

Newsletter 10th May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

This week our Year 2 children have completed their SATS (national standardised assessment tests) for reading, maths, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Next week, Year 6 will also complete their tests alongside all other Year 6 children nationally. The staff have all felt so proud of the way the children have approached these tests with confidence and positivity. We feel sure that the results will reflect their hard work over all of their time at Branfil.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing weekend

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Music Concert

Parents/carers and other family members enjoyed a special evening of music and singing on Tuesday 7 May when the choir, orchestra, brass band, pianists, guitarists and violinists all performed.

A big thank you to the children for such a great performance. Also thank you to all of the staff who teach and support the children with real passion.

A huge thank you to all of the audience for their kind donations following the concert. We raised £234 which will be used to fund some more chairs for future performances!

Staffing Updates

This term we are welcoming several new members of staff to our team; Mrs Cullender who will be teaching in 5 Alder next half term; Miss Oates who will be teaching computing to all children across the school; Miss Phillips and Miss Jacobs who are supporting a child in Reception; Mrs Cassidy who is joining our cleaning team.

Mrs Wilson, who works in the office, will be leaving us on 24 May after more than 25 years at Branfil. I know you will wish to join us in wishing her well. Any messages or donations for her leaving gift to the office please.

Values Based Education

This month our school value is Patience which, as we all know, is definitely a virtue. In our modern world, which runs at an incredible speed, sometimes it is important to remember that good things come to those who wait, and that being patient with others will help them as well as us.

So this month please be patient with each other and thank those who are patient with you.

‘Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.’

John Quincy Adams

Sponsored Spell

A very well done to all our children who have raised an amazing total of £1,198 so far! Special congratulations to Remi & Layla who between them raised £172! Thank you all for your continued support.

sQuid

Please ensure that you keep you sQuid account in credit. Any debts owed become the liability of the school and therefore we are unable to allow children to continue to have school meals if debts are not cleared.

School Closure

Please be aware that school will be closed for polling day on Thursday 23rd May 2019.

Year 3 and Year 4 Girls football festival

On Thursday 9th May some of the girls in year 3 and 4 represented Branfil at the Girls' Football Festival held at Playfootball in Romford. They were awarded a certificate for demonstrating respect throughout the whole day. The girls' confidence and skills developed as they played more matches and by the end of the day their passing had improved immensely. They all worked as a team throughout the competition, encouraging each other and demonstrating great sportsmanship. Well done to all the girls involved!



May Census Day Lunch – Superheroes Day

There is a special lunch for pupils on Thursday 16th May 2019. The menu is:

Pork Sausages with Curly fries
Sweet Chilli Chicken Pasta with Garlic Bread
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread

Mixed Salad
Baked Beans

Jam Doughnut

This lunch is part of our Spring School Census and our school funding is allocated based on the amount of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have a hot dinner on this day. If you could encourage your child to have this lunch it would be really beneficial to our school census numbers and help us get as much funding as we can! **Remember school lunches are free to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.**

Year 1 Sea life centre visit



On Thursday 2nd May, Year 1 visited Southend Sealife Adventure Aquarium. The children had a great day looking at and learning about different animals. A highlight for many of the children was having the opportunity to stroke a starfish. We would like to thank all the parents who were able to help us on the trip.

Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis visit to Cranston Tennis Club

Branfil took part in the Year 3 and 4 Mini Tennis competition at Cranston Park on Wednesday 1st May. They played



7 matches against other Havering schools during the afternoon. Their confidence throughout the day continued to grow and this was evident in the rallies that they were taking part in. They demonstrated great sportsmanship and all showed great enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. Great work to all!

Veggie Run Competition



In May Veggie Run celebrates its first birthday and Havering Catering Service are very proud that over the last 12 months our school dinners have helped to reduce lunch box

consumption by over 300,000 lunches.

To celebrate the occasion HES Catering Services has a range of competitions and prizes for pupils and schools this term, including:

- Free trips to Stubbers
- West Ham Soccer School vouchers
- Bikes
- West Ham United Stadium and Queen Elizabeth Park Tours



Recycling initiative from Eco Club

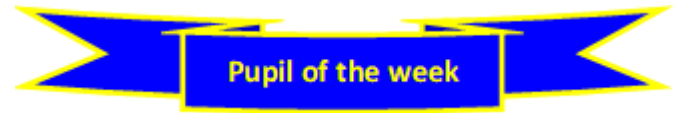
Ms Young from the PTA has kindly come in to work with the Eco Club to plant some tomatoes. The children enjoyed planting their seeds. Ms Young has been looking after the tomato plants and we have now potted these and they are looking forward to seeing how they grow. As the Eco Club have been enjoying planting we have also started growing cucumbers in school. We are looking forward to seeing how they grow too.



Our Eco Club have also entered a competition with Terracycle. As a school we are asking everyone to bring in their beauty packaging so that they can be recycled appropriately. As a school we can win £10,000 to



spend on new play equipment. The waste that the Terracycle are accepting is detailed below and can be deposited in the clearly labelled containers that will be in the playground each morning until the deadline on 14th June. Please see below for the types of packaging that can be recycled.



