the building after hirers.
- Checking regularly for H&S or repair issues.
- Oversee the car park during and after the event.
- Undertake any additional cleaning required over and above the commercial cleaning routine.
- Demonstrating the use of equipment to hirers.
- Assisting hirers with any unplanned issues or requirements during their hire session.
- Be willing to undertake training that is appropriate to the role. For example, manual handling training, health and safety training, fire marshals training (this list is not exhaustive).
- Being aware of and working to COSHH.
- Work to a flexible and adaptable timetable.
- Excellent time keeping.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety responsibilities.
- Knowledge of evacuation procedures for the site.
- Basic DIY and maintenance experience an advantage.
- Additional duties as determined by the Bursar and Site Manager.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the [wraparound childcare programme](#) Brent is currently mapping the before and after school childcare provision available in the borough. As part of this we want to seek parents' and carers views on the childcare they currently use for their primary school aged children.

We would be grateful if you could share the survey below as part of your forthcoming newsletters and associated communications with your parents and parents of primary school aged children.

Before and after school childcare for primary school aged children – Your views matter

The government's ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday, so that parents can access employment. This childcare will continue to be paid for by parents and carers. Some families can access additional support to pay for childcare eg. through tax free childcare or the childcare element of universal credit. We want to know your views on the childcare you currently use and how you think this offer can be improved.

Please share your views here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MXIRYR/>



If you have any questions about the wrap around programme please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Jane

Jane Stewart
Partnership and Development Lead
Children and Young People
Brent Council

020 8937 3270

www.brent.gov.uk
@Brent_Council

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

SIGN UP FOR OUR TRAINING COURSE NOW!

www.homestartbarnet.org/volunteer-with-us

**5 -Week Training taking place: Thursdays 9:30am-2.30pm
February 22nd & 29th, March 7th, 14th & 21st March 2024.**

Location: Chalk Hill Primary School, Wembley, HA9 9YP



- No previous volunteering experience needed (experience with children required)
- Visit families in their homes 2-3 hours each week (during working hours)
- Offer consistent and dependable emotional & practical support
- Help strengthen family relationships and support families to grow in confidence

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Enfield & Harrow

Make a real difference in a family's life and start volunteering today!

Register on our website or email: admin@homestartbarnet.org

Give your time and make a
difference in your community!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

www.homestartbarnet.org

- Help others and give back!
- Make a real change in the community
- Gain transferable skills
- Access training opportunities
- Improve your wellbeing

We train volunteers to visit our
families in their homes to give
support, befriending & practical
help in **Barnet, Brent & Harrow.**



**H&M
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Enfield & Harrow

MY VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8](https://bit.ly/3PzCGI8)

[For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wK)

**If you are under 18 years old and look
after someone who cannot manage
without your help,
Then you are a Young Carer!**



You may be looking after someone who is ill, disabled, frail, has a mental health condition, suffers from substance abuse or an addiction!

Brent Young Carers

Is here to help you with free confidential advice, a range of information, support and fun activities.

Call us on: **020 3802 7070**



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Brent Carers Centre

3rd floor

Willesden Medical Centre

144-150 High Road,
Willesden, London NW10 2PT

Tel: 020 3802 7070

E: email@brentcarerscentre.org.uk

Opening Times: Mon to Fri: 9.00am – 5.00pm

FIND YOUR LOCAL CENTRE:

Alperton FWC

Ealing Road
Wembley
HA0 4PW

Telephone no: 020 8937 3860
Alperton.FWC@brent.gov.uk

Church Lane FWC

Fryent Primary School
Church Lane, Kingsbury
NW9 8JD

Telephone no: 020 8937 3890
ChurchLane.FWC@brent.gov.uk

Curzon Crescent and Fawood FWC

Curzon Crescent

NW10 9SD

Telephone no: 020 8459 6813
admin@curzon.brent.sch.uk

Fawood

Fawood Avenue
NW10 8DX

Telephone no: 020 8965 9334
admin@fawoodcc.brent.sch.uk

Granville Plus FWC

Carlton Vale
Kilburn
NW6 5HE

Telephone no: 020 8937 6581
GranvillePlus.FWC@brent.gov.uk

Preston Park FWC

College Road
Wembley
HA9 8RJ

Telephone no: 020 8937 5980
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St Raphael's FWC

Rainborough Close
St Raphael's Estate
NW10 0TS

Telephone no: 020 8937 3620
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Three Trees FWC

Tiverton Road
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Willow SEND FWC

Barnhill Road
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**SUPPORTING BRENT FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN 0-18 YEARS
(25 YEARS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS)**

**TO REGISTER WITH YOUR LOCAL CENTRE VISIT:
WWW.BRENT.GOV.UK/FAMILYWELLBEINGCENTRES**





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Term dates-January-July 2024

Spring Term	Dates	Information
Monday 8th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024		
First Half Term 5 weeks 24 days	Monday 8 th January 2024	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	12 th February 2024- 16 th February 2024	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 19 th February 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of term- school closes at 3.15pm
	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024	Easter holidays
Summer Term	Dates	Information
Monday 15th April 2024– Wednesday 24th July 2024		
First Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank holiday (school closed)
	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 38 days	Monday 3 rd June 2024	First day of school - gates opens at 8.30am
	Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of term- schools closes at 1.30pm]
Total 190 days	Thursday 25th July 2024 – Monday 2nd September 2024	Summer holidays