

BEYOND THE BLUE LINE



TEAM BROOKSBANK

HOST CALDERDALE SCHOOLS BOCCIA TOURNAMENT

Thursday was a memorable day for some of our students as they participated in the Calderdale Schools Boccia Tournament.

The morning was filled with excitement and competitive spirit, showcasing the talents of our students.

Our Student Ambassadors volunteered throughout the morning, keeping score, looking after our guests and of course, cheering on Team Brooksbank.

What is Boccia?

Boccia (pronounced 'Bot-cha') is a Paralympic sport introduced in 1984.

Athletes throw, kick or use a ramp to propel a ball onto the court with the aim of getting closest to a 'jack' ball. It is designed specifically for athletes with a disability affecting locomotor function.

Mrs Shenton says:

"The Boccia tournaments are always a highlight in our calendars, it brings the best out of our students, providing them with the platform to meet with likeminded people and have lots of fun!"



YEAR 8 BOOGIE THE NIGHT AWAY AT THEIR BEACH PARTY!

Year 8s were all about the dancing at the Beach Party on Thursday – the dance floor was filled with energetic and enthusiastic movers and groovers!

The Sixth Form gang went all out, showing off their event planning skills and dance floor finesse. The party was a blast as our leaders flaunted the best of Brooksbank's Sixth Form – our tight-knit crew and community spirit shining bright.

Some were dressed in colourful outfits, so while some sported their Hawaiian shirts and sun glasses to get into the party mood, laughter and joy filled the air, creating a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere. The event raised an impressive £110 for the Sixth Form Prom.



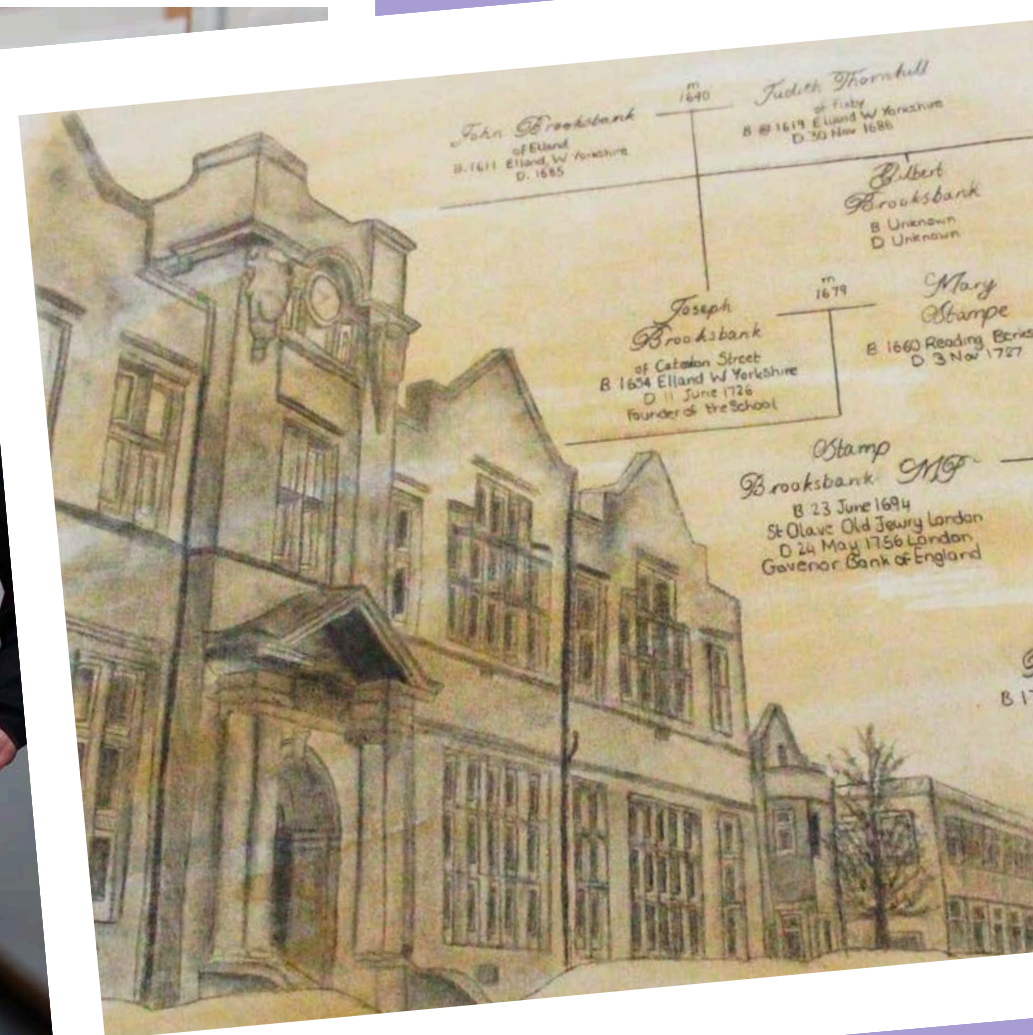
YEAR 8 GIRLS STORM THE CALDERDALE SCHOOLS RUGBY FINAL



A huge congratulations is in order for our Year 8 Girls Rugby team winning the Calderdale Schools Rugby Final on Wednesday. Despite facing tough competition, our girls demonstrated remarkable determination and resilience, ultimately emerging victorious with a 42-28 win!

