

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

Crazy dress up day was the perfect end to what has been a crazy term with numerous 4 day weeks, SATs, trips and opportunities for you to visit the school! Thanks to everyone who has participated today...you all look brilliantly crazy and have all given generously to support our Year 6 pupils.

Thank you to our families for coming in this week for our Art Exhibition and Behaviour & Wellbeing afternoon. On Monday representatives from RAMA, the charity we were supporting, were able to visit and were so impressed with the children's artwork they have requested to have copies to furnish their new offices!

Our final half term will be no less crazy with Sports Day, Performing Arts Day and Transition Days but these are the events that we all love and remember from our school days and also play a part in contributing to the educational vision we have for our pupils. Thank you for all your entries to our slogan competition—I look forward to reviewing them over half-term and wish you all a sunshiny, fun-filled and restful break! See you all again on Tuesday 6th June.

Polite Reminders

- We have had concerns from residents about illegal parking outside the school grounds making it difficult and unsafe for pedestrians and cars. We are fortunate to have a drop off zone at school but, now our numbers are larger, we ask parents to drive on to the school drop off area rather than park in the neighbouring roads as much as possible. We would also ask that parents follow our parking code: park with care, consideration and caution and be tolerant and patient with other drivers.
- We would be very grateful if families would consider walking to school as this has many benefits for the environment, the children's health and our relationships with our neighbours and it is often quicker and less stressful than dropping off by car.
- Please ensure you use the zebra crossing and do not cross in between parked cars.

Well Done Year 6!!!

Our Year 6 pupils have really shown such determination and resilience during the Year 6 statutory assessment week (SATs).

The children have approached each day with both a smile and an excellent attitude. They have all worked extremely hard and we know that they have all tried their absolute best, which is all we ask of them.

We started each day with SATs breakfast and have managed to get through a very large number of boxes of cereal and loaves of bread! However, having breakfast together as a group has really helped the children to start the day in a positive frame of mind.

Huge thanks the Year 6 team and all of the staff who have helped this week and well done Year 6!



Sutton Hoo Trip—Wednesday 26th April 2023

On Wednesday 26th April 2023, Year 5 embarked on an amazing adventure to Sutton Hoo, an ancient Anglo-Saxon burial ground which is located near to Woodbridge in Suffolk. The trip was to allow the children to experience for themselves what the burial grounds looked like and to inspire the unit of learning on the Anglo-Saxons.

Omoiyeni reports: We were taken to the Exhibition Explorers. In the museum section there were multiples of artefacts and other fascinating things to discover around the museum. There was a seven minute movie about the Gods and the dead king. We took it in turns to travel across the exhibition and we wrote and drew our favourite and entertaining artefacts which we liked the most, these included shields, helmets and outfits. All of us got to try the helmets and outfits to experience what they were wearing. My favourite bit was the shield that was mainly important for protection and courage. Our next activity was the Mount Tour. We sat on benches so the volunteer could explain to us about the mounds in Sutton Hoo. We were walking while she explained about the burial mounds, and about the grave robbers. Two of my friends got to pulled at the thick rope to reveal a grave. Cement had been poured into the grave to show how the bodies had been left. After lunch, we then went to the huge outside area of the Tranmer House. Each group was given a sand tray and we got to dig like archaeologists and find missing pieces. We put some pieces together and noticed that it made a jar. It was a great trip and experience for the whole of year 5. My favourite part was visiting the terrific mounds. I loved learning more about the burial grounds. I had an amazing trip and would love to go back again.



Competition Time

We have had so many excellent entries for the competition to name our bug hotel! It was so difficult to choose a winner. We looked through all of the names and decided that our bug hotel will be called...

Bumble B'n'B

Congratulations to Mia in Year 1

Mia has received a bug hunting kit as her prize.



U11 Football (League Fixture) vs North Primary – 5th May 2023

On Friday 5th May, Braiswick played their final league fixture against North Primary. Braiswick dominated the game from the start, with North struggling to gain possession. Braiswick played fantastic football, there was some great passing sequences which lead to brilliant goals from a number of the players. The team spirit was high and positivity between the players was superb. Overall they should be very proud of themselves for their team performance.

Final Score:

Braiswick 5 vs 0 North Primary

Team:

Logan, Davi, Santi, Frankie, Oliver, Aydin, Max, Jake, Liam & Razvan

Goals:

Oliver x 2, Liam, Razvan, Davi



U11 Netball (League Fixture) vs Friars Grove – 17th May 2023

On Wednesday 17th May, seven children from the netball team competed against Friars Grove. They played amazing netball and had control of the court throughout the whole game. They played High 5 netball and all players rotated the following positions; Goal Shooter, Goal Attack, Centre, Goal Defence and Goal Keeper. Every player should be very proud of their performance!!

Final Score: Braiswick 14 vs 0 Friars Grove

Team: Poppy, Fatima, Zara, Maya H, Eleanor, Bethany & Rosie

Goals: Fatima x 5, Maya x 3, Bethany x 2, Rosie x 2, Poppy, Zara



Forest School

We are having a great half term with Year 2 at Forest School. The children did an excellent job of working in teams when building dens. They have been learning how to use tools, such as saws, loppers and hammers, and doing whittling using potato peelers. They have made bird feeders, which the birds really enjoyed. We celebrated the coronation by making crowns using natural materials.



