

## Newsletter 13 July 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be able to tell you that our statutory test results for phonics in Y1, end of KS1 and end of KS2 show significant improvement, with increasing numbers of children working at greater depth (above national age related expectations). We have to wait until the results are validated before they can be published in detail but I wanted to acknowledge the great progress that our pupils have made this year. This is definitely as a result of the children's hard work, good learning behaviours and determination to challenge themselves. It is also undoubtedly due to the belief, shared by the staff and governors, that our pupils need to experience a broad, balanced curriculum supported by a wide variety of additional activities, trips and visitors. I am really proud of the success of our children – I hope you will be too when you read their annual reports today.

Mrs Sansom  
Headteacher

### Havering Junior Rotary Quiz

Our Y6 team of Tobechi, Oliver, Olivia and Dacia represented Branfil at the final of the Rotary quiz at Drapers Academy on 25<sup>th</sup> June. We drew with Gidea Park but unfortunately lost to them on the tiebreak. Well done to those children who took part.

### Poetry Competition

Kurtis, Y5 and Joe, Y4 represented Branfil at the poetry competition this year along with three other schools from Upminster. They had written their own poems based on the theme of 'Mischief' and performed them brilliantly to the judges and audience. Well done!

### Branfil Walks the World

Branfil have done it! As a school, we managed to achieve our goal of jogging and running a total distance of 24,902 miles. All the pupils put in so much effort to achieve this remarkable feat. Thank you for all the sponsorship and encouragement given; this has helped us to raise a total of £855. This money will go towards providing more resources for PE and outdoor learning that will improve learning at Branfil and make it even more fun!

### Values Based Education

#### **Unity**

**Unity is togetherness**

**Unity is collective strength and harmony**

**Unity is personal commitment**

**Our final value for this academic year is 'Unity'. As we reflect on our school year and the friends and teams we have worked with, we will learn the importance of harmony within our groups and among the group, how to accept and appreciate each other and staying with the task and team.**

### Maths Quiz

On Friday 6 July, four year 6 pupils, Ben, Elin, Jasper and Sydney, took part in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Havering Maths Quiz at Hall Mead Secondary School. They had one hour to answer twenty questions, worth 12 and 15 marks, that tested a wide variety of mathematical skills. They worked superbly as a team, focusing for the full hour, and did Branfil and themselves proud!



### Junior Citizenship Award

The 11 July 2018 was a proud day for Branfil Primary School as a Year 6 team celebrated coming out on top, against 30 other schools, to win the Havering Junior Citizenship Award. Team 'Branfil Bin It' were invited to the Town Hall, where they were presented with certificates and medals by the Mayor of Havering and were interviewed by the Romford Recorder, before enjoying a well deserved celebratory lunch. Members of team 'Bin It' had a wonderful day; a well deserved award for being model citizens and the stars that they are.

### PTA Summer Event

Thank you to all of you who came and supported our fabulous PTA at their recent summer event. Although we had an unexpected fire incident, this didn't seem to dampen the atmosphere! The PTA raised approximately £1700, well done to all!

### **Year 2 going into Year 3 in September**

Advance warning that when children move into Year 3 they are no longer entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This means that from September you will need to pay £2.30 per meal. Payment is made via the sQuid payment system and you will receive a letter with your access code next week. Please keep this safe as you will need to log on and add funds before the start of next term.

### **Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and grant towards uniform.**

Where parents are entitled to pupil premium the school receive extra funding and if your child is in KS2 your child will also receive free school meals which is a significant weekly saving.

As a thank you to any parents who apply for and are awarded pupil premium will also get a grant of £50 towards school uniform to be used at the school suppliers. To apply is very simple:

<https://my.havering.gov.uk/pages/onlineforms/free-school-meals.aspx#details>

### **Music Tuition September 2018**

Children who are currently learning an instrument with Branfil staff will automatically be enrolled again next year unless parents contact us to advise that they no longer want their child to participate.

We offer tuition in brass, piano and guitar through the school in addition to those instruments offered by Havering Music School.

From September, unfortunately, our charges will have to rise to:

Brass £95 per term  
Guitar £55 per term  
Piano £120 per term

Payment must be made termly on receipt of a letter from school. Unfortunately, we will be unable to allow pupils to continue with lessons if payment is not received within the term.

### **Medication in school**

All medications currently held in school will be sent home for the school holidays. If required next term, it needs to be brought in to the school office where you will be asked to complete a new medication form.

### **Virtual Reality Workshops**

On the 3rd and 5th July, KS2 we were treated to a Virtual Reality workshop from PrimeVR. The workshops allowed children to visit the locations they have been learning about in Geography, including volcanoes, the rainforest and mountains. The children were astounded by the breath-taking views and perilous locations that they experienced and all agreed that it was the perfect way to end their Geography units of work. We would like to add a special thank you to the Friends of Branfil who funded these excellent workshops!

Miss Daly

### **School Discos – phones/cameras**

For child protection and safeguarding reasons, please do not allow your child to bring their phone or camera to the school discos.

Any that are brought into school will be confiscated and returned after the disco.

### **Year 6 Residential trip to Gilwell Park 2019**

We have now had cost confirmations from Gilwell Park, and the coach company, and can confirm that the estimated cost, £380 for 4 nights, and £190 for 2 nights, is correct.