We are extremely proud of them.

FROM SPORTS TRIUMPHS TO ARTISTIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS...



Our Art enthusiasts participated in our recent art competition, showcasing their creativity and talents inspired by Elland.

Among the remarkable entries Frances and Ruby secured positions on the podium, but it was Year 12 student Emilee who claimed 1st place with her incredible drawing of The Brooksbank School.

All submitted entries will be showcased at the newly renovated Elland Community Hub, so be sure to watch out for updates on their outstanding work displayed on the walls!

Well done to all our artists: Frances, Emilee, Ruby, Florence, Hafsa, Summer, Victoria, Skye and Erin.

INTRODUCING ARTWORK OF THE WEEK...



Our Art department is overflowing with incredible artwork, that is why we are now introducing the Blue Line's, Artwork of the Week. This week, it is Leland T with his ocean inspired painting who is our winner.

Congratulations Leland!

Developing our knowledge with YEAR 10 DROP DOWN DAYS

Year 10 students participated in a drop-down day last week, delving into the PSHE/iGen curriculum. The day covered a range of topics including healthy relationships, financial planning, the importance of sleep, and overall health and well-being.

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

We were fortunate to have a team from Lloyds Banking Group visit our school and deliver valuable workshops to our students.

The team from Lloyds made a significant impact on our students by shedding light on crucial aspects of financial literacy. Their insights on payslips, emphasising the importance of financial planning and imparting essential life skills have undoubtedly empowered our students to navigate the complexities of adulthood with confidence and knowledge.

We are incredibly grateful for their time and dedication in equipping the next generation with the tools they need to succeed.



BUT IT WASN'T JUST LLOYDS THAT MADE AN IMPACT...

"I want to call out how fantastic the children were on the day. They were all well behaved, kind and polite and most of all they got involved and participated in the sessions. We all commented on how engaged they were and what a credit to the school they are." - Ms Hownam, Lloyds Bank

DYNAMITES STAR TAKES HOME GOLD



One of our Year 7 students, Fern, participates in a Dynamites team in her spare time, and we are thrilled to announce that they have recently achieved Gold at the All Star World Championships in Florida. This remarkable accomplishment fills us with immense pride. Congratulations to Fern and the entire Dynamites team!

We hope Fern's success inspires others to reach for their dreams with passion and determination.

We look forward to hearing more incredible accomplishments from our students in the future.

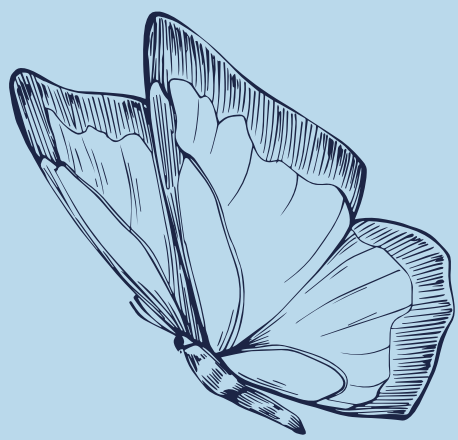


YEAR 7 TALK BIODIVERSITY THIS EARTH DAY

As part of Earth Day, our Year 7 students have been dissecting flowers to learn about plant reproduction and their importance in protecting biodiversity and supporting the preservation of bees from extinction. This week, they received some wildflower seeds that they can take home and plant to encourage biodiversity in their own gardens.



Here are some of Year 7s tips on how to increase biodiversity in your garden:



Embrace waste

A compost heap or compost bin is one of the best things you can add to your garden. That single lump of decaying matter can become a whole ecosystem of worms, beetles, bees, flies and woodlice.



Sow Wildflowers

Consider sowing a wildflower lawn seed mix with a blend of different native grass species.



Feeding Birds

Feeding birds can support the survival of bird populations. By attracting a variety of birds to your garden, you're also enhancing local biodiversity, contributing to a healthier and more balanced ecosystem.

EARTH DAY CAMPAIGNS CONTINUED IN OUR CANTEEN...

Back in September, The Brooksbank School made the decision to ban all single use plastics from our canteen to help reduce our carbon footprint. We installed a juice machine and provided all students with a reusable water bottle as a gift to support this initiative. On Monday, in recognition of Earth Day, our canteen provided free juice to all students who brought a reusable bottle to the till.



