

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

How are we already at the end of the first half-term? What a busy one it has been that has seen some wonderful learning experiences in classes and many visitors coming into school to learn more about the Braiswick family. This month the staff have received training, along with our Trust colleagues from Lyons Hall and White Hall, from Andrew Moffat an Assistant Headteacher in Birmingham and founder of No Outsiders. His approach uses story books and everyday news stories to promote diversity and acceptance of difference using the tag line, 'All Different, All Welcome' which is a sentiment that is very much at the heart of our inclusive Braiswick vision. Please look out for upcoming dates from us giving you the opportunity to see the books we will be using with the children.

We have also been visited by our Headteacher colleagues from the local Colchester Consortium of schools who supported us with a peer review which is an opportunity to review the quality of our teaching and learning. In their report they wrote, 'Children are your most powerful advocates. They believe Braiswick is an inclusive school, outward looking and welcoming to new pupils and their families. They articulate clearly the many ways that teachers and LSAs enable all pupils to succeed—pointing out that the personalised support does not just help children who need additional help but also helps children extend their learning.' I couldn't feel more proud of the hard work of both our staff and our pupils who are so committed to making the most of all learning opportunities!

Wishing you all a restful half-term and looking forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 1st November!

School Dinners

NEW Winter 2023 dinner menu starting Week 1 on

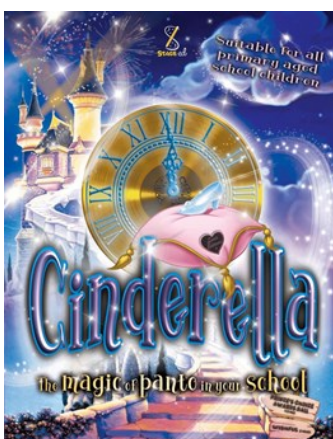
Wednesday 1st November (menu attached)

Panto Visit

We have some very exciting news!!

On Monday 11th December, we have arranged for a Pantomime Company to visit and perform 'Cinderella' for all the children in school. (Oh yes we have!!)

This is a wonderful experience for all the children, big thank you to FOBP for funding this event.



Year 6 Secondary School

Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, please remember that online applications for a Year 7 place for September 2024 are now open. Further details can be found at

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

All applications must be made by the closing date of 31st October 2023

Colchester-Blackwater Girls Football Tournament—Thursday 5th October 2023

On Thursday 5th October, Braiswick's girls football team took part in a 7 a-side tournament playing 9 matches. There were 16 schools taking part and the school were split into four groups of four. They came second in their group, with a win, a draw and a loss. This then placed them into the second round ready to compete for placement. Again, they won one, drew one and lost one! This placed them 6th overall, out of 16 schools. A fantastic achievement for their first tournament as a team.

The team played some fantastic football in all of their matches, using what we have practiced at training on Wednesdays. There was some fantastic team work, from goal keeper all the way up to the strikers. The defenders worked hard in every game, playing the ball back up the pitch for the attackers to convert.

There was a great team spirit and positivity between the players throughout the morning. Overall they should be very proud of themselves for their team performances and how they represented the school.

Mr Hayter

Results:

Braiswick 0 – 4 Kelvedon

Fantastic team work on display!

Braiswick 0 – 0 Copford

Betsy had a shot on target, which was stopped by the keeper!

Braiswick 3 – 1 Boxted (Goals: Darcey x 2, Betsy)

Amazing team work, and three great goals!

Braiswick 0 – 0 Montgomery

Great defending and team work from all players!

Braiswick 0 – 1 St Teresas

Brilliant tackling from Lama, Betty & Anya, plus shots on target!

Braiswick 1—0 Great Totham (Goals: Darcey)

A goal straight from kick off, plus amazing defending again!



Well done to Darcey, Betty, Maya, Anya, Betsy, Daisy, Darcy-Rae, Lily, Dolcie & Lama

Bootcamp Games—Friday 13th October 2023

On Friday 13th October, six children from KS1 and five from KS2 competed in the Colchester Consortium Bootcamp Games. There were four activities; a rock, paper, scissors games, using a tyre and a cone; minefield, where one person had their eyes shut and another had to navigate them across the field without touching any objects; a rope with a kettle bell attached which had to be pulled across the field; army crawl relay, where 12 cones had to be collected and returned to base. The last two activities were timed against other schools. All the children performed brilliantly, along side the rain and the mud!! We are super proud of them all!!

The KS1 team finished 3rd out of 8 schools—a fantastic achievement!! Well done to Noah, Louis, Lucy, Parker Daniel & Ava!!

