

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

Let me be the last to say 'Happy New Year'! But January certainly hasn't been blue with the wonderful learning that has happened so far this term. Not only have our children got to grips with new topics to learn about such as rocks, space and climate change but they have also had a wealth of broader experiences with our year 5 and 6 pupils enjoying learning how to ride a bike safely with the Bikeability instructors and our year 3 and 5 children attending swimming lessons. During all learning, our children as ever show their positive learning behaviours through having a growth mindset when learning is a challenge, choosing to engage deeply with their learning and being resourceful using a range of strategies from their learning toolkit and manipulatives from the classroom. I would like to thank you for supporting your children in having positive and committed attitudes to both school and learning which is reflected in our current attendance rate of 96.2%, which according to our School Attendance Officer, is one of the highest in the area. Given that attendance is a huge government focus at the minute, I am incredibly proud that our children enjoy being part of the Braiswick family and enjoy being here!

Parking

Following concerns from parents and staff, please can you ensure that you stop at the crossing to allow pupils to cross safely. If you are parking near to the crossing, please ensure you are not overhanging the lines and leave enough space for people to pass carefully. We have also noticed an increase in parents using the staff car park in the mornings and afternoons, can we please ask that you refrain from using this and you park considerately in the allocated parent bays.

Please only park in the disabled bays if you have your blue badge displayed correctly.

Please also be reminded that the gates close at 8.50am and pupils arriving after this time will then be registered as late. Please ensure that you drop your children off with ample time to enter the school building.

FOBP Bag 2 School

Thank you for all the donations, we have raised 320kg which relates to approximately:

£160.00



Please, please, please...

Please clearly name all your child's belongings particularly coats, 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.

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.

Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics—25th January 2024

On Thursday 25th January, 17 children, 9 boys and 8 girls, from years 5 and 6 attended a Sportshall Athletics competition at Colchester Leisure World against 8 other schools. The children represented the school in a number of track and field events.

Unfortunately, the organisers of the competition were unable to give us the exact results for the field events. Please see the track results below for each year:

	BOYS	RESULT	GIRLS	RESULT
Obstacle Relay	Davi, Frankie, Charlie & Byron	4 th	Anya, Betsy, Lucy, Emmalyn	2 nd
1+1 Lap Relay	Ianis & Hunter	4 th	Omoyeni & Carlotta	4 th
2+2 Lap Relay	Zachary & Aryan	4 th	Jadun & Maya	1 st
6 Lap Paarlauf	Davi & Logan	3 rd	Jadun & Lucy	3 rd
Over/Under Relay	Frankie, Zachary, Charlie & Byron	3 rd	Maya, Anya, Emmalyn & Carlotta	1 st
4x1 Lap Relay	Ianis, Logan, Hunter & Aryan	2 nd	Jadun, Maya, Omoyeni & Betsy	2 nd

Overall, for the morning session, we came 6th place. The children represented the school brilliantly and behaved fantastically; putting 100% effort into each event they were asked to participant in. Well done to all!!

Special mention to Mr Hayter who took part in the teacher soft javelin event and came 1st place!!! Beating all other 8 teachers, apparently, it's not about your height, it's about your technique!!! Well done Mr Hayter!!!



Congratulations to Omoyeni, Maya, Davi, Frankie, Zachary, Lucy, Jadun, Emmalyn,
Anya, Betsy, Ianis, Hunter, Logan, Carlotta, Aryan, Byron & Charlie

Essex Music Services

We have a couple of spaces for Guitar, Flute, Violin or Oboe lessons to commence from February half term, please follow the online link below:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1221#/courselist/25>



Year 4, 5 & 6 VR Day—Wednesday 10th January

On Wednesday 10th January, Years 4, 5 & 6 got the opportunity of a lifetime to dive deeper into their topics with a Virtual Reality workshop hosted by PrimeVR. As year 6's topic was 'Climate Change', we had a chance to view the truth about what we are doing to our planet. During this experience, we got to learn about many endangered animals and their habitats. For example, one of the facts was all about the orangutangs. In the last 100 years. The population of orangutangs in Borneo reduced from 230,000 to just 100,000. Overall, this special day opened our eyes to the damage we have caused. We cannot even begin to imagine what it would be like to live the life of one of these animals. We are all so grateful for the fantastic time we had with PrimeVR and we hope all the other year groups enjoyed it too!!

By Elsie & Scarlett



Forest School

We are having a great half term with Year 4 at Forest school. It has been very cold, so we have been well wrapped up and have kept moving. We have played games such as 'Forest fire' and 'Eagle eye'. We have made dens, learnt some knots and made feeders for the birds. We are adding to our bug hotel as well.



Diary Dates



29th January: Young Voices Choir, O2

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

8th February: Magpies Class Assembly, 9am

9th February: Sponsored 'Walk and Talk'

15th February: Larks Class Assembly, 9am

15th February: Year 6 Height & Weight Check

19th—23rd February: Half Term

27th February: Early Years Stansted Aerozone Trip

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

15th April: Summer Term Starts

15th April: Year 1 Jays Class Beth Chatto Trip

17th April: Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos

22nd April: Year 1 Magpies Class Beth Chatto Trip

23rd April: Aspirations Day

24th April: Year 5 Sutton Hoo Trip

25th April: Doves Class Assembly, 9am

9th May: Oyster Catchers Class Assembly, 9am

13th May: KS2 SAT's Week

Week Commencing 20th May: Wellness Week

23rd May: Robins Class Assembly, 9am

24th May: Sports Day

27th-31st May: Half Term

Week Commencing 3rd June: Year 4 Times Tables Check Week

3rd June: Non Pupil Day

7th June: Reserve Sports Day

Week Commencing 10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

15th June: FOBP Summer Fete

12th July: School Reports

17th July: Performing Arts Festival

22nd July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party

23rd July: Last Day of Term