

## Newsletter 16 March 2018

Dear parents and carers,

This week is British Science Week and the children have been enjoying investigating and learning their science topics. We pride ourselves on the breadth of our curriculum at Branfil. We are therefore extremely grateful to The Friends of Branfil for supporting us to provide a variety of science enrichment projects including: Butterflies in Reception, Ladybirds Year 1, Ducks in Year 2, Mad Science workshops in Years 3 and 4 and Science and Technology workshops in Years 5 and 6. We hope to inspire the next generation of scientists, inventors and engineers!

Mrs L Fisk  
Deputy Headteacher

### Toys and watches

Please ensure your children leave toys at home. We are also aware of a rise in the number of children wearing video and camera watches. These are **not** allowed in school at any time due to the obvious safeguarding concerns.



### Sport Relief



Friday 23 March is a non-uniform day to raise money for Sport Relief and we are asking for a £1 donation. Since last year money raised by Sport Relief has treated over 900,000 people across Africa with anti-malarial drugs, helped over 3.4 million people in Africa through maternal, neonatal and child health funding and helped more than 50,000 people, in the UK, living with a mental health problem.

### Change of Date

The date for KS2 lead learner assembly has been changed to Thursday 29 March. This is an invitation only assembly and you would only be invited will receive an individual letter will be sent if your child is nominated.

### Values Based Education

#### **Hope is our value for March**

Hope is a belief that things will get better in the future or that good things will continue the way they are. Being hopeful means that you need to have some perseverance, because things that you hope for don't always happen overnight. We can hope for little things like for sunshine tomorrow or for big things like an end to war and unhappiness in the world.

Can you imagine what it would be like if you didn't have any hope? You would always feel miserable about the future and never believe in good things. Would you be a happy person? We want everyone at Branfil to be happy and to look forward to a bright, happy, hopeful future.

### 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 following dates:

30 April – PM  
15 May – 25 May  
18 July – PM



### Sex and Relationships Forums

We are holding parent/carers consultation forums on Wednesday 21 March.

There will be two meetings 9.00am to 9.30am and 3pm – 3.30pm

- Discuss and share your views to shape our revised school SRE policy
- Take the opportunity to view the interactive class resources from FPA's 'Growing up with Yasmine and Tom' as recommended by the NSPCC

### Squid school meals system

As you are aware our new system is up and running and proving successful so far. However, if you know that your child is coming in to school late for any reason the catering staff have requested that you call the office and order your child's meal by 10.30am to ensure they are able to have a school meal.

From 10.30am if you have not pre-ordered you will need to bring a packed lunch in from home.

### Dates Reminder

Thursday 29 March- school closes normal time for Easter break

Monday 16 April – school reopens normal time

Thursday 3 May – school closed INSET (polling station)

Monday 7 May – School closed May Bank Holiday

### Sporting Events

On Tuesday 27th February, a team of Year 1&2 pupils competed against other schools in a Primary Sports Hall Athletics competition. Throughout the morning, each child rotated around a range of throwing, jumping and running events, culminating with some very exciting running relays. All team members gave their all, participated with great enthusiasm and were a true credit to Branfil. Well done!

On Wednesday 7th March, a team of Yr5&6 pupils competed against 18 other schools in a Primary Swimming Gala at Abbs Cross School.



Each child swam an individual event and a freestyle relay. All team members should feel very proud of themselves, each putting in a huge amount of

effort and never giving up. Both Dion Fana and Archie Pigott reached the finals of the boys individual events. Dion led from the whistle and won the boys 25 metres Freestyle in style and Archie Piggott put up a superb battle to achieve an impressive 2nd place in the boys 25 metres Breastroke. Fantastic results!

Well done to Evie Denison, Violet Clark, Katie Green, Teddy Stanbridge, Archie Pigott and Dion Fana.

Mrs Lee

### Rugby Festival

On Wednesday morning, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed the opportunity to test out their rugby skills at the Megafest Rugby Festival at May and Baker Rugby Union Football Club. Wearing our brand new rugby kits, the children were ready to learn some new skills in a variety of games. Working alongside pupils from other school, they worked on their passing and their foot work in dodging defenders. To end with, they even played a game where they had to avoid being tagged by the rugby coaches. The pupils of Branfil Primary School were superb representatives of the school through their excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Well done to all of you.

Mr Grant

### Spring Term concert

'This week we held our annual Spring term concert where children displayed their musical talents. We had solo, group and ensemble performances from the choir, orchestra and many individual instrumental players. Well done everyone that performed.'

Mrs Campbell

Thank you for your parental donations following the concert which we will use to purchase some new chairs for your comfort at future events!

### Staff Car Park

Can we please reiterate how important it is that the staff car parks are **not** used by parent/carers unless you have a pass from the office. There has recently been an incident whereby a child could have been seriously injured so please do not park in there at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Spare underwear request

We have run out of our supply of spare underwear/socks and would be very grateful for donations of boys and girls underwear and socks. If your child does come home with a change of clothes due to an accident in school we would appreciate if you could wash and return the items so we do not run low again. Thank you.



### **ParentView**

We would like to hear your views about the school. 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.

**Pupil of the Week**



### **Reception Craft Request**

If you have any empty cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, yoghurt pots etc at home, what better way to dispose of them than donating to our Reception pupils! They would love to have them for their 3D craft making.... Thank you.

### **Reading Challenge Sponsored Event**

Don't forget our reading challenge! The deadline for sponsor money is next Friday 23 March. Thank you for your continued support!

### **11+ Information**

#### **11+ 2019 Entry & CSSE 11+ SIF Registration**

Registration for these exams will be from 5 June to 20 July 2018 inclusive. CSSE schools will hold open days/evenings during June/July 2018.

The tests will take place on Saturday 22 September 2018 and parental guidelines for 11+ preparation is available on the website:

[www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk)

### **INSET days 2018/2019**

Governors have approved the following INSET days when school is closed to pupils for staff training:

3 & 4 September 2018

29 October 2018

7 January 2019

3 June 2019

### **9 March**

**Jenna Littlechild, Savannah Flowers, Scarlett Chuter, Lexie-Mae Foster, Joshue Yussuf-Steele, Jack Oldland, George Vaughan, Ruby Payne, Amelie Lakeman, Charley Sear, Holly Goss, Jack West, Isabella Paris, Jay Welch, Harley Pannell-Spiers, Amie Bone, Henry Watts, Soraia Anany, Samuel Wales, Bailey Butt.**

### **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/>