

**Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dear parents and carers,

Your child will bring home their annual report today, including any end of key stage SATS results. The teachers spend many hours writing these so please spend some time reading it with your child, sharing their successes and discussing their targets for next year. We would then be grateful for your comments on the reply slip please.

With regards to SATS and data, I am delighted that we have achieved improved KS1 and KS2 results again this year and these place us well above the national average in all areas:

KS1 Results	Branfil	National (2018)
Reading	88%	75%
Writing	74%	70%
Maths	90%	76%
Combined	69%	65%

KS2 Results	Branfil	National (2018)
Reading	80%	75%
Writing	90%	78%
Maths	89%	75%
GPS	85%	78%
Combined	75%	65%

It is fantastic that the continued hard work of the children and staff is reflected in this data, especially since we have still ensured that our pupils experience a broad, rich, enhanced curriculum throughout their time at Branfil.

I hope you enjoy a relaxing, happy weekend.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

**PTA Summer Event**

I wanted to thank the Friends of Branfil for a fabulous community event last Friday. It was certainly enjoyed by many judging by the happy faces in the crowd. I was in awe of the transformation of the playground in such a short time after lunch. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and/or helped at it – you helped us to raise an amazing £3,000+ profit!

**Values Based Education**

As another school year draws to a close, our school value for the month of July could not be more pertinent. Co-operation is the glue that holds our school community together and it is a value which we are all required to show as we see out the final hectic few weeks of the school year. As a school, we rely on the cooperation and support of you, our parents, on an ongoing basis and the success of last week’s Summer Fayre led by the Friends of Branfil is another reminder of the amazing things we can achieve when we work together and co-operate.

So this month please remember:

Keep calm and co-operate

**Social Media**

Please stop and think before posting negative comments about the school on social media. We ask that instead you share your concerns with the school so they can be addressed. It is sad and unnecessary when posts cause upset to parents and staff. We ask that you work in partnership with us since we all want the very best for your child.

**New Classes and teachers for September 2019**

Current Fir Class – 1 Pine – Mrs McGovern  
Current Elm Class – 1 Willow – Miss Quinn (Yr Leader)  
Current Ash Class – 1 Lime – Mrs Parveen

Current 1 Lime – 2 Cedar – Miss Morriss  
Current 1 Willow – 2 Holly – Mrs Evans (Formally Miss Bateman)  
Current 1 Pine – 2 Beech – Mrs White (Yr Leader)

Current 2 Beech – 3 Oak – Miss Bessant (Yr Leader)  
Current 2 Cedar – 3 Maple – Mrs Campbell (Mon-Wed)  
/Mrs Brewis (Thurs-Fri)  
Current 2 Holly – 3 Hazel – Miss Tuck

Current 3 Oak – 4 Birch – Mrs Goodman (Mon-Thurs) (Yr Leader)/Mrs Harris (Fri)

Current 3 Maple – 4 Rowan – Miss MacKenzie  
Current 3 Hazel – 4 Larch – Miss Briton

Current 4 Larch – 5 Aspen – Miss Saker  
Current 4 Rowan – 5 Alder – Mr Roberts (Yr Leader)  
Current 4 Birch – 5 Hawthorn – Mrs Daly

Current 5 Hawthorn – 6 Acacia – Miss Philpot  
Current 5 Aspen – 6 Hornbeam – Miss Bain (Yr Leader)  
Current 5 Alder – 6 Chestnut - Mrs Cullender

### Piano Lessons

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Luck who has taught piano to children at the school since 1999! We have been very fortunate to have her teaching here for so long at Branfil. Piano lessons next year will be provided by Havering Music School. Leaflets are available from the office.

### Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their Sports Day on Friday 28th July at Hornchurch Stadium. The children took part in six events throughout the morning including the seated throw, standing long jump, obstacle course, sprint, javelin and five strides. All the children had been working very hard in their PE lessons to practice these skills and this was definitely evident. It was great to see the children working as teams and encouraging each other.

A big thank you to the children in year 6 who supported the smooth running of the event. The scores overall for the event were as follows: Belhus- 687 points, Pages- 609 points, Tylers- 792 points and Cely- 570 points. Congratulations to all the children in Tylers house as they are this year's KS1 winners. Well done to all the children for their efforts throughout the event.

