

Newsletter 27 April 2018

Dear parents and carers,
Next Thursday, when the school is closed due to being a polling station, all staff will be trained in our new approach to dealing with pupil conflict, including bullying. The restorative justice approach, discussed in previous Parent Forums, will be used to handle differences, issues or disagreements and all staff will also use this system to discuss any minor issues that may arise during the school day. A restorative approach will enable the school to successfully resolve conflicts, further improve behaviour and support the development of well-rounded individuals. The restorative approach is based on an understanding and acceptance that conflict is a part of life and that in a conflict there is an underlying damage to the two parties involved that needs to be addressed to resolve the issue and prevent any further incidences of the same nature. In school this basically means that, instead of simply being punished as a result of 'inappropriate behaviour', a child is asked to take responsibility for their actions, understanding what they have done wrong and accepting that their actions can be harmful to others. At our next Parent Forum, on Tuesday 15th May from 5.00-6.00pm, we will be giving parents an overview of this approach and we can then talk about it further. If you have any other questions that you would like to be discussed at the Forum, then these should be sent to the office via email or letter by Tuesday 8th May please. We hope to see you there.

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher

Dates Reminder

Thursday 3 May – school closed INSET (polling station)

Monday 7 May – School closed May Bank Holiday

Staffing Update

We have appointed three great teachers to join our team in September:

- Mr Fielder, as Deputy Headteacher
- Miss Bessant, as Year Leader
- Miss Mackenzie, as class teacher.

The children will spend time with their teachers for next year on Friday 13 July.

Values Based Education

Our value for the month of April is Courage.

Courage can change lives. People of courage have changed the world!

By being brave and having the courage to face challenges and difficulties, we can grow and make our lives much better.

We will spend the month of April thinking about people from history, people from the present day and people all around us who show courage. We may be inspired to be braver ourselves!

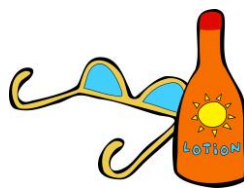
Courage is being brave

Courage is facing your fears

Courage is keeping going no matter what.

"You will never do anything in this world without courage." Aristotle

Sun Lotion not allowed in school



In hot weather please ensure you administer sun lotion to your child before coming to school as we do not allow sun lotion in school due to allergies.

If you need it administered during school hours, please come to school during the lunch break to administer it yourselves. Thank you for your cooperation.

As our weather is so hit and miss please also make sure your child always has their water bottle and sun hat in school in readiness for the sunshine!

School footwear

Your child's footwear in school should be suitable for climbing and running throughout the school day e.g a shoe with a good grip on the sole and fastened either with a lace, velcro or buckle. The children run the Daily Mile and also have allotted time on our climbing wall.

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.

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



Moped Alert

Branfil - Warning - Moped riders were seen over the Ingrebourne bridge area at the back of the school on Wed 25 April. We advised our Year 6 pupils to be aware. The police were informed and a member of staff manned the back gate at home time.

Shakespeare Day

On the 23rd April we had a special assembly to celebrate Shakespeare day. All of the reading ambassadors took part and read out some Sonnets. They did an amazing job and some even learnt them off by heart!

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.

If you have more than one child it is also essential that you put funding onto the accounts of each child please.

Parish of Hornchurch Summer Holiday Club

23-27 July



Every year the Parish of Hornchurch provide a holiday club for the local children and this is open to all children, irrespective of whether they attend church or not. Registration for this will begin online on Friday 4

May at 10am and further information can be found at <https://www.parishofhornchurch.co.uk/summer-holiday-club.html>

The Friday Night Junior Club

A Friday night Junior club is held at The Robert Beard/Olive Academy in Hornchurch from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. This is an opportunity for our Y5/6 pupils who are soon to make the transition from primary to secondary education to meet other children and make new friendships. The activities include games, pool, arts & crafts, table tennis, Xbox, sport, life skills and many more.

For more information contact 01708 450609 or 07947 257562.

Year 2 cricket event

On Thursday 19th April, 9 of the Year 2 children went to an All Stars Cricket Workshop at Noak Hill Sports Centre. The children got to learn about the basics of the game and played some fun games to help them develop their bowling and batting skills. All of the children enjoyed the morning thoroughly and represented Branfil really well with their fantastic behaviour and great sportsmanship.

Miss O'Toole

Old newspaper request

Y6 are making paper mache models and would be grateful for any old newspaper donations from parents/carers. Please bring into the school office if you have any, thank you.

School Nurse

Our school nurse, Denise Ellis, will be doing drop in sessions on Wednesday 23 May & Wednesday 18 July. She is here for anyone who has any concerns about their child and would like to discuss them with her

Leaflets and Flyers

We are often asked to distribute leaflets/flyers via our pupils and would like to make clear that when these are given out we do not endorse these events, promotions etc. We will continue to review requests, however, we do ask for a payment towards the school fund when these are sent home.

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

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/>

Pupil of the Week



29 March

Amelia Hill, Zac Newman, Amelia Farrow, Stanley Pigott, Alfie Ware, Amelia Cross, Sophie Teleki, Lara Ghir, Amari Sehangera, Tommy white, Aadit Latey, Sean Dodds, Ella Goddard, Olivia Norgate, Tilly Dorrian, Jasmine Bell, Sonny Clark, Olivia Wright, Noah McLaughlin, Daisy Burley.

20 April

Aria Fernandes, Caitlin Smith, Brooklyn Stuurman, Grace Payne, Lily Todd, Bonnie Toner, Millie Mitchell, Claudia Grove, Millie Baldwin, Luke Daly, John O'Hanlon, Beatrice Exley, Theo Laronde, Olivia Tucker, Ross Metcalfe, Daniel Watkinson, Rhys James, Reece Narine, Sonny Horsey, Aidan Fairfax.

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
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	Y6 visit to Upminster Methodist Church ‘Life Path’
Wednesday 20 June	Reception & KS1 sports morning 9.30am If cancelled due to bad weather - alternative date Wednesday 4 July
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	Y6 Leavers’ disco tbc
Thursday 19 July	Y6 Mini Market
Friday 20 July	School closes at normal time for summer break