

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

It's been a cold start to 2025 but the school has been warmly buzzing with excitement for our new topics... not to mention both pupils and staff having a 'hoot' with the owls who visited us last week! The space dome helped year 5 ignite their neurons of knowledge about the solar system, an immersive day including some cookery got year 2 feeling inquisitive about Japan, year 3 got resourceful on a rock hunt and there is nothing that the children in EYFS don't know about bears!

We also had an early science week here at Braiswick with the children completing a range of exciting experiments in mixed aged groups across the day. The children loved being practical but they were also really thoughtful investigators with some pupils who were investigating the speed/friction of a zip wire identifying that their zip wire needed more friction as they were making it accessible and inclusive and some children with disabilities or additional needs might need a slightly slower pace. They really brought the 'No Outsiders' ethos to their learning and were rewarded with a celebratory hot chocolate with me for making my day!

A massive thank you to Miss Keitch for arranging the science week activities and our brilliant owl experience and I hope families enjoy chatting with their children about their new learning!

Battery Recycling

The Eco Warrior Committee are delighted to be participating in the battery recycling scheme to help Braiswick achieve the Green Flag award. This is an award given to schools who are working to achieve a high level of sustainability. Please bring in any used batteries from home and place them in our recycling box situated in the foyer by the reception area.

Why recycle your batteries?



Benefits of recycling

- Helps to **reduce the amount of waste** sent to landfill each year
- Helps to **reduce the demand for raw metals** required each year and **preserve resources**
- Helps to **increase the UK's overall collection of household batteries**
- Helps to reduce the possible risks to the **environment and wildlife**

Types of batteries

- Lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries**
Mobile phones, laptops, hand-held electronics
- Alkaline and carbon zinc batteries**
Cameras, toys, watches, hand-held electronics
- Lead acid gel batteries**
Wheel chairs, portable tools, ride on electric toys
- Lithium (primary) batteries**
Pacemakers, remote car locks, cameras



Bird Feeders

If you have any bird feeders at home that you do not use, please can these be donated to the school.

Thank you!!



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.
- 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 considerably 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. Please ensure pupils are NOT on site before 8.30am.

Forest School

We are having a great half term at Forest School with Year 4. We have built dens, cooked apples over the fire and decorated stones. We have really enjoyed the mud slide and using the tools, such as the saw, potato peelers and hammers. We have played lots of games and learnt facts about birds, trees and animals.



Year 5/6 'B' Team Football Tournament—Wednesday 22nd January 2025

On Wednesday 22nd January, Braiswick's football team took part in a 7 a-side tournament. There were 8 schools taking part and the schools were split into two groups. They finished their group games with two wins, and a loss. This then placed them into the next group of games, which finished with one win, one draw and one loss! This placed the team third overall, narrowly beaten by Heathlands in 2nd place, and Camulos in 1st place.

The team played some fantastic football in all of their matches, using what we have been practicing 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 afternoon. Overall they should be very proud of themselves for their team performances and how they represented the school.

Mr Hayter

Results:

Group 1 Games

Braiswick 1 – 0 St Johns (Goals: Henry)

Braiswick 0 – 1 Kelvedon

Braiswick 2 – 0 St Andrews (Goals: Jimmy, Georgiee)

Group 2 Games

Braiswick 1 – 1 Camulos (Goals: Jimmy)

Braiswick 1 – 0 Kelvedon (Goals: Georgiee)

Braiswick 0 – 2 Heathlands



**Congratulations to Georgiee, Albert, Angelo, Henry, Jimmy, Holger, Bobby, Reuben
& Euan**

Diary Dates



4th February: Young Voices Choir @ The O2
5th February: Year 3 Walton Trip
5th February: Year 2 Wagamama Trip—Robins Class
6th February: Wagtails Class Assembly, 9am
6th February: Year 2 Wagamama Trip—Woodpeckers Class
10th February: Year 6 SATS Information Meeting, 3.15pm-4pm
13th February: Doves Class Assembly, 9am
14th February: OPAL Play Afternoon, 2.15pm-3pm
17th—21st February: Half Term
28th February: Year 6 Height & Weight Check

6th March: World Book Day
6th March: Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)
11th March: Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament (invite only)
12th March: Kestrels Class Assembly, 9am
14th March: Red Nose Day
18th March: Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament (invite only)
26th March: Class Photos including Year 6 Leavers Photos
26th March: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 4.30pm-7pm
27th March: Year 2 Assembly, 9am
27th March: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 3.30pm-6pm
31st March: Year 5 KNEX Day (further information to be sent)
1st April: Year 6 KNEX Day (further information to be sent)
3rd April: Year 5 & 6 'B' Team Netball Tournament (invite only)
3rd April: Early Years Hastys Farm Trip
4th April: Last Day of Term
22nd April: Summer Term Starts
24th April: Culture Day

1st May: Oyster Catchers Class Assembly, 9am
Week Commencing Monday 12th May: KS2 SAT's Week
Week Commencing Monday 19th May: Wellness Week
21st May: Sports Day including Parent Picnic Lunch
22nd May: Year 5 Henry Moore Studios Trip
26th—30th May: Half Term

2nd June: Non Pupil Day
Week Commencing Monday 2nd June: Year 4 Times Table Check Week
6th June: Year 1 Walton Trip
Week Commencing Monday 9th June: Phonics Screening Week
18th June: Year 3 Egyptian Day
30th June: KS2 Athletics @ The Garrison (invite only)

11th July: School Reports
16th July: Performing Arts Festival
21st July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party
22nd July: Last Day of Term

FOBP Diary Dates

28th February: Family Quiz

21st June: Summer Fete

4th July: School Disco

Please save the dates!!!

Further information for all events will be sent in due course.