

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

Flaming June has been in play this month, along with lots of other games and activities as part of our Healthy Living Week. The children had great fun learning new skills participating in activities such as squash, pilates and Bollywood dancing. The children demonstrated a great growth mindset when trying new activities and our external coaches said their behaviour was fantastic!

Sports Day was another warm one and we thank you all for coming to this event to support our children. They participated brilliantly and it was lovely to see children and families supporting each other as both winners and runners up in the races. Our week culminated with the Healthy Eating Roadshow for Key Stage Two hosted by Chef Ben and featuring a cook off between the red team and the green team. The children absolutely loved getting involved, trying the recipes and voting on their favourite team. Well done green team who were the victors on the day!

Next month sees a focus on performing arts where we look forward to seeing our children shine once again, see you there!

Miss Russell



Diary Dates

3rd July: Year 1 Magpies Beth Chatto Trip
4th July: Year 2 Fingringhoe Wick Trip
5th July: September 2023 EYFS Induction Evening, 6pm
6th July: Woodpeckers Assembly, 9am
10th-14th July: Year 6 Residential
14th July: School Reports
17th July: Volunteer & Governor Tea Party, 2pm
19th July: Performing Arts Festival (including parent picnic lunch)
20th July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party
21st July: Last Day of Term

Industrial Strike Action

Please be reminded of the upcoming industrial strike days:

OPEN to all pupils on Wednesday 5th July

CLOSED to all pupils on Friday 7th July

Teachers have until up to the day of strike to inform the school of their decision, you could therefore need to arrange childcare at short notice so please continue to be prepared for this. Alternatively, your child may be invited back into school at short notice. If there is any change from the current status prior to then, we will let you know immediately.

Our New Sandpit!!!

We are very excited that our newly built sandpit will be filled with sand next week and we cannot wait for the grand opening and for the children to be able to play!!!

We are asking that if you have any buckets, spades, sand toys etc that you would be willing to donate, these can be brought to school from Monday 3rd July. Thank you!!!



Year 1/2 Football Festival—Thursday 22nd June 2023

On Thursday 22nd June, Braiswick travelled to Shrub End Sports Ground with ten very excited year two children to participate in the invite only football festival. The day started off with some skill based games, against the other schools, teaching the children to control and keep the ball close to their feet to maintain possession. Braiswick split into two teams, boys and girls, and they both competed in a game in which they could put the skills that they had learnt into practice. Both teams played amazingly well and every player should be very proud of themselves. Their behavior at all times was impeccable!!!

**Well done to Shaun, Oscar, Basil,
Teddy, Jessica, Riya, Alfie, Sofia,
Rebecca and Tehani!!!**



Performing Arts Day—Wednesday 19th July 2023

After the success of last year, our second Performing Arts Day will be held on Wednesday 19th July. The children have been practising hard and look forward to sharing their performances with you. Please see below a rough outline of the morning.

9.10am: Families can enter via the side gate adjacent to the car park. We will have a programme available for you on the gate.

9.15am - 10.45am: Poetry and Music Performances from each year group. These will be performed in front of the hall facing out onto the playground as at previous events. Please bring a camping style chair for watching these performances. (We'll have some chairs available if needed!) We will again make a clear boundary so you know where to place your chairs.

10.45am - 11.00am: Break – children will return to their classrooms in preparation for their dance performances.

11.00am - 12.15pm: Dance Performances and Whole School Singing including a performance from our new rock band! The children will perform in a performance space that is slightly more central on the playground. We will ask you to sit around this performance space once again. Again, we will make the boundaries clear so that you can place your chairs accordingly.

12.15pm - 1.05pm: Family Picnic Lunch on the main playground and field. Please remember we are a 'no nuts' school. At lunchtime children will initially return back to class, and we then ask families to collect their children from the same pick up points as on Sports Day, either their classrooms, the end of day collection point or for year 6, or the hall. A grab and go lunch will be available to all pupils on this day.