### Year 1 Upminster Library Visit

Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting our local public library in Upminster. The children learned about the different



types of books in the library, how the library works and met a librarian. The librarian also introduced the children to 'Space Race' - this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Pop to your local library or go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to find out more. The children enjoyed exploring the different books and had the opportunity to take a book out on our class library card. Year 1 would like to say a big thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped us to walk safely in the sunshine to the library and back.

### Whole School Sponsored Dance

On Friday 5th July Branfil took part in a sponsored dance event on the upper playground. The children danced for an hour following an energetic routine led by a professional



dancer. We enjoyed a range of upbeat music from different cultures and had fun taking on the dance challenge. Both children and staff were feeling rather tired after the event but definitely enjoyed showing off their dance moves!



The total amount raised currently stands at £682.48p! Thank you for your support.

### Year 5 Tower Bridge Trip

On 27th and 28th July, Year 5 visited the 125 year old Tower Bridge in London as a conclusion to their learning about rivers in

Geography. While there, they learnt about why the bridge was built, how it opens and about the bus driver who jumped the widening gap in a double decker over 60 years ago! The children also caught a lift to the very top of the towers, looked out at the excellent views of the city and walked across the glass floor, looking down to the river and road below. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt lots about the history of the River Thames.



### Art Project with Gaynes School

Over the last four weeks, art teachers from Gaynes School have visited the year 5 classes to work on a project called 'My Dream House'. The pupils planned what would be in their dream house and were very creative with their ideas. They then used mixed media to create 3D models of these houses. The results were amazing and the finished products will be on display at Gaynes next year.



### 80s night

A massive thank you to all the amazing children who performed on the 11th July. The children sang a range of 80s songs, some of which they had only been learning a month! They were absolutely brilliant and sent the teachers and adults in the room home with massive smiles on their faces. Well done all, we are all so proud of you.

Miss Philpot, music leader

### Hair Accessories

Please ensure that any hair accessories worn by the children have no pom poms or metal ears. Any hairband must be plain white or blue and have no attachments.

### Medicines in School

Please ensure you do not send your child in with any medicines. These must be given directly to the office where you will be required to sign a form before they are given to your child. Medicines will also only be returned to an adult and so these must be collected from the office after school.

### Asthma Guidelines

Following guidelines from the School Nursing Team we have been advised to inform parents/carers that if your child is using their pump more than three times a week in school their parents/carers should arrange an appointment with their GP to review their asthma medication and use. We will still ensure your child has their asthma pump whenever they request it but please check book bags for school asthma slips.



**Pupil of the week**

**5<sup>th</sup> July**

Oliver B, Eliana L, Catherine , Billy B, Ryan S, Mazid O, Antonio F, Beatrice E, All of 3 Hazel, All of 3 Maple, Luke

**D, Nancy H, Edward W, Sophie C, Matthew FB, Thomas B, Phillip S, Sean H, Seb W, Adam B.**

**12<sup>th</sup> July**

Sunny O,ELM, Brooke S, Cara V, Mila P, Ryan E, Lois M, Aadit L, Caleb H, Megan B, Roxie L, Issa Z, Isla W, Jason W, Ashton B-M, Joshua Y-S, Leo F, William I, Lauren A, Evie D.

**Upcoming dates in the next fortnight**

Monday 15 July	Yr 6 Leavers production for grandparents and young children – 1.30pm (Main Hall)
Tuesday 16 July	Yr 4 trip to Rainham Marshes * <b>(CHANGE OF DATE)</b>
Wednesday 17 July	Branfil's Got Talent! (KS2)
Thursday 18 July	Branfil's Got Talent! (KS1)
Wednesday 17 July	Yr 6 Leavers production – 6.30pm arrival for children and 7pm arrivals for adult (Main Hall) – Entry with a program only.
Thursday 18 July	Yr 6 Leavers production – 6.30pm arrival for children and 7pm arrivals for adult (Main Hall) -- Entry with a program only.
Thursday 18 July	Reception and KS1 Lead Learner Assembly (Main Hall) – By invitation only
Friday 19 July	KS2 Lead Learner Assembly (Main Hall) – By invitation only
Monday 22 July	Children meeting new teachers for 19/20 academic year
Monday 22 July	Yr 6 PTA Leavers disco
Tuesday 23 July	Year 6 Mini market
<b>Wednesday 24 July</b>	<b>School finishes normal time for Summer holiday</b>

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

**FOR INFORMATION – The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please be aware when booking any long weekend away.**