

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

The end of another month and another term! It feels like this Spring term has been one where we have blossomed seeing the quality of learning produced by the children, the exciting projects they have completed, visits they have enjoyed and the generosity of the Braiswick family for various charity events. We'd like to thank you for your generosity to our Friends of Braiswick Primary events over the term and previous years — our next exciting event being a Salsa Night for parents, carers and their friends on Friday 5th May—we really value your support! FOBP are always looking to expand their groups of volunteers, even if you can only do one event a year, we'd really love to hear from you on friendsofbraiswick@braiswickprimary.org.uk

We are also very proud to have achieved Healthy School status, led by Miss Leisk and Mr Hayter, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that both our curriculum and healthy lifestyle habits meet the criteria and standards. We wish you all a very restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 17th April.



Staff Carpark

It has come to our attention that many parents and carers are parking in the staff car park for drop off and pick up. The staff car park is in use at all times of day and we kindly request that you abide by the rules of not parking in there when dropping off or collecting your child. We are so very lucky to be the only school in Colchester with such a large amount of spaces for families to park in order to drop off and collect their children. Most schools require families to park in the roads surrounding the schools and to walk to the school from their cars. If you cannot find a space in the car park, you can park in surrounding roads, so long as this is done considerately and without blocking neighbours' access to their driveways.

Uniform Expectations

We have noticed that many children are not in the required uniform footwear. Some girls are wearing boots and some of our boys are wearing colourful trainers. If your child is required to wear boots for medical reasons, please provide evidence to support this. Otherwise, girls should be in black school shoes. An all black school shoe should also be worn for boys.

Part of our role as a primary school is to prepare children for their next stage of education, high school. Most high schools that our children feed into have very strict uniform expectations and will send children home should they not be wearing the correct uniform. I would therefore encourage your child to get used to wearing the proper uniform now at primary school, which includes the wearing of correct shoes, before their next stage of education.

If you have any financial barriers to ensuring your child has the correct footwear, please come and speak to the office or a member of the pastoral team so we can signpost you to support.

Reading With Royalty

In celebration of their hard work and success in reading this year, some of our children got the opportunity to attend the Essex Year of Reading event at Colchester Library. This was such a wonderful day and we were extremely proud of our pupils who were commended on their exceptional behaviour and talents.

Fatima Jallow (Year 6) did us all proud by reading an extract from Alice in Wonderland alongside actors from The Mercury Theatre to Her Majesty the Queen Consort.

The Essex Year of Reading is a countywide campaign created to help children and young people discover a lifelong love of reading and ensure every Essex child can read at their age level or better. If you would like more information about this campaign please follow this link: [Essex Year of Reading - Essex County Council](#)



Competition Time

We have now got a bug hotel in Forest School!!! We are looking for a great name for the hotel. The competition is open to all pupils. Please see the form on Parentmail for your entry to be submitted. Closing date is Sunday 16th April 2023. We will announce the winner after the Easter holidays and there will be a prize!



U11 Football Fixtures and Results

Both our girls and boys football teams have had a busy month of fixtures. Both teams have played some amazing football, not only showcasing their own individual skills and talents but also how well they work in a team and support their peers. A big thank you to all the parents who have helped with transport, we really appreciate it!! Please see all the results below:

Girls U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Montgomery – 24th February 2023

Final Score: Braiswick 4 vs 2 Montgomery

Team: Amelia, Betsy, Darcey, Eleanor, Ella, Emma, Fatima, Jeire, Maya, Zara

Goals: Zara, Darcey x 2, Betsy

Girls U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Gosbecks – 3rd March 2023

Final Score: Gosbecks 0 vs 0 Braiswick

Team: Bethany, Darcey, Eleanor, Ella, Emma, Fatima, Jeire, Zara

Girls U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Friars Grove – 13th March 2023

Final Score: Friars Grove 2 vs 2 Braiswick

Team: Bethany, Betsy, Darcey, Eleanor, Ella, Emma, Fatima, Jeire, Zara

Goals: Darcey, Betsy

U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Kelvedon – 16th March 2023

Final Score: Braiswick 1 vs 2 Kelvedon

Team: Aydin, Davi, Frankie, Jake, Liam, Logan, Max, Oliver, Razvan, Santi

Goals: Liam

U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Friars Grove – 23rd March 2023

Final Score: Braiswick 3 vs 1 Friars Grove

Team: Aydin, Davi, Frankie, Ianis, Jake, Liam, Max, Oliver, Razvan, Santi

Goals: Oliver x 2, Davi



Early Years

WOW!!! What a term Early Years have had.... our topic this half term has been transport and people who help us.

We have had visits from a lot of different people. A police man and we were very lucky to be able to sit in his car, hear the siren and see the flashy lights. Leo's daddy brought in his police helmets for us to try on. We also had a visit from Rosie's daddy who works as a helicopter pilot in the army. Stefan's daddy makes model vehicles, and we had a visit from a doctor. We also tried very hard with our observational drawing of a old car and a new car. During science week we made parachutes from different materials to see which one was the best and tested out different ramps for the cars. We learnt that the bumpy ramp made the cars go slower!!



Forest School

We have had a lovely half term at Forest School with Year 1. We have had all kinds of weather, with snow, rain, wind and a bit of sun! The children have really enjoyed using the mud slide and the digging hole. They have taken part in lots of activities including making hedgehog homes and bird feeders, painting wooden discs and using tools such as saws and hammers.



