

Newsletter 25 May 2018

Dear parents and carers,
Last week, we held our last Parent Forum for this academic year. The forums were introduced this year to encourage parents and carers to ask questions to find out more about any aspect of school life and for us to tell you about new initiatives or consult you about ways to improve the school further. Notes from the meeting are available for you to read on our website, along with the notes from previous meetings.

As the Parent Forums have not been well attended, I would welcome any suggestions you may have about different ways to support good communication between school and home. Effective communication is part of our vision for Branfil so we would love to know how we can do this better. Please send any suggestions into the office via email or letter, marked for my attention.

I hope you all have a happy, fun half term break; we will look forward to seeing you again on Monday 4th June.

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher

Change of times to school day

Consultation on timings of the school day has now finished; we only had 2 responses from parents/carers. We can now confirm that timings from September will be as follows:

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)

Your Views Matter to Us

We would like to hear your views about the school to improve our school improvement plan for the next academic year. 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.

Values Based Education

We will be learning the value of 'Quality' this month. Pupils and our school community will learn to ensure they use the best materials and do their best with those materials. We will reflect that quality thoughts lead to quality words which lead to quality action.

"Quality is not an act, it is a habit" Aristotle

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking" Henry Ford

GDPR

I am sure you will all have been inundated with emails regarding the changes to the data protection regulations from 25 May.

In common with every other business, we have had to review our policies and privacy notices. We now have to ask for consent to share your child's data with third parties to enhance their learning. You will be receiving two letters today asking for your consent for data sharing. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. You have the right to withhold consent and if this is the case we need to know.

Please look at the revised Privacy Notice on our school website www.branfil.com. As this is new legislation there will no doubt be many changes and we will update the information on our website accordingly.

Branfil's Got Talent : Wednesday 18 July

Our ever popular talent contest is back for the summer! If you have a budding star and they wish to take part in the competition, heats will be held in classrooms the week prior to the date.



Ear-rings in School

Children should **not** wear ear-rings for games, PE or dance lessons. Ear-rings cannot be taped and if pupils are not able to remove their ear-rings they will be found alternative involvement such as a PE theory sheet.

Y5 Secondary Transfer Information Evening

Year 5 pupils will have come home with information about our Secondary transfer evening which is taking place on Tuesday 19 June at 5.00pm. Please send the reply slip into school confirming if you are able to attend.

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:
18 July – PM

Parental Donations

Thank you to those parents who are kindly making monthly or one off donations to our school fund account. We are using these funds to support the purchase of resources in school. If you do not currently make a donation and would like to, our bank details are as follows

Acct name: Branfil school fund account

Sort code: 30.14.24

Account number 00976304

This academic year we have received £620 in parental donations. This is very much appreciated.
Thank you.

Reception visit to Thorndon Country Park

Reception very much enjoyed their rainy day in Thorndon Park. Despite the wet weather, the children engaged in many learning opportunities and thoroughly enjoyed searching for lots of bugs and learning even more about The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Year 1 visit to Sea Life Centre

On Monday 21st May, Year 1 visited Southend Sea Life Adventure Aquarium. The children were thrilled to see sharks swimming above their heads in the shark tunnel, as well as the penguins that dived beneath the surface to say hello. The children also had the opportunity to touch Edwina the crab and Patrick the starfish. The children were really well behaved throughout the day. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parent helpers who supported the children on this fantastic educational visit.

Miss Pearce

School Nurse

Our school nurse, Denise Ellis, will be doing drop in sessions on Wednesday 18 July. She is here for anyone who has any concerns about their child and would like to discuss them with her.

Show Dogs Film

Some parents have expressed concerns about inappropriate content in particular scenes in this film. It would therefore be advisable to read reviews for the film if you are planning to take your children to see it at the cinema.

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

Pupil of the Week



11 May

Jessica Rethon, Megan Hatley, Jayden Moor, Archie Pigott, Elise Dunne, Lucy Argent, Joshua Patterson, Dean Harris, Rachel Manester, Tracy Tran, Sian Wilson, Ema Gackaite, Jessie Littlechild, Millie Back, Winnie Thompson, Lois Myers-Young, Lilah Tuohy, Faith folley, Millie Pannell-Spiers, Ruby Seeley.

18 May

Ava Marsh, Drew Willis, Max Lever, Henry Watts, Sophie Teleki, Joe Green, Daniel Obasan, Nikita Pusca, Oliver Wood, Dylan Herrera, Joseph Royapen, Amber Ash, Rose Shirley, Beth Vincent, Ben O'Meara, Finley Clark, Josh Narine, Violet Clark, 6 Acacia, 6 Hornbeam

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