Sports Day—Wednesday 21st June 2023

Thank you to everyone who came along to Sports Day on Wednesday 21st June 2023. We were really pleased to see so many parents, carers and family members join us and we hope that you enjoyed the morning, afternoon or the whole day!!! Another big thank you to Joe's Whippy who must have ran out of ice-cream by the end of the day!!!

Huge thanks to all of our pupils in Year 6 who were so responsible and helpful in the morning with our EYFS and KS1 event. They looked after the children really well during the carousel activities and also helped to set up all of the equipment.

Please see below the winners for the day:

EYFS & KS1

Team Daley (yellow)

KS2

Team Symmonds (blue)

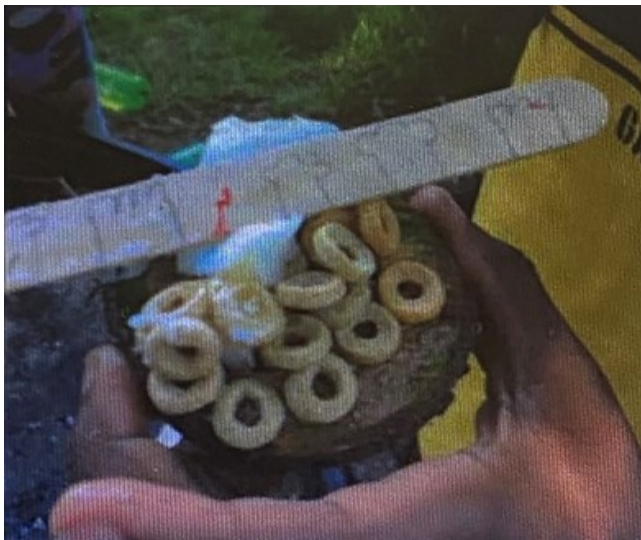
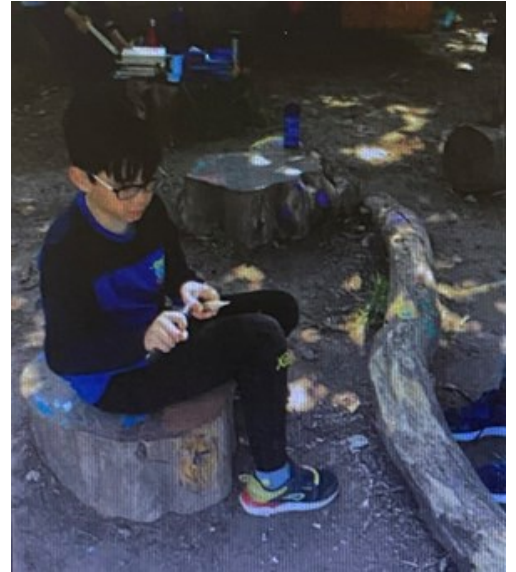


Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the carousel activities and the competitive races, you all applied yourself amazingly, and gave 100% effort, on what was an exceptionally hot day!!! We are very proud of you all!!!

Forest School

We are having a great time at Forest School this half term with Year 5. The children have built dens, made bird feeders and done orienteering. They have enjoyed climbing trees and using tools. They have all been excellent at bringing in their facts each week.

Please remember that your child needs long sleeves and trousers in order for them not to get hurt from stinging nettles and brambles.



Year 5/6 Netball Tournament—Tuesday 13th June 2023

On Tuesday 13th June 2023, eight players from the netball team competed in Prettygate School's annual netball tournament. There were 12 school in total, meaning we played 11 matches against the following teams: St Teresa's 1, St Teresa's 2, Heathlands 1, Heathlands 2, Prettygate 1, Prettygate 2, Lexden Primary, Kelvedon and Friars Grove. We won 5 matches, drew 2 and lost 4. We finished 5th overall and we were all really proud of ourselves. We all showed great resilience and a growth mindset in all our games, even when we were losing we still gave 100% effort.

Player of the tournament goes to Fatima, who never missed a scoring opportunity!!



Well done to Eleanor, Fatima, Hayley, Karter, Poppy, Maya, Rosie and Bethany!!!

Term Time Holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.