The KS2 team finished 4th out of 6 schools—great work team!! Well done to Jadun, Finlay, Albert, Lucy & Lennox!!



Year 5 & 6 Colchester-Blackwater Dodgeball Tournament—17th October 2023

On Tuesday 17th October, 10 pupils from Years 5 & 6 travelled to Colchester Leisure World to take part in a dodgeball tournament. There were 16 schools in total competing. Each match consisted of three, two minute, games and the win was determined by how many players were left on the court at the end of those minutes.

Braiswick finished 5th overall, which is a fantastic achievement!!!



Well done to Anya, Maya, Karter, Miguel, Ianis, Darcey, Finn, Hunter, Oliver & Kosi

Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies and poppy accessories for Remembrance Day from Wednesday 1st November. These will be sold in the main reception area between 8.30am-8.50am and at break and lunchtimes from the main office. If your child would like to purchase any products please send them in with their donations following the price list below. Many thanks for your support.

PIN ON POPPIES – 50P

POPPY ZIPPERS – 50P

PLASTIC POPPY KEYRINGS - £1

RUBBER WRIST BANDS - £1

SNAP BANDS - £2



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.

Please, please, please...

Please clearly name all your child's belongings particularly jumpers, cardigans and coats. 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. Our lost property wardrobe is already full with un-named items.

EYFS Parent Tours (September 2024 Entry)

We are holding parent tours for our prospective Reception 2024 parents on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th November, 9:30am

Monday 13th November, 1:30pm

Friday 24th November, 9.30am

Tuesday 28th November, 1.30pm

Please call the school on 01206 841951, or email admin@braiswickprimary.org.uk, or pop into the office to book your place.

Forest School

We have had a great half term with Year 6 at Forest school. For the last two weeks we have been having fires. The children have been learning to light a fire using a flint and steel. They have done really well at this, working in small groups. On their last session we cooked marshmallows and had s'mores and hot chocolate.



Forest School Autumn Term Two (Week commencing Monday 30th October)

Oyster Catchers—Tuesday

Doves—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. A hat and gloves will also be needed as the weather gets colder. Wearing layers is important, so that your child is comfortable during Forest School and for the rest of the day.

Foodbank Donations

A massive thank you to all of you who donated to Colchester Foodbank. The response was extraordinary. It was lovely to see so many pupils and parents bringing in donations. Please see below the message from Colchester Foodbank...

We are extremely grateful for your amazing and generous
Harvest 2023 donation
Of 124 kgs

This will make a **BIG** difference to local individuals, children and families who face food and financial crisis at this time and will be of great help in the forthcoming months.



Diary Dates



23rd—27th October: Half Term

30th October: Non Pupil Day

31st October: Non Pupil Day

2nd November: Woodpeckers Class Assembly, 9am

2nd November: Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

7th November: Year 3-6 Cross Country (invite only)

7th November: Early Years September 2024 Entry Parent Tour, 9.30am

7th November: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 3.30pm-6pm

8th November: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 4.30pm-7pm

9th November: Swans Class Assembly, 9am

10th November: Remembrance Friday

Week Commencing 13th November: Anti Bullying Week

13th November: Early Years September 2024 Entry Parent Tour, 1.30pm

17th November: Children In Need

20th November: Year 2 Awesome Arctic Day

21st November: Year 3 & 4 Archery Competition (invite only)

23rd November: Nightingales Class Assembly, 9am

24th November: Early Years September 2024 Entry Parent Tour, 9.30am

25th November: FOBP Christmas Fayre, 11am-2pm

28th November: Early Years September 2024 Entry Parent Tour, 1.30pm

30th November: Year 5 & 6 'B' Team Football Tournament (invite only)

7th December: Sparrows Class Assembly, 9am

7th December: Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)

11th December: Whole School Christmas Panto—Cinderella

12th December: KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

13th December: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day

15th December: EYFS Nativity Performance to Families, 2pm

18th December: Early Years Height, Weight & Vision Check

20th December: Whole School Carols Round The Tree, 1pm (Outdoor Event)

20th December: Last Day of Term

4th January: Spring Term Starts

10th January: Year 4, 5 & 6 VR Day

11th January: Linnets Class Assembly, 9am

25th January: Jays Class Assembly, 9am

29th January: Young Voices Choir, O2

7th February: KS1 SAT's Meeting, 5pm-5.45pm

7th February: KS2 SAT's Meeting, 5.45pm-6.30pm

8th February: Magpies Class Assembly, 9am

15th February: Larks Class Assembly, 9am

19th—23rd February: Half Term