Forest School Summer Term One (Week commencing Monday 17th April)

Woodpeckers—Tuesday

Robins—Wednesday

Your child will need to come into school on their allocated day wearing appropriate clothing for outdoor activities: long sleeve tops, high socks and long trousers. Please ensure your child also has wellies/walking boots and a waterproof coat. Wearing layers is important, so that your child is comfortable during Forest School and for the rest of the day. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied in the morning before school if needed.



Red Nose Day

It was so lovely to see so many children wearing red last Friday. There were so many fantastic clothes swaps and accessories, everyone looked amazing!!!

Braiswick Primary School raised an amazing



£220.30



NEW Summer 2023 dinner menu starting Week 1 on

Monday 17th April (menu attached)

Polite Reminder

Our EYFS team work hard to maintain an inspiring and well kept outside learning area as part of the children's curriculum. We kindly ask that at the beginning and the end of the day you do not allow your children to climb over the play equipment, ride the bikes, play in the construction area or use any of the equipment as this is causing additional damage and forcing us to replace items unnecessarily. Please support us in keeping this area in good condition. Many Thanks,
The EYFS Team

Primary Cross-Country Race Finals 2023—Wednesday 29th March 2023

Following on from the qualifiers on Thursday 17th November, we travelled to Garons Park, Southend for the cross-country finals event. The year 3 girls had qualified as a team, and Isla, year 4, and Eleanor, year 6, had qualified individually.

The results were as follows: -

GIRLS	GIRLS
Year 3	Year 4
Ronni – 2	Isla – 48
Kirsten – 7	
Daisy – 39	Year 6
Annabelle – 67	Eleanor – 23
Grace – 89	
Darcy-Rae – 98	
Team Total: 115— 3rd Place Overall	

The year 3 girls came 3rd overall as a team in the whole of Essex...a fantastic achievement!!! Only being 4 points behind the school that came second.

A great day of running, all the children should be really proud of the way they applied themselves and the effort given. Well done to all!!



Netball Tournament—Thursday 23rd March 2023

On the 23rd March 2023, nine of Braiswick's netball team attended a netball tournament at Whitehall Academy in Clacton. We played against four different schools: Alton Park, Holland Park, Lyons Hall and White Hall Academy.

It was our first tournament together and we played some amazing netball. We scored eight goals all together and although we did not win the tournament we are still very proud of our achievement and effort during the day.

By Fatima and Rosie



Year 3 & 4 Colchester-Blackwater Football Tournament—29th March 2023

On Thursday 10th November, Braiswick's year 4 football team took part in the annual tournament, our year 3's were out on a school trip so were unable to participate this time. We managed to finish overall in 5th place. In the group stages we won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. This put three teams on the same points so the final rankings went down to goal difference. We then went on to play Friar's Grove in the 5th/6th place playoff. The team played amazing football and should be so proud of their fantastic achievement for their first tournament together representing Braisiwick.

All players worked as a team, creating several chances for themselves and for each other. They defended well, making some great tackles and passed the ball forward creating numerous opportunities. Callum made some amazing saves, especially against Friars Grove, when it came to a 1v1 against their striker, who he denied a scoring opportunity for.

Player of the tournament goes to Max who worked amazingly hard in all games, attacking and defending across all areas of the pitch. He also scored some great goals, and put in some amazing and brave tackles. Well done Max!!

Special thank you to Mr Auty who came along as a spectator and ended up being the Braiswick referee!!!

Results

Braiswick 0 – 0 Tiptree Heath

Braiswick were the better team and deserved a win! POTM: Max

Braiswick 3 – 0 Unity

A great direct free kick which started the goals!! POTM: Byron

(Goals: Byron x 2, Hunter)

Braiswick 1 – 0 Camulous Academy

Great volley by Aryan, unlucky as a team not to score more!! POTM: Finn

(Goals: Aryan)

Braiswick 6 – 0 Chappel

Fantastic team effort!! POTM: William

(Goals: Max x 2, Aryan x 2, Charlie, William)

Braiswick 0 – 2 Stanway Fiveways

A game which could have gone either way!! POTM: Hunter

Braiswick 1 – 0 Friars Grove

A fantastic save to keep Braiswick In the game!! POTM: Callum

(Goals: Aryan)



Congratulations to William, Finn, Hunter, Callum, Hadi, Aryan, Charlie, Byron & Max

Junk Modelling Club

Next term we will be running a junk modelling club. We are asking for any washed junk modelling items to be brought into school; for example kitchen towel/toilet roll tubes, cereal boxes, milk cartons, egg boxes, plastic bottles etc, to help the children make their models. If any items you collect could be brought into school at the beginning of next term it would be much appreciated.



Diary Dates



17th April: First Day of Summer Term
18th April: Reception Stansted Aerozone Trip
18th April: Year 3 Life in Ancient Egypt Day
19th April: Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos
26th April: Year 5 Sutton Hoo Trip
27th April: Sparrows Class Assembly, 9am

Week Commencing 8th May: KS2 SAT's Week
Week Commencing 15th May: KS1 SAT's Week
16th May: Jays Class Beth Chatto Trip
17th May: Magpies Class Beth Chatto Trip
18th May: Oyster Catchers Class Assembly, 9am
25th May: Doves Class Assembly, 9am
29th May—2nd June: Half Term

5th June: Non Pupil Day
Week Commencing 6th June: Year 4 Times Table Check Week
10th June: FOBP Summer Fete, 11am-3pm
Week Commencing 12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Week Commencing 19th June: Healthy Living Week
21st June: Sports Day (including parent picnic lunch)
28th June: Reserve Sports Day

10th-14th July: Year 6 Residential
14th July: School Reports
17th July: Volunteer & Governor Tea Party
19th July: Performing Arts Festival
20th July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party
21st July: Last Day of Term