

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

Can we trust that today's sunshine is heralding the start of Spring? It hasn't felt very Spring-like as yet, but we continue to be ever hopeful! As we choose our attitude here at Braiswick, we haven't let the weather stop us from enjoying our learning and fortunately most of our more recent school visits have enjoyed some sunshine in both Walton and Sutton Hoo! We also had the most amazing time during our Aspirations Day where we were fortunate enough to welcome a variety of guest speakers to talk to our children about their careers, including a bounceability rebound therapist, a career coach and a team member from Transport for London. All of our visitors were incredibly impressed with our children's inquisitive questions and genuine interest in their roles. One visitor commented, "Your children are just absolutely wonderful, they are all so well mannered, fun, enquiring and friendly, we can imagine you are hugely proud of them!" And they are absolutely right, we are incredibly proud that they are part of the Braiswick family and feel privileged to be providing them with opportunities to reflect on their aspirations for the future. We look forward to more aspirational learning opportunities this half term and remind you to keep track of those diary dates for all the experiences you can join in with too!

Baseball Caps

Braiswick Baseball caps are for sale at the School Office for £8.00.

Please bring in the correct money in a named envelope.

Photo Proofs

Your child has brought home their class and year 6 leavers photo proofs this week. Please ensure all orders are made online by Wednesday 1st May to qualify for free delivery to school.



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.
- 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. 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.

Year 1 Beth Chatto Trip

On Monday 15th April and Monday 22nd April, Jays and Magpies enjoyed their trips to Beth Chatto Gardens. The trip kicked off their new topic of 'Down at the bottom of the garden' and allowed them an opportunity to begin learning about plants and their seeds. During our trip the children learnt about seed dispersal, the creation of compost and about the special adaptations the plants in the garden have made to survive. The two classes experienced vastly different weather conditions on their own days (!), but still all had a brilliant time while there.



Sports Fixtures

Both our girls and boys football teams and our netball team have had fixtures this month. Both teams have played some amazing football and netball, 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 Heathlands – 16th April 2024

Final Score: Heathlands 6 vs 0 Braiswick

Team: Poppy, Daisy, Darcy-Rae, Maya G-S, Betsy, Lily

U11 Netball (League Fixture) vs St Johns Green – 16th April 2024

Final Score: Braiswick 1 vs 3 St Johns Green

Team: Edward, Anya, Lily, Dalida, Maya H, Carlotta, Luisa, Abbie

Goals: Anya

U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Kelvedon – 25th April 2024

Final Score: Braiswick 0 vs 4 Kelvedon

Team: Callum, Hunter, Miguel, Davi, Ianis, Zach, Aydin, Byron, Frankiee

Our 'B' Team netballers also competed in a tournament on Friday 19th April. We completed against five other schools, and we won one and lost four. Everyone played exceptionally well and we are all very proud of their efforts. For some of the players, it was their first competitive games. Well done!!!

Team: Olivia, Jessica, Lucy, Amelia, Oliver, Rhys , Edward

We have more sporting events happening next month, including netball fixtures, girls and boys football fixtures, year 1 & 2 football festival, year 1 & 2 fun run, all invite only, and we'll be ending the half term with sports day, including a parent picnic lunch. More information regarding sports day will be sent in due course.



Forest School

We are having a great half term with Year 2 at Forest School. We have been learning about trees and have planted some as well.

As Year 2 are learning about mini beasts we have been making bug houses and doing bug hunts.

We have also been learning games to play, as well as enjoying the swing, the mud kitchen and using the hammers.



Diary Dates

1st May: Year 1 & 2 Mixed Football Festival (invite only)

9th May: Oyster Catchers Class Assembly, 9am

13th May: KS2 SAT's Week

16th May: Year 1 & 2 Fun Run (invite only)

Week Commencing 20th May: Wellness Week

22nd May: Talent Show Finals, 5pm

23rd May: Year 2 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

4th June: Year 6 Rounders Tournament (invite only)

7th June: Reserve Sports Day

Week Commencing 10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

11th June: KS1 Multi Sports Event (invite only)

15th June: FOBP Summer Fete

25th June: September 2024 EYFS Stay & Play, 1pm-2.30pm

26th June: September 2024 EYFS Stay & Play, 9.30am-11am

2nd July: Year 3-6 Athletics Competition (invite only)

3rd July: Year 3 Egyptian Day

3rd July: September 2024 EYFS Induction Evening, 6pm

11th July: Year 1 & 2 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)

12th July: School Reports

17th July: Performing Arts Festival

18th July: Year 2 Fingringhoe Wick Trip

22nd July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party

23rd July: Last Day of Term

Please, please, please...

- Please ensure you regularly check Parentmail for emails and forms regarding your child. We need permission for your child to attend trips, plus their lunch orders, sporting events etc and we must receive these prior to the events happening. We are unable to chase all parents and we would not want a child to miss out.
- 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.
- 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 order for the day before 9am.