

Newsletter 16 June 2017

Dear parents/carers

Last Wednesday Dave Smith, Havering's Computing and Online Safety adviser, led a day of workshops and assemblies with parents, carers, pupils and staff to continue our ongoing work to educate children about how to stay safe online and when using technology.

Dave led an assembly with each year group and it was clear to see from these that the vast majority of children at Branfil, including our Reception children, have daily access to the internet and use a range of devices. As our children are using such a range of websites and technology the most important message of the day was to make sure that children know what to do if something worries or upsets them online: tell an adult!

Further advice for parents and carers about online issues will be uploaded onto our website shortly. In the meantime, here are some useful links for advice about using the internet safely:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Please take the time to consider how to keep your child safe online whilst allowing them to enjoy their online activities.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Sainsbury Vouchers

Please check your purses/bags and pockets for any stray vouchers as we are now able to place our order. Thank you.

New Uniform stockist

Uniform with the new badge is now available from Havering Schoolwear. Please only replace your existing uniform when needed – we do not expect parents to purchase uniform with new logo until the old uniform needs replacing.

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Safeguarding

In the interests of safeguarding all our pupils, we would ask that parents **do not** call to children over the school fence when children are in the playground, or engage them in conversation. This is particularly important at lunchtime as our Mid Day staff do not know individual parents and so cannot be confident that it is an appropriate adult engaging the child.

Thank you for your co-operation.

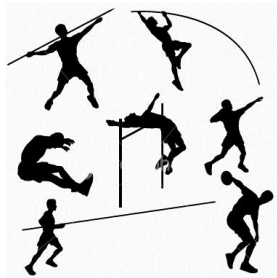
Lollipop Lady

Please be aware that the lollipop lady who stands at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Gaynes Park Rd will not be there from 27 June – 4th July. If your child walks home alone please tell them to be extra vigilant when crossing the road during this period.



Quadkids

A group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in this year's Quadkids event at Hornchurch Sports Stadium on Tuesday 13 June. All pupils were a credit to the school and Y6 finished 5th overall and Y5 finished 12th. Well done to all!

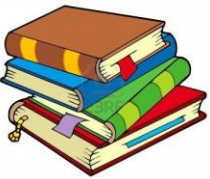


Individual achievements below:

- Thomas Greening 3rd overall (joint 1st in sprint, 2nd in 600m)
- Freya Long 8th overall (10th in long jump, 16th in 600m and 16th in throw)
- Charlie O'Meara (8th long jump and 12th 600m)
- Oliver Jarvis (12th long jump, 8th 600m)
- Aimee-Louise Lush (16th long jump)
- Amelia Hill (9th 600m)

Young Writers' Workshop

Mrs Holden took Archie Piggott, Ross Metcalfe, Bobby Lang, Ted Dukelow to Scott's Primary School where the author Ciaran Murtagh was holding a writing workshop. The boys were fully engaged and enjoyed the opportunity. Mrs Holden said that their behaviour was impeccable.... well done!



Poetry Competition

This week Olivia Wright and Thomas McDonach represented our school in a Year 4 and Year 5 Poetry Competition at Engayne Primary along with Upminster Juniors, St Josephs and Oakfields.

They both performed their poems fantastically and should be very proud of their achievements. Thomas was the overall winner!

All the children that took part will be showcasing their poems at Upminster Library on Monday 26 June.

Music Workshop

This week Year 1 took part in a music workshop based on the story 'A Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. They were excited to hear a musician play a Marimba and they sang a range of songs together. All three classes created their own song with actions and performed like professional musicians to the other classes! They were extremely well behaved and had a fantastic time. Year 1 will have the opportunity to perform to children from other schools in 2 weeks' time.

Well done Year 1 you worked very hard and you were a credit to the school – Miss Clark.

Pupil of the Week



26 May

Leo Irons, Jack Rowlandson, Imogen La-Page, Winnie Thompson, Eleni Asrat, Teddy Stanbridge, Joshua Bell, Olivia Hodges, Tiana Corsan, Finley Tolan, Harris Chowdry, Joe Warrington, Jack Porley, Henley Owen,

9 June

Thomas Greening, Tilly Barrett, Ruby Austin, Albert Fisher, Maggie Ashley, Thomas Penfold, Harry Ash, Heath Butt, Scarlett Chuter, Charlie Hood, Frankie Lang, Millie Hosler, Lily-Mae Richardson, George Marketis, Divine Akingbola, Reggie Shurety, Jason Welch,