

## **Brackenwood Junior School**



# Learning for Life

#### Week ahead information – w/c 28th April 2025

### Whole School information

Headteachers Award – this will be presented in Fridays assembly to recognise exemplary contributions to our school values and ethos. This week's Headteacher Award will be given to Adam B in Class 6LB. Parents/carers are invited to our celebration assembly on Friday 2nd May. Please arrive from 2.05pm for a 2.10pm start.

A reminder that outside Awards and Class Recognition Awards will now be celebrated every Monday morning in class assemblies. Please ask the children to bring in their outside awards on a Monday and not a Friday.

Lunch menu – week 2

### Community garden rota – Week 1

As part of our community garden project running this term, the children will be making mindfulness bottles. To support this activity, we kindly ask that each child brings in a small plastic water bottle from home. These bottles will be used during the project and can be taken home afterward. Your help in providing these is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.

Monday - Cross Country event (selected pupils only)

### Tuesday - Spanish day

We are very excited for our first Spanish Day which is taking place next Tuesday 29th April. Throughout the day, the children will be learning about different Spanish speaking countries and their culture; learning some Spanish games, dances and songs; learning some new Spanish vocabulary; creating some artwork inspired by famous Spanish artists and even tasting some Spanish food. The food the children will be trying will be: Spanish omelette, olives, salsa, guacamole, tortilla chips, chorizo, Iberico cheese. Tasting the food will be entirely optional. If you have any concerns regarding the taste testing or if you do not wish for your child to participate, then please can you let class teachers know prior to Tuesday. To add to the fun, children are invited to dress in the colours of the Spanish flag - red and yellow - or to wear a red/yellow accessory. We are sure the children will have a lot of fun and we will share pictures and videos of the day to share all the fun things they will be doing.

If you would like to help out during the day, then please contact the school office as we would love for you to get involved.

Tuesday - Y2 welcome meeting

Wednesday - Curriculum open evening

SEND	In the coming weeks, our Year 6 children will be completing their SATs assessments. In order to support pupils with SEND, the Year 6 team have applied for access arrangements for the tests. If your child's needs mean they met the criteria set out by the DfE for these, we will inform you of this in the coming days.  If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ask myself, Mrs Lees or Miss McKinney.  Also, a reminder that support plans for Summer Term will be ready to collect from the office from Monday. The school office will contact you to let you know if you have one to collect:)  Ms Balmer
BFG	The BFG are always looking for parent volunteers to join their amazing team. If you are interested or for further information, please email <a href="mailto:brackenwoodjuniorbfg@gmail.com">brackenwoodjuniorbfg@gmail.com</a>
Y3	Weekly attendance w/c 21st April 2025 3B – 98.13%  It has been a wonderful first week back in year 3. We have really enjoyed emerging ourselves in our new book The Wild Robot.  Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 2nd May. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:  3B Poppy Isabelle Evelyn  3W Matthew D Eliza Carson
Y4	Weekly attendance w/c 21st April 2025 4K - 95.83% 4T - 97.69%  We have had an excellent first week back, including our fabulous ukulele concert on Thursday. We were very proud of all of the children and their amazing performance, which they have worked so hard for during the Spring Term.  Next week, on Tuesday, we are looking forward to holding our first Spanish day. Children will be able to attend school in the colours of the Spanish flag (red / yellow) and will be participating in lots of fun activities throughout the day.  Mrs Kavanagh and Miss Thomas

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4K Seren Kaysan Kaiden

4T Beatrix Ellis Blake

**Y5** Weekly attendance w/c 21st April 2025 5W - 89.52% **5WO - 93.3%** 

> Welcome back – It's been lovely to see lots of happy faces back this week. We are looking forward to a Spanish themed day next week. On Tuesday all children are welcome to come to school wearing the Spanish flag colours of red and/or yellow.

> Today we joined a live session with the Eden Project, which linked beautifully to our Geography topics of Rainforest and Sustainability. We saw some incredible plants and listened to how plants and rainforests are important and impact our food chains. To follow on from this, we are going to hold a Big Lunch on Thursday 1st May in our lovely community garden.

> On this day we would like children to consider what they eat and where it comes from. It would be great if atleast one lunchbox item was fair trade or originated in the rainforest. (chocolate, bananas, coconut). Please be mindful of our school's no nuts policy and that children will not be allowed to share food. If your child has a school dinner, they are welcome to bring an item in to supplement their lunch. If any families have a picnic blanket, please bring them in too, as we'll be eating outside. We're really looking forward to our Big Lunch.

If you have any questions, please ask.

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child comes to school prepared. Hats, and suncream (applied before school) is recommended. But because our weather is so unpredictable, please make sure children still have their coats with them each day. Thank you

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	SW Maisie Heidi  SWO Henry Archie Georgia
Y6	Weekly attendance w/c <b>21st April 2025 6LB - 89.81% 6M - 98.68%</b>
	Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you had an enjoyable time with family and friends.
	For homework this week, we have given children arithmetic, reasoning, reading and spellings. It is not long until SATS now and they have made so much progress so far this year. Their attitudes are fantastic in school and they are constantly striving to achieve their potential. Just one last final push until they are finished. We are hopeful that the children will remain calm and focused as they are being incredible at the moment.
	Tuesday - Children will be participating in Spanish themed activities during this day, such as good tasting. There will also be revision sessions taking place within the day.
	Parents of the children detailed below are invited to join us in our celebration assembly on Friday 2nd May. Please arrive at 2:05pm for a 2:10pm start. The children receiving awards are:
	6LB George H Alice S Amarah N
	6M Travis Anna Ben D