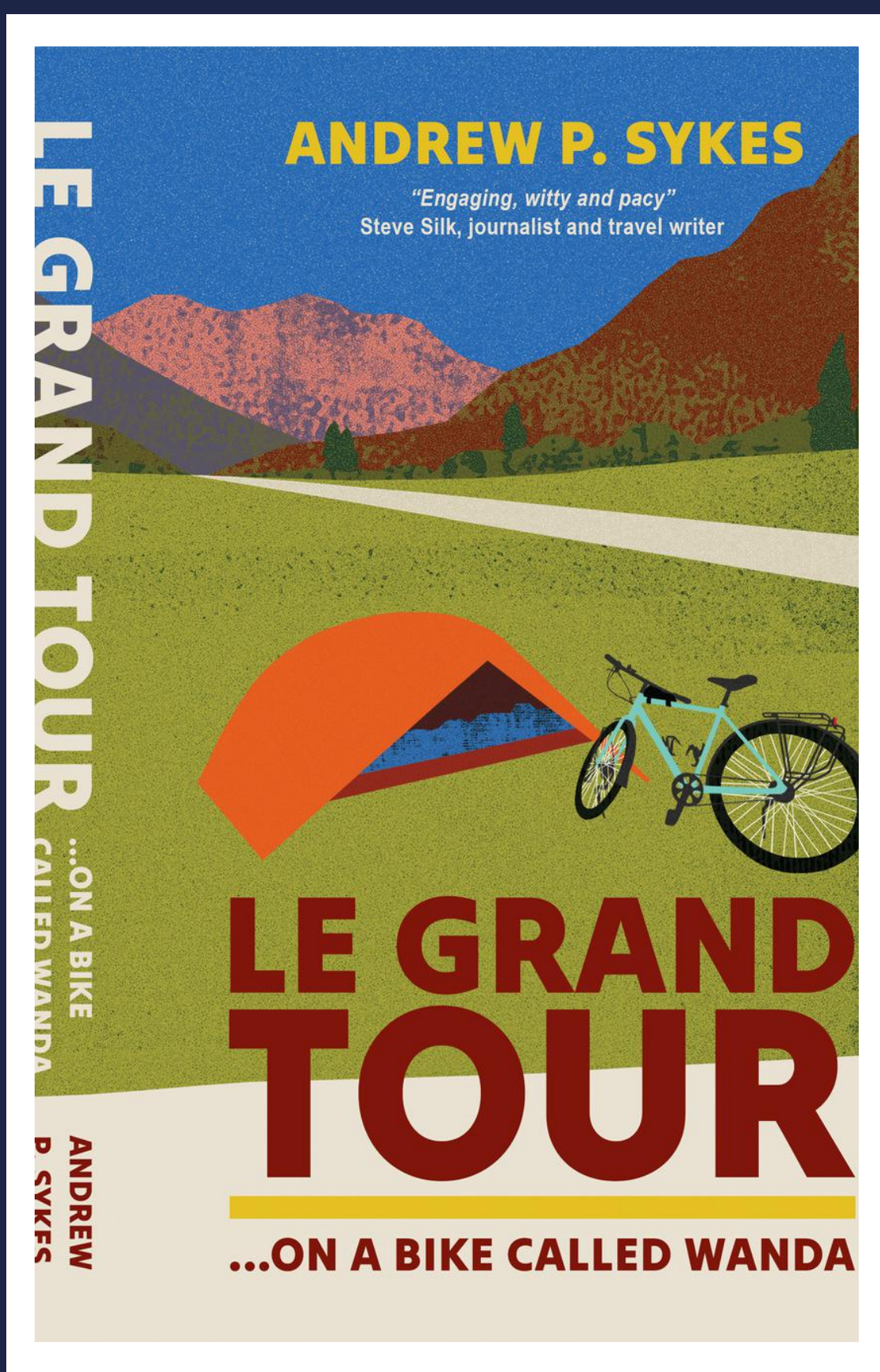
THE BROOKSBANK SCHOOL PRESENTS



JOIN US ON
8TH - 9TH MAY 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA PARENT PAY

EXPLORE A NEW BOOK...



Join us in congratulating our MFL teacher Mr Sykes on the upcoming release of his fourth book 'Le Grand Tour...on a bike called Wanda'. There's a fresh-faced kid on the block and she's a bike called Wanda. The new double act set off on a grand tour of Europe to explore some of the continent's most iconic cycling routes and locations. The book promises to be a witty comedy that will leave you hooked and ready to seek adventure.

Well done, Mr Sykes. It is an achievement to write one book, nevermind four!

Grab your copy from Wednesday 1st May 2024.



KEY CALENDAR DATES

School of Rock	Wed 8 & Thur 9 May
Ambleside Parents Meeting	Tue 21 May
Year 11 Prom	Fri 21 June

KEY HOLIDAY DATES

May Day	Mon, 6 May
Spring Bank	24 May - 3 Jun
Summer break begins	Fri 19 Jul