

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

I can hear the Christmas bells ringing already! Here we are ending another great month at Braiswick and looking to start the festive season with a bang with our fabulous Christmas Fayre tomorrow, hosted by the truly amazing Friends of Braiswick Primary. We extend our thanks to everyone who is helping out tomorrow and are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Our OPAL ambitions continue to benefit from your generosity at Friends of Braiswick events with the opening of the new reading shed and a generous donation towards welly storage for each class as we start the muddy season. They are also funding a pantomime company to visit the school with a production of Cinderella on Monday 11th December for all children to watch.

So this month I want to show my gratitude and extend my thanks both to the fabulous volunteers with Friends of Braiswick Primary and to all of you who so generously support these events that mean that we can provide our children with these brilliant opportunities!

Polite Reminders

- We ask that you do not bring dogs onto the school premises at all as, whilst they may be family pets, some children are frightened of them and dogs can also react to the large numbers of young children at the start and end of the school day. There is also a health and safety risk if dogs foul the areas.
- Please can all bikes and scooters be walked in once you are on the school premises. This is due to health and safety on school grounds.

Reception 2024 Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024, please remember that online applications for a Reception place are now open. Further details can be found at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

All applications must be made by the closing date of 15th January 2024



Children In Need

On Friday 17th November, we all had fun wearing something 'spotty or sporty' plus a bake sale, to raise money for Children in Need... everyone looked brilliant!!

**Thank you for your generous donations,
we have raised nearly £300!!**

Well done everyone!!

Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip—Thursday 2nd November 2023

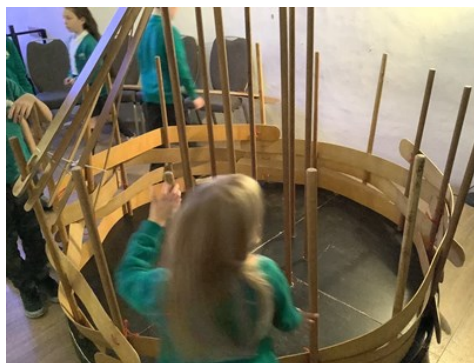
On Thursday 2nd November, year 4 took the coach to Colchester Castle. We got dropped off and went down to the vault with our guide called Martin. There was armour, swords, poetry and more! We also had a battle against the celts! We had to try and find a 2,000 year old piece of bread! We saw a miniature Temple of Claudius, pictures of how the castle was built.

Next, we had to explore. We got partnered up and put into groups. We explored the downstairs of the castle. We saw maps, pots, coins, coin moulds, pictures, paintings and lots of gold and silver, and maybe even some bronze! There were lots of screens around which you could click on and find out more information about what things were used for.

After lunch, we headed upstairs for more exploring! We saw the 2,000 year old piece of bread, round house (where you could dress up), skulls, bones, coins, a Roman toilet and there were also herbs which you could smell. We headed to the activity room where we had to build a Roman house and a round house. On our way to the activity room, we saw the Fenwick treasure! The hardest house was the round house, it had so much detail.

We had an extra hour, so we continued to explore upstairs. There was a horse/chariot racing room, Roman trading and stuffed animals! We saw animal heads and skulls. We got to try on clothes and armour. After our extra hour, we headed back to school.

By Katie Austin-Andrew



Primary Cross-Country Race 2023—Colchester Blackwater School Sport Partnership (CBSSP)

On Tuesday 7th November, Braiswick travelled to Northern Gateway for the regional cross-country event. With excitement abound, the children were nervous but ready for the challenge ahead. With each year group split into both boys and girl's races, the school travelled with 48 children in total (6 per team). The top four runners in each race counted towards the overall team score. In each race approximately 150 runners took part across 25 schools.

The results were as follows: -

BOYS	GIRLS
Year 3 Freddie – 6 Oscar – 9 Teddy – 26 Basil – 39 Shaun – 44 Abdulaziz – 64 Team Total: 80 — 4th Place Overall	Year 3 Rose – 7 Riya – 11 Rebecca – 19 Tilly – 33 Evelyn – 44 Jessica – 49 Team Total: 70 — 2nd Place Overall
Year 4 Angelo – 2 Henry – 4 Jimmy – 35 Mustaqim – 74 Georgiee – 78 Kwadwo – 95 Team Total: 115 — 5th Place Overall	Year 4 Ronni – 1 Kirsten – 2 Annabelle – 22 Daisy – 27 Grace – 56 Molly – 88 Team Total: 52 — 2nd Place Overall
Year 5 Byron – 16 Hunter – 47 Edward – 48 Aryan – 62 Matthew – 99 Charlie – 100 Team Total: 173 — 7th Place Overall	Year 5 Carlotta – 23 Lucy – 33 Emmalyn – 42 Amaya – 49 Layla – 61 Jadun – 89 Team Total: 147 — 5th Place Overall
Year 6 Aydin – 16 Logan – 69 Davi – 71 Miguel – 79 Ianis – 86 Ayush – 103 Team Total: 235 — 11th Place Overall	Year 6 Darcey – 11 Maya G – 31 Anya – 34 Omoyeni – 51 Maya H – DNF Makayla – DNF Team Total: 127 — 5th Place Overall

Unfortunately, due to injury, two year 6 girls were unable to finish. All the children should be really proud of the way they applied themselves and the effort given, a fantastic morning of running!! Well done to all!!



Choir & Rock Band Trip—Cliff's Pavilion

The children from the school choir and rock band had an absolutely incredible experience with Beverley Knight at Cliffs Pavilion in Southend on Monday. They were lucky enough to have a tour of the huge venue, luxurious tour bus and snazzy stage! There was even specially prepared catering put on for the children to enjoy. Our visit was topped off by joining Beverley Knight on stage to sing one of her new songs. After this we sat in the audience to watch a couple of Beverley's songs as part of a VIP performance - it was amazing! The children were so excited and inspired by the experience.



Netball Team

On Thursday 9th November, members of the netball team played their first friendly against Lexden Primary. 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!!

Well done to Lily, Abbie, Maya, Olivia, Poppy, Miguel, Carlotta, Luisa & Karter

Braiswick 5 V 1 Lexden Primary (Karter x 3, Lily x 2)



On Monday 20th November, we had our very first match this season against Montgomery Primary School, unfortunately it was a win for Montgomery but we were so proud of all of our players who worked so well as a team. The teams confidence grew during the game and they listened to feedback given and developed their performance.

Every player demonstrated all aspects of the learning acronym and took a growth mindset in the game.

Well done to Miguel, Maya, Sofia, Carlotta, Amelia, Rhys & Oliver

Braiswick 1 V 6 Montgomery (Miguel)

Diary Dates



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)

6th December: Choir Performance—Peter and the Wolf, Charter Hall, 6.30pm

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

25th January: Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)

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

15th February: Year 6 Height & Weight Check

19th—23rd February: Half Term

7th March: World Book Day

13th March: Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament (invite only)

15th March: Red Nose Day

20th March: Year 1 Exotic Explorers Visit

21st March: Wagtails Class Assembly, 9am

26th March: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 4.30pm-7pm

27th March: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 3.30pm-6pm

28th March: Last Day of Term