3rd May

Elizabeth C, Oliver C, Raphael D, Oliver L, Jack E, Dolcie R, Teddie C, , Jack C, Molly B, Lois M-Y, Morgan P, Leon C, Charlie F, Hazel S, Samuel W, Michael H, Jack M, Reggie S, Alice R, Brandon W, James S.

10th May

Ruby A, Niamh G, Brooke S, Leilah S, Vinny P,1P, all of 2B, Lydon C, Cezar O, Lexi Adams, Finley N, Amy M, Max H, Dean H, Isabella J, Chris G, Daniel W, Bobby W, Emily K ,Rhys J, Albie S.

Chance to win £5000 of book tokens for our school library

Visit National Book Tokens website for a chance to win a massive £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school. You'll also be in with a chance of taking home £100 of National Book Tokens just for you!

Please nominate our school at:
nationalbooktokens.com/schools



News from the PTA

For more information about the "friends" and our events, visit friends.branfil.com



Comedy Night Friday 17th May
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCELLENT EVENING OF LAUGHTER
 Unfortunately, thus far, ticket sales have been REALLY slow. It would be such a shame to have to cancel as it is a really good event. We will be serving beer, wine, prosecco, snacks and Dominos pizza from our licensed bar. We appreciate that childcare can be challenging but we promise you this is one of those events to book a babysitter, cash in a token with Nanny and Grandad or pack them off to a friend's.

LET'S GET BRANFIL LAUGHING WITH A SUPERB NIGHT OF SUPERB TV STAR COMEDIANS
TERRY ALDERTON **JAMES DOWDESWELL**

THE SUN COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR
 "Hisrahaire shapes andling comedy genius"
 THE SUN

STARLET JESSY GERRARD ENTERTAINMENT
AND TRICKLE TOWARDS ZERO
 "QUAKY WITH VERY VERY MERRY MERRY MERRY"

GARRETT MILLERICK **KATIE LANE**
 "KITCHEN DREAMS OF STAND UP" (THE THINGS)
 FUNNY WOMEN FINALIST


SHOW DATE: **FRIDAY 17th MAY**
 SHOW TIME: **6-9.30**
 STARTS: **7.15**
 VENUE: **Millfield Sports Ground, Essex**
 (Next to Millfield, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2LW)
 TICKETS: **10.95**

Tickets available at: friends.branfil.com
 All enquiries: friends@branfil.com

Or, why not arrange a group of other parents from your class? This would make a great social event for everyone to get to know each other. Please, please, PLEASE support the PTA. We are a small team who are always trying our best to raise money for our children's school through events for the kids and the grown-ups. This evening is the ideal opportunity to kick-back, have a laugh, have a drink and raise a bit of money along the way! Book online: friends.branfil.com



The 5p Challenge
 The challenge is still on! Bring in your 5ps to help us raise money for much needed toilet improvements. The class that collects the most money will win a prize - the competition is hotting up!!! The 5p collection bottles are in every classroom NOW!
Get collecting - GOOD LUCK!



Amazon Smile
 Make money for 'The Friends' just by shopping on Amazon. 0.5% of every qualifying transaction will be donated by Amazon directly to the PTA. Go to smile.amazon.co.uk for more information and to select "Branfil Primary School PTA" as your charity.



School uniform sale
 Every other Friday in the playground after school. Unwanted uniform and PE kit donations are gratefully received. Suzanne has a wide variety of stock for purchase. Anything you need, just ask!
 Next sales: 10/05... 24/05... 07/06... 21/06...



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Upcoming dates in the next fortnight

Mon 13 May – Thurs 16 May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 14 May	Year 5 Stubbers Activity Centre
Wednesday 15 May	Reception visit to Barleylands
Friday 17 May	PTA Comedy Night
Mon 20 May – Fri 24 May	Year 6 residential visit to Gilwell Park
Monday 20 May	New Intake (Reception Class September 2019) Meeting – 5pm-6pm (Main Hall)
Thursday 23 May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING DAY - European elections
Friday 24 May	School is open and finishes normal time for Half term holiday
Monday 3 June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 June	School reopens 8.40 – 8.50 am whole school

Year 6 leaver events

Monday 15 July	Yr 6 Leavers production for grandparents and young children – 1.30pm (Main Hall)
Wednesday 17 July	Yr 6 Leavers production – 6.30pm arrival for children and 7pm arrivals for adult (Main Hall)
Thursday 18 July	Yr 6 Leavers production – 6.30pm arrival for children and 7pm arrivals for adult (Main Hall)
Monday 22 July	Yr 6 PTA Leavers disco (Time TBC)
Tuesday 23 July	Mini market

INSET DAY for 2018/19 Term – 3rd June 2019

INSET Days for 2019/20 Term (agreed by Governors): 4th, 5th, 6th September 2019, 6th January 2020, 20th April 2020