

Newsletter 15 June 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Each morning, you will find either me, Mrs Fisk or Miss Sutherland standing by the front gates in order to safeguard our children as they enter the school. Please feel able to talk to us to pass on information briefly or pass the time of day, however, if you need to have a longer conversation, or wish to discuss a concern, we ask that you make an appointment via the office staff.

In order to ensure our pupils feel safe and secure when on the school premises, we ask that parents and carers do not approach each other to discuss sensitive issues between their children. Please talk to a member of staff and allow the school to deal with the issue. It is unacceptable for adults to be verbally or physically aggressive – we expect all members of our school community to be positive role models for the children, showing respect for others at all times.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we effectively safeguard all of our pupils.

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher

Staffing Update

We are sadly saying goodbye at the end of this term to a few of our teaching staff: Mrs Caffull, Miss Kelner, Mrs Lee and Miss Oakley plus Mrs Glover in the office. We wish them all well in their new ventures!

Mrs Campbell will be going on maternity leave shortly after we return in September.

We are also welcoming some new members of teaching staff to Branfil: Mr Heydon, Mrs McGovern and Mr Bradley.

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)

Values Based Education

Our value for June is 'Understanding'. As we learn to understand the feelings of others. We develop how to show empathy – really seeing, really listening. We reflect to gain an understanding of why others behave as they do and we seek to understand the self and one's own motives.

Our new restorative approach is based on an understanding and acceptance that conflict is a part of life and that in a conflict there is an underlying damage to the two parties involved that needs to be addressed to resolve the issue and prevent any further incidences of the same nature. We are developing pupils' ability to take responsibility for their actions, understanding what they have done wrong and accepting that their actions can be harmful to others.

Playground Safety

For safety reasons please do not allow your school child or younger sibling to play football or ride on scooters on the playground before or after school.

Year 6 pupils should be the only ones left to make their own way into school. Please stay with your younger children in the morning until you have seen them safely into the building.

Understandably many parents/carers bring their dogs when collecting children. Please do not bring them into the playground but also ensure they are supervised and not left unattended whilst collecting your child. We have recently had reports of children being scared whilst walking past a dog and also of a dog being kicked by a pre-school child.

Sports Day

The recent KS2 sports day was very successful being held at the new venue of Hornchurch Stadium. We have had a lot of positive feedback from both parent/carers and children.

We are now looking forward to the Reception & KS1 morning over there on Wednesday 20th June.

LEGO Robotics - Years 5 and 6

What a great day we all had yesterday!
The children built basic robots and programmed them to do different tasks; they could then modify the robot to their own design.
A big thank you to the PTA for funding this!
Miss Bain

Year 2 Indian Workshop

On Wednesday 13 June, Y2 enjoyed an Indian dance lesson and a storytelling workshop. The children learned some bhangra dance moves and listened to a story about an Indian Elephant God. They also made some colourful rangoli patterns out of 2D shapes.
Miss O'Toole

Walk the World sponsored event

We recently sent letters home about our summer term sponsored event, Branfil walks the World. Funds raised by this will be used to improve our provision for encouraging active play at break times and to purchase additional sporting equipment for the school. If you have now completed your sponsor form please hand into the office by 9th July.
Thank you for your continued support.

Your Views Matter to Us

We have had 78 responses on Parent View so far - thank you to those who have completed the brief survey. If you have not had a chance yet, please go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> and click on 'give your views' on the top grey bar. There are 12 quick questions to respond to and space for explaining your answer if required. Thank you in advance.

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.

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.

Writers Workshop

This week, eight year 4 pupils attended a writers workshop at Scotts Primary School in Hornchurch and the workshop was led by the author Nick Cook. The writing focus was tornados. The children acted out a tornado and then used their senses to write a description about what they might see, hear, touch, taste and smell during a tornado. They then wrote a script to enable them to film a news report. The children loved filming using the green screen and all starred in their first movie. They all worked tremendously hard. Well done to all of them.
Mrs Goodman

Arrangements for when Alarm sounds

You will be aware that we regularly have fire drills in school where we practice evacuating the building. The drills are at various times during the school day and the building is always evacuated in a timely and organised manner.

On the last day of half term the alarm was maliciously set off at the very end of the school day when KS1 children had already exited the building and KS2 children were in transit between their classes and the playground.