Forest School Summer Term Two (Week commencing Monday 5th June)

Larks—Tuesday

Linnets—Wednesday

Your child will need to come into school on their allotted day wearing appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, remembering that the children will get muddy. Even though the weather is getting warmer, they will still need long trousers and long-sleeve tops. If your child is in the morning group, please apply suncream before school. If your child is in the afternoon group please send in suncream that they can apply themselves. We are not allowed to apply suncream to your child. Please do not use Nivea Sun protect and care products as these contain almond oil due to children in school who have severe nut allergies.

Year 6 Rounders Tournament — Thursday 25th May 2023

On Thursday 25th May, eight pupils from Year 6 travelled to Monkwick to take part in the annual trust rounders competition. There were six schools invited; Braiswick, Whitehall Academy, Alton Park, Holland Park, Monkwick and Lyons Hall. The schools were split into two groups of three schools with each school playing two matches and the winner of each group competing in the final.

Group One

Braiswick 16 1/2 V 2 Whitehall

Braiswick 2 1/2 v 4 1/2 Holland Park

Unfortunately, we did not make the final but the team played amazingly considering this was their first ever rounders tournament.

Player of the tournament goes to Oliver who was not only outstanding at batting, but his performance on first base was impeccable. Well done Oliver!!!



Well done to Razvan, Oliver, Jeire, Liam, Max, Jake, Santi and Eleanor!!!

Blue Peter Badges

In the spring term, Year 6 wrote newspaper reports linked to climate change for our topic: You're Never Too Small to Make a Difference. The children worked hard to include catchy headlines, direct and reported speech, appropriate pictures and captions as well as topical information about an extreme weather news story. We then sent these amazing pieces of writing off to Blue Peter so the children could earn a green badge, whereby you can send in a piece of work with an environmental or conservational theme. As well as this, the children had to answer super-sustainability questions to tell Blue Peter how they protect the environment and why being green is important to them. We are pleased to report that the badges are starting to arrive!



Well done Year 6!

Year 1/2 Fun Run — Colchester Blackwater School Sport Partnership (CBSSP)

On Thursday 25th May, Braiswick made the short trip to Northern Gateway for the Year 1/2 Fun Run. With excitement abound, the children were nervous but ready for the challenge ahead. With both year groups spilt into both boys and girl's races, the school travelled with 40 children in total. In each race approximately 90 runners took part across 11 schools.

It was a fantastic afternoon of running and the children should be really proud of the way they applied themselves and the effort given. Well done to all!!

An extra special congratulations to our runners who finished in the top 15 places:

Year 1 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 2 Girls
Ava Street—3rd	Freddie Smith—1st	Tilly Charlton—4th
Oceane Chagrot—5th	Teddy Clayton—8th	Riya Pooroosutton—5th
	Basil Rezk—14th	Rebecca Stirbu—7th

And a massive well done to Freddie Smith who finished 1st in the year 2 boys, a great achievement!!!



Crazy Dress Up Day — Friday 26th May 2023

What a great way to finish the end of the first half of Summer term!!! Everyone looked amazing and there were some very crazy costumes!!! Please see below our winners who have been presented with their prizes today!!

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Puffins	Arya	Rosa-Louise	Mabel
Kingfishers	Amarisa	Harper	Max
Jays	Mason	Darcy	Jesse
Magpies	James	Eloise	Mollie
Woodpeckers	Tehani	Arthur	Lucas
Robins	Maggie	Diego	Chloe
Doves	Ori	Itsuki	Connor
Oyster Catchers	Cormac	Katie	Alankrit
Wagtails	Oliver	Rose	Edward
Sparrows	William	Jessica	Axel
Larks	Lily	Mia	Esmae
Linnets	James	Millie D	Miguel
Kestrels	Tiegan	Imogen	Liam
Swans	Kora	Bethany	Alfie
Nightingales	Sree	Doug	Lewis



Diary Dates

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

19th June: Year 1 Jays Beth Chatto Trip

21st June: Sports Day (including parent picnic lunch)

26th June: Reserve Sports Day

27th June: Reception-Year 5 Class Move Up Afternoon

28th June: Reception-Year 5 Class Move Up Morning

28th June: September 2023 EYFS Stay & Play

29th June: September 2023 EYFS Stay & Play

3rd July: Year 1 Magpies Beth Chatto Trip

4th July: Year 2 Fingringhoe Wick Trip

5th July: September 2023 EYFS Induction Evening, 6pm

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

Baseball Caps

Braiswick Baseball caps are for sale at the School Office. Due to a price increase with our supplier, these are now £8.00. Please bring in the correct money in a named envelope.

Please, please, please...

Please clearly name all your child's belongings including jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts. It is so difficult to ascertain the owner of an item of clothing when it is not clearly named. It is understandable that parents become frustrated when items are lost but without a name it is unlikely to be returned to the owner.

FOBP School Disco!!

The children had an amazing time at the FOBP discos. Very many thanks to the FOBP Team, DJ Smith and DJ Gilbert and all of the volunteers who helped to make the discos such a success.



Thank you so much for your cardboard donations over the past few weeks. We now have enough to build a miniature school!!

Can you help us to collect some designer's treasure?

Our DT room needs some creative supplies and by recycling you can help us.

We need:



School Dinner Money

Please remember that it is very important to pay for school meals in advance.

Unfortunately we have an increasing number of dinner money accounts which remain unpaid despite reminders being sent.

The current cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day, payments can be online via Parentmail or cash at the School Office. You are able to check the balance of your account at any time on Parentmail, and we will send out weekly reminders for any accounts with an outstanding balance.

If your child is going to be late, or has a medical appointment, please could you provide their lunch

School Dinners