

Newsletter 19 December 2017

Dear parents and carers

This term we introduced Values Based Education and have learnt the values of friendship, responsibility, peace and appreciation. Each day we have seen how children, staff and our school community are living these values through their words and actions. In addition our curriculum, assemblies, visitors, school events and celebrations are enabling our pupils to develop the British Values of tolerance, respect, rule of law and Democracy.

Our curriculum focus on History this term has engaged pupils in many exciting ways. Children have enjoyed their school visits including to the St Albans Roman Verulamium Museum, the Tudor House Eastbury Manor and the World War Two experience at Gunpowder Mill. Our school halls have been transformed into an Anglo Saxon village and a Victorian Manor House. Year 2 have been learning about World War One and Reception pupils organised a Teddy Bear's Picnic for Grandparents to share their old bears and toys. History has certainly come alive at Branfil this term!

Our curriculum focus for the Spring term is science and teachers have lots more exciting events, trips and activities planned to engage and inspire the next generation of scientists at Branfil! We will be taking part in National Science Week 9-18 March. If you work in the field of science (or know someone who does) and would be willing to come in to share your skills or talk about your career please let the office ladies know. Miss Pearce, our Science Leader, is keen to involve our Community in our studies and will then get in touch with you.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term. We have introduced more changes this year to ensure we keep your children safe, engaged and challenged and we appreciate how truly supportive you are in enabling us to make continuous improvements to our everyday practice.



Have a wonderful Festive Holiday and I look forward to welcoming both you and your children back in 2018!

Mrs Fisk, Deputy Headteacher

Values Based Education

What a terrific start we have made to becoming a Values Based School. We have promoted Anti bullying week's theme, 'all different, all equal' developing our value of **friendship**. In October our new School Councillors, House Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Leaders were appointed and pupils learnt about how they can take **responsibility** for their own learning and behaviours. Classes created a beautiful display for Remembrance whilst reflecting on **peace** in November and this month we have shown our **appreciation** in many ways including performing our Christmas Concerts to share the true meaning of Christmas.

In January our new value will be **RESPECT**

Mrs Sansom

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Sansom is recovering well at home following her operation. She thanks everybody for their kind words. The children have made her a beautiful Get Well Soon card which Mrs Fisk will be hand delivering this week.



Children not collected at the end of the school day

We have adopted Havering's Policy & Procedure to safeguard children not collected at the end of the school day.

A copy of the policy and procedures can be viewed on the website.

BBC Children in Need

Thanks to your generosity we raised a fantastic £1,032 for Children in need....
Thankyou!



Staffing Changes

Goodbye to Miss Daly and Miss Barnes.

Mrs Farmer, Senior Mid Day Supervisor will also be leaving us this term and we wish her the very best for the future.

Parking and Cedar Avenue

Please respect our residents and do not park over drive-ways!

Although unofficial, our 'one way system' (in from Gaynes Park Road, out through Southview Drive) does help to keep traffic flowing and our children safe.

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

Lead Learners

Congratulations to all our Lead Learners for Autumn term!

Reception & KS1 - Rebekah Cave, Sienna Avers, Zoe Batts, Casian Pascariu, Irene Giacci, Henry Madsen, Henry Mitchell, Poppy Racher, Quadell Spratley.

KS2 – Sophie Cave, George Collard, Jessica Rotheron, Amy Bennett, Joe Green, Max Ellis, Grace Oldland, Damien Cenkus, Maggie Ashley, Ruby Goodspeed, Dacia Waterman-Cook.



1 December

Keelan Simmonds!

8 December

Ollie Page, Harry McLarens, Oliver West, Luca Hurrell, Austina Zgunaite, Scarlet Chuter, Adam Batts, Jessi-Ann Joscelyne, Chloe Ernest, Noah Bates, Maddie Dennis, Layla Howarth, Eleanor West, Layla Hamilton, Reece Seeley, Farid Olanrewaju, Poppy Marketis, Bethany Roberts

15 December

Oliver Old, Ruby Mitchell, Winnie Thompson, Max Fulling, Stanley French, Loredana Matraxhi, Dion Fana, Oliver Pullen, Isabelle Thomas, Francesca Chapple, Emily Burke, Amelia Burton, George O'Meara, Precious Ashiru, Joseph Shirley, Charlie Thomas, Eddy Slay, Eva-Grace Bethray, Tilly Dorrian, 3 Hazel!

Attendance



190 of our pupils have received a Bronze certificate to acknowledge their attendance at school for the whole of the Autumn term. Well done to those children!

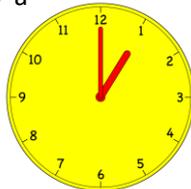
Maths Sponsorship

Thank you to everyone who has taken part and returned their maths sponsorship forms and money.... there is still time to send in if you have not done so already!

We have raised so far a fantastic £1,153 thanks to your generosity and the children seemed to really enjoy the challenge too!

Lateness

Whilst most parents and carers do a good job of ensuring their children arrive at school promptly, we still have a significant minority who regularly arrive late in the mornings. Pupils in Years 3-6 must arrive between 8.40-8.50am with registers being completed at 8.50am promptly. Any child arriving after 8.50am will be issued with a purple 'late' card and will have their name recorded at the double doors. This will enable class teachers to start their lessons promptly and reduce disruption to the rest of the class.



We know that children are often in the playground so we will ring a bell at 8.40am to remind KS2 children to come into school promptly and 8.50 for KS1 children. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must arrive between 8.50-9.00am with registers being completed at 9.00am promptly. Please ensure that your child is in class in time for their registration.

If you arrive after 9.00am entrance is only through the front door and you will be asked by the office to complete a late form for our records.

Lost Property

We have our usual large collection of lost property outside the school office. Please check for any items you may have mislaid and remember to name your child's clothing. It is more likely to find its way back to its rightful owner if named! Any unclaimed items will be disposed of in the New Year.

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/>