Payment cards will be issued before the holiday so that parents can begin to pay by instalments in September.

### **Suggestion Boxes**

We now have two suggestion boxes outside the school office (main entrance & playground entrance). Please feel free to comment on the note pads which are by the side of the boxes and post with your suggestions.

### **Parking**

Please ensure that, when you are dropping off/collecting your child in a vehicle, you are considerate of our neighbours by not blocking any driveway and giving due respect to residents when parking.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

Our resident lollipop lady, who patrols at the top of Gaynes Park Road, will not be at her post due to other commitments on the afternoon of 18 July.

### School Nurse

Our school nurse, Denise Ellis, will be doing drop her last drop in session of the term on Wednesday 18 July. She is here for anyone who has any concerns about their child and would like to discuss them with her.

### Change of times to school day

From September school times will be as below:

#### **Start time**

8.40-8.50am for all children (gate open 8.35-8.50am)

#### **Finish time**

3.10 for R & KS1 (R, Y1 & Y2)

3.15 for KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)

### Learning Objectives for this week

Below are links to our year group pages where you will be able to find our Learning Objectives for this week:

**Reception:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year0/>

**Y1:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year1/>

**Y2:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year2/>

**Y3:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year3/>

**Y4:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year4/>

**Y5:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year5/>

**Y6:** <http://www.branfil.com/yg/year6/>



### **29 June**

Caitlin Smith, William Exley, Leon Canellas, Dacia Waterman-Cook, Isabella Judge, Daniel Coleman, Lily-Mae Richardson, Jasper Chen, Mia Laronde, Noah Bates, Nikita Pusca, Rebekah Cave, Tilly Dorrian, Charlie Wood, Mazid Olanrewaju, Nia Baker, Johnny Henson, Darasimi Adefemiwa, Oliver Lancaster,

### **6 July**

Freya Burke, Matas Kondrotas, Henry Bradbury, Liam Hernandez, Abi Ford, Cian Irwin, Violet Clark, Miya Punter, Isabel Thompson, Benjamin Prior, Dean Harris, Nancy Hazelwood, Teddie Curtis, Luke Kemp, Chloe Burton, Amie Bone, Isabelle Prior, 4 Rowan, 4 Larch, 4 Birch, Elm class.

<b>Summer Term Dates</b>	
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	<b>School closes normal time for Easter break</b>
<b>Fri 30 – Fri 13 April</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>Monday 16 April</b>	<b>School reopens 8:40am KS2 &amp; 8.50am Reception &amp; KS1</b>
Wednesday 18 April	4 Larch swimming begins
Thursday 19 April	Year 1 – 6 Whole school Book Looks 3.45 -5.00pm
May	Y2 Assessment month
Wednesday 2 May	Reception visit to Thorndon Country Park
<b>Thursday 3 May</b>	<b>School closed – Polling station</b>
<b>Monday 7 May</b>	<b>School closed – May Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 8 May	School Photographer – Class photos
Wednesday 9 May	Ash class stay & play 9.05am
Thursday 10 May	Elm class stay & play 9.05am
Friday 11 May	Fir class stay & play 9.05am
Mon 14 May –Thur 17 May	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>
Mon 21 May – Fri 25 May	Year 6 Residential visit to Gilwell Park
Tuesday 15 May	Parent Forum meeting 5.00-6.00pm
Monday 21 May	Y1 visit to Southend Sealife Centre
Tuesday 22 May	2018 new intake meeting 5.00- 6.00pm
Wednesday 23 May	Year 5/6 visit to Stubbers Activity Centre
<b>Friday 25 May</b>	<b>School closes at normal time for Half Term Break</b>
<b>Mon 28 – Fri 1 June</b>	<b>School Closed Half Term Break</b>
<b>Monday 4 June</b>	<b>School re-opens 8.40am KS2 &amp; 8.50am Reception &amp; KS1</b>
Tuesday 5 June	5 Hawthorn visit to Tower Bridge
Friday 8 June	5 Alder visit to Tower Bridge
Mon 11 June – Fri 15 June	Phonics screening Y1 & 2
Tuesday 12 June	KS2 Sports morning 9.20am If cancelled due to bad weather – alternative date Tuesday 26 June
Wednesday 13 June	Y2 Indian storytelling & Dance Workshop
Thursday 14 June	Y5 & Y6 Lego Robotic Workshops
Tuesday 19 June	Y5 Secondary Transfer Information Evening 5.00pm
Wednesday 20 June	Reception & KS1 sports morning 9.30am If cancelled due to bad weather - alternative date Wednesday 4 July
Thursday 28 June	Years 3 and 4 Mad Science workshops
Friday 29 June	5 Aspen visit to Tower Bridge
Monday 2 July	Y6 Junior Citizen Event
Friday 6 July	Y4 Rainham Marshes Educational visit
Friday 13 July	Annual reports sent home
Monday 16 July	Year 6 play : dress rehearsal
Monday 16 July	R & KS1 Lead Learner assembly
Tuesday 17 July	KS2 Lead Learner assembly
Tuesday 17 July	Y6 Leavers’ production 7.30pm
Wednesday 18 July	Branfil’s Got Talent!
Wednesday 18 July	Y6 Leavers’ disco tbc
Thursday 19 July	Y6 Mini Market
<b>Friday 20 July</b>	<b>School closes at normal time for summer break</b>