

Newsletter 24 November 2017

Dear parents and carers

Our Christmas season at Branfil has started with a bang! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Saturday for the Christmas Bazaar. It was another high quality, community event which I am sure was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Friends of Branfil who worked so hard in the days and weeks leading up to the event, to everyone who donated items and to all of the volunteers who made it possible on the day.

Thank you too for the fantastic turn out for the Years 1-3 book looks this week. It has been so lovely to see the children proudly sharing their work with mums, dads and other family members. If your child is in Years 4-6 then please join us next week (see dates on reverse).

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I recently finished my chemotherapy and thankfully my body has responded well to the treatment. Thank you all so much for your concern, kind words and support through the last five months - it is impossible to put into words the positive impact that this has had on me. I am now waiting for confirmation about the date for my surgery but this will almost certainly be before Christmas; I will keep you informed as I know more.

I hope you all enjoy some quality family time over the weekend.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Parent/Carer Donations

Thank you to those of you who have very kindly made voluntary donations to the school via our school fund account. This will help to go towards resources for our children.

For anyone who would like to donate the details are:
Branfil Primary School Fund Account
Sort code: 30-14-24
Account: 00976304



Staff car parks

Staff car parks are for the sole use of members of school staff only and not to be used by parent/carers.



Values Based Education

In keeping with our Value of 'Peace' this November, children supported Anti-Bullying Week with the theme; 'All Different, All Equal'. Each class took a photo to share on the school website to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique.

Work in classes aimed to help children understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying.

As a result of work in school and guidance from the Department of Education we have put our new draft anti-bullying policy on our website for consultation.

Our Value for December is 'Appreciation'

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended today. This was a very positive meeting with Mrs Sansom, Mrs Fisk and Mr Moody, who was there representing the Governing Body.

Mrs Sansom will be writing up notes on the meeting which will be available on the website next week.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas dinner is on Thursday 14 December. Please remember to buy your tickets on line at Havering Catering Services, the cost is £2.20 for Y3 to Y6 only.

Reception, Y1 & Y2 do not have to provide a ticket as they are free school meals.

School nurse Drop In

Our school nurse, Denise Ellis, will be doing a drop in session on Wednesday 29 November at 3.00pm.

She is here for anyone who has any concerns about their child and would like to have a chat.

Shoe box request

If anyone has any spare shoe boxes Year 6 would appreciate them for their Design and Technology project. Please bring in to the office.



Lollipop Lady

There will be no crossing patrol at the top of Cedar Avenue on Tuesday 28 November. Please ensure that you and your children are extra vigilant when crossing the road.

School Communication

There is now a table outside the school office which has a box for parent/carers to deposit any correspondence for the office. This will help reduce the queues and your waiting time in the mornings and after school.

If your child is being collected early for an appointment/unwell/being collected by someone else please fill out the relevant form and place in the box.

If you need to talk to someone then office staff are still available for you at the window.

£50 Uniform Grant available

A reminder that a £50 Uniform Grant is available as a thank you for a **new** successful application for Free School Meals. This entitles the school to Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is a route by which the school can get additional funding for any child who is entitled to Free School Meals. Although all children in Reception to Year 2 currently received their meals free of charge, the school is only able to access additional funding if the parent/carer actually qualifies for free school meals on the grounds of income. For children in Year 3 to Year 6, qualification will mean a saving on the daily cost of a school meal. The school will get additional funding even if your child chooses to have a packed lunch. It is eligibility that qualifies the school for extra funding.

You can quickly check whether you are eligible by entering your name, date of birth and national insurance number on the following website: <http://www.fsm.lgfl.net> or apply directly on the Havering website <https://my.havering.gov.uk/Pages/OnlineForms/Free-school-meals.aspx#Details>.

If you need any advice or help with applying one of the ladies in our office will be happy to help.

Safeguarding

Please note that the only way parents/carers are to enter the school building is via the slope towards the office or by the front door. Parents/carers may not go beyond the carpeted area outside the office.

If you or your child are unable to find your lost property outside the office please ask a teacher or a member of the office staff to accompany you to search for it after school and do not enter the main school unaccompanied.



10 November

Henry Madsen, Katie Knight, Charley Sear, Oliver Greening, Leilani Ings, Grace Oldland, Ella-Louise Cornhill, Omar Jamil, Alex Seaman, Ayo Omotosho, Israel Bashir, Ruby Laws, Lily-May Rabey, Bailey Butt, Billy Bays, Zoe Batts, Eddie Waters, Roxie Leavens, Max Ellis, 1 Lime!

17 November

Layla Holdeman Fear, Oliver Fulling, Fletcher Byron, Mia Laronde, Aaron Edmondson, Freya King, Reggie Shurety, Joseph Willis, Lauren Raspberry, Frankie Henson, Edward Willis, George Walby, Kurtis Waite, Mazid Olanrewaju, Miruna Cioban, Florrie Dean, Ryan Edgeler, Vinny Perryman, Logan King, Casey Schafer.

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/>