Following this event we have conducted a full review of our procedures as we felt there was some confusion. In future, in the event of an alarm sounding at the end of the day:

- All parents/carers to move out of the playground and wait on Cedar Avenue, between the main gate and Garwood Court.
- Children who have not yet been collected will go with their class teacher to Garwood Court where they will be registered; staff will note those children who have already been collected.
- No-one is to re-enter the school until the fire brigade or Headteacher has indicated that it is safe to do so.
- Once the all clear has been given children will go back into the school building.
- Parents/carers will then be allowed back into the playground and the children will be dismissed as normal.

We are also in the process of having an evacuation alarm installed and, once complete, if this was to sound then all children would be kept in the school and all doors would be locked. Parents/carers would be asked to leave the playground.

Quadkids



On Thursday 7th June a team of Year 5 & 6 children took part in this year's Quadkids event at Hornchurch Sports Stadium. All pupils gave their best and were an absolute credit to the school. Forty schools throughout Havering entered 4 teams of Y5 Boys, Y5 Girls, Y6 Boys and Y6 Girls. Branfil's Year 5 team came 4th and the Year 6 team came 21st overall. In each category over 150 participants competed.

Well done to: Jack 3rd, Teddy 15th, James 18th and Oliver 30th; Poppy 9th, Lily May 42nd, Alice 62nd and Emily 77th; Ruby 11th, Aimee-Louise 26th, Denise 100th and Nancy 138th; Archie 26th, Jack 94th, Matas 116th and Alife 129th.

Individual successes where children made it in the top 20 were: Jack who achieved a fantastic 3rd overall having come 1st in the 600m, 18th in the vortex throw and 19th in the standing long jump; Teddy who came 9th in the 600m and 15th in standing long jump; James who came 6th overall in the 75m sprint; Oliver who came 9th in the vortex throw; Poppy who came 2nd in the standing long jump and 19th in the 75m sprint; Archie who came 14th out of the Year 6 boys overall in the 600m; Ruby who came 6th in the vortex throw, 17th in the 75m and 13th in the standing long jump. Superb results!

A very big thank you to our Y5 & Y6 team; you did the school proud! Also, a special thank you to all the parents involved for your support.

Now time to look ahead and wish all the best to Branfil's Y3 & Y4 team who are set to compete on Tuesday 19th June.

Mrs Lee and Mr Grant

Live Streaming

Live streaming is a popular feature of lots of apps and platforms. By understanding the risks of live streaming, we can help children stay safe when they are online. ThinkUKnow has produced a guide to help parents understand why live-streaming is so popular, and how to keep children safe. You can find the article here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks/>

'Hungry for Football' Theme Day School dinner

Catering Service are doing a theme day special school dinner on 19 June 2018. Menu Options will be as below:

Cheeseburger in a bun

BBQ Chicken Meatball Boats

Quorn Tomato Pasta Bake

Pupil of the Week



25 May

Ella-Louise Cornhill, Mylee Porter, Max Bird, Serine Ettaani, George Brocklehurst, Holly Bradbury, Abbie Isaacs, Tilly Hewitt, Isaac Williams, Ernie Fisher, Freya King, Henley Owen, Scarlett Paris, Sean Harris, Bobby Wilkins, Alfie Ware, George Goodey, Harry Ash, Kol Said.

8 June

Lennard Nugent, Katie Green, George Briggs, Max Shoemsmith, Lola Van der Have, Evie Dennis, Mia Dorrian, Aria Fernandes, Lilly-Rose Dodds, Denise Omosokeji, Samuel Wales, Louis Ballard, Harry Thorogood-Sneade, Hooria Chowdry, Teddy Martin, Oscar Hayes, Olivia Hodges, Victoria Da Silva Ferreira, Aliyah Prince-Ward.

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/>

Summer Term Dates	
Thursday 29 March	School closes normal time for Easter break
Fri 30 – Fri 13 April	Easter Break
Monday 16 April	School reopens 8:40am KS2 & 8.50am Reception & KS1
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
Thursday 3 May	School closed – Polling station
Monday 7 May	School closed – May Bank Holiday
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	Year 6 SATS
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
Friday 25 May	School closes at normal time for Half Term Break
Mon 28 – Fri 1 June	School Closed Half Term Break
Monday 4 June	School re-opens 8.40am KS2 & 8.50am Reception & KS1
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
Friday 20 July	School closes at normal time for summer break