

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

How is it already June? I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of another school year! I am so very proud of the children this week during their transition sessions as they confidently met their new teachers and for some their new classmates for the next academic year. We also welcomed another 54 children to the Braiswick family and are preparing to say goodbye to our amazing year 6's who are currently working hard on their end of year production! We want children to not only be academically ready for the next phase of education but also emotionally ready, and it was clear from how settled and enthusiastic they were that they have the resilience and growth mindset to tackle the challenges of the next step. We have also been reflecting on their understanding of the protected characteristics after two terms of delivering the 'No Outsiders' programme in school and I am pleased to say that the children now have an excellent understanding of discrimination not only through their mature discussions about it but also in their day to day actions where they make all children feel welcome. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Shepherd family for the beautiful art work they presented as a gift to the school to represent our 'No Outsiders' ethos. You can view this art work in the school foyer. It perfectly encapsulates the Braiswick family - thank you so much!

Diary Dates

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

19th July: Year 6 Leavers Party

22nd July: Year 6 Production

23rd July: Last Day of Term

3rd September: First day of Autumn Term

Term Time Holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time the absences are coded as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The policy for term time holidays is changing over the Summer holidays, please keep a look out on our website for the updated policy ready for the new academic year.

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.

No Outsiders



We Are All Different

Bullying and discrimination is often the result when children are perceived as different from their peers. Unwritten rules—norms—state how you should look, act and think in order to fit into a group. In collaboration with the non-profit children's rights organization Friends, we have illustrated a new painting—We Are All Different. This painting helps children realise, from an early age, that we are all different from each other, but nonetheless of equal worth. We want this painting to inspire and enable children and adults to recognise, turn upside down, challenge and above all, change the norms that are the reason for discrimination and bullying. We are all creators of these—then we actually have the possibility to change them. Together with our children, let us create a new norm that states; **We Are All Different!**

Year 6 Rounders Tournament—Tuesday 4th June

On Tuesday 4th June, nine pupils from Year 6 travelled to Thurstable School to take part in the rounders tournament. Despite the weather conditions of wind and rain, the year 6 played fantastically well, considering this was their first tournament together.

Results

Braiswick 6 1/2 vs 8 1/2 Great Totham

Braiswick 7 vs 9 1/2 Unity

Braiswick 8 vs 8 1/2 Birch

Well done to Zeyin, James, Jayden, Anya, Betsy, Maya H, Alice, Hayden and Samridh!!!

KS1 Multi Sport Festival

On Tuesday 11th June, eight pupils from year 1 & 2 travelled to Queen Boudica primary school to take part in a multi sport festival. The children took part in the following activities: boccia, relay, obstacle course and parachute games; alongside six other schools. It was a fantastic morning of sport and the children should be really proud of the way they applied themselves and the effort given. Well done to all!!



Well done to Abdulraheem, Ellie, Amarisa, Naomi, Sophie, Daniel, Theo & Elliott!!!



Performing Arts Day—Wednesday 17th July 2024

After the success of the last two years, our third Performing Arts Day will be held on Wednesday 17th July. The children have been practising hard and look forward to sharing their performances with you. Please see below a rough outline of the morning.

9.10am: Families can enter via the side gate adjacent to the car park. We will have a programme available for you on the gate.

9.15am - 10.45am: Poetry and Music Performances from each year group. These will be performed in front of the hall facing out onto the playground as at previous events. Please bring a camping style chair for watching these performances. (We'll have some chairs available if needed!) We will again make a clear boundary so you know where to place your chairs.

10.45am - 11.00am: Break – children will return to their classrooms in preparation for their dance performances.

11.00am - 12.15pm: Dance Performances and Whole School Singing including a performance from our rock band! The children will perform in a performance space that is slightly more central on the playground. We will ask you to sit around this performance space once again. Again, we will make the boundaries clear so that you can place your chairs accordingly.

12.15am - 1pm: Family Picnic Lunch on the main playground and field. Please remember we are a 'no nuts' school. At lunchtime children will initially return back to class, and we then ask families collect their children from the same pick up points as on Sports Day, either their classrooms, the end of day collection point or for year 6, or the hall. A grab and go lunch will be available to all pupils this day.



Forest School

We are having a great half term with Year 5 at Forest School. We have had the opportunity to do pond dipping and have found lots of creatures living in our pond, including newts, tadpoles and dragonfly larvae. The children were very good at building dens in groups and they learnt some knots while doing this. Another activity we have done this half term is Nordic slinging. The children were able to make a friendship bracelet by "slinging" discs attached to wool to each other. This proved a very popular activity. Year 5 have all been enthusiastic about whittling sticks and learning to light a piece of cotton wool using a striker.

