

## **Newsletter 29 June 2018**

Dear parents and carers,

With only 15 school days left this academic year and a huge amount of different activities, trips, visitors and events to fit in we are certainly not winding down towards summer!

At such a busy time of year, when annual reports are being written and preparations are being made for the next school year, our staff are surpassing themselves with their commitment to ensuring our pupils have a truly broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum. This is despite the pressures of our education system which result in some schools narrowing their curriculum, focussing mainly on data driven areas. I am sure you will happily join me in whole heartedly thanking our staff team, who really do go the extra mile for our children.

I wish you a happy, relaxed weekend, enjoying the sun.

Mrs Sansom  
Headteacher

### **Staff updates**

We are saying farewell to Mrs K Smith at the end of this term who has been at Branfil many years and we wish her well in the future.

### **Year 2 going into Year 3 in September**

Advance warning that when children move into Year 3 they are no longer entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This means that from September you will need to pay £2.30 per meal. Payment is made via the sQuid payment system and you will receive a letter with your access code before the end of term.

### **Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and grant towards uniform.**

Where parents are entitled to pupil premium the school receive extra funding and if your child is in KS2 your child will also receive free school meals which is a significant weekly saving.

As a thank you to any parents who apply for and are awarded pupil premium will also get a grant of £50 towards school uniform to be used at the school suppliers. To apply is very simple:

<https://my.havering.gov.uk/pages/onlineforms/free-school-meals.aspx#details>

### **Values Based Education**

#### **Unity**

**Unity is togetherness**

**Unity is collective strength and harmony**

**Unity is personal commitment**

**Our final value for this academic year is 'Unity'. As we reflect on our school year and the friends and teams we have worked with, we will learn the importance of harmony within our groups and among the group, how to accept and appreciate each other and staying with the task and team.**



### **Sun Safety**

In view of the very hot weather we have been enjoying lately, please remember to send your child in with their drinks bottle, sun hat and apply sunscreen before school.

### **Sex and Relationship Education**

Your child will be coming home with a letter today giving you information on the forthcoming sex and relationship lessons. There will be an opportunity on 4 July to view the materials that will be used.

### **PTA Summer Event**

Remember to buy your wristbands for the PTA summer fun afternoon which is being held at the school on Friday 6 July from 3.30-6.30pm. The PTA will be selling these on the playground.

### **Incredible fundraisers**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship money for Walk the World.

A very big thank you to Omar, 6 Acacia, and his wonderful grandmother, who raised the amazing amount of £350 for the Reading event and £350 for the Walk the World event.

### Quadkids

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, a team of Year 3&4 children took part in this year's Quadkids event at Hornchurch Sports Stadium. All pupils gave their best and were an absolute credit to the school. Forty schools throughout Havering entered teams of Yr3 Boys, Yr3 Girls, Yr4 Boys and Yr4 Girls. Branfil's Year 3 team came 5<sup>th</sup> and the Year 4 team came 11<sup>th</sup> overall. In each category over 150 participants competed.

Well done to: **Yr3** Theo 4<sup>th</sup>, Owen 5<sup>th</sup>, Ewan 88<sup>th</sup>, William 94<sup>th</sup>, Leyla 17<sup>th</sup>, Isabelle 21<sup>st</sup>, Holly and Olivia joint 41<sup>st</sup>.

**Yr4** George 45<sup>th</sup>, Jay and Khalid joint 73<sup>rd</sup>, Louis 90<sup>th</sup>, Milly 15<sup>th</sup>, Maddie 34<sup>th</sup>, Sophie 64<sup>th</sup> and Mia 88<sup>th</sup>.

Individual successes where children finished in the top 20 were: Theo who came 9<sup>th</sup> in the throwing event, 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50m sprint and 14<sup>th</sup> in the standing long jump; Owen who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 400m and also 14<sup>th</sup> in the standing long jump; Holly who came 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the standing long jump. Superb results!

A very big thank you to our Yr3&4 team; you did the school proud! Also a special thank you to all the parents involved for your support.

Mrs Lee and Mr Grant

### KS2 Sports Day

#### **House Team Results**

1<sup>st</sup> St. Cedd 39,689 points

2<sup>nd</sup> St. Andrews 38,827 points

3<sup>rd</sup> St Laurence 37,232 points

4<sup>th</sup> St. Chad 35,321 points

#### **Individual Results**

Year 3 – Theo L, William E, Evie H and Jessica R

Year 4 – Harry J, Sean D, Lilly-Anne B and Mia L

Year 5 – James S, Jack H, Emily H and Violet C

Year 6 – Archie P, Charlie O'M, Imogene B and Ruby G

### Win a 'Train Driver Experience'

The winning child (and accompanying adult) will be able to ride in the front driver's cab of an S Stock district line train journeying overground and through the underground tunnel system in central and west London. The child can blow the whistle and even make an announcement! This fantastic experience will be one of the raffle prizes on offer at the PTA fun afternoon on Friday 6 July and has been kindly arranged by a parent who is a train driver.

### A 'thank you' to our wonderful PTA

The Friend's of Branfil tirelessly fundraise for the school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and let you know just what their funding has paid for this year.

- Reception - Butterfly Kit. Children watch as caterpillars turn into butterflies then release them into the wild.
- Year 1 - Gardening project. Garden equipment and plants to enable children to plant and maintain their own garden.
- Year 2 – 'Incredible Eggs' duckling hatching kits. Pupils follow the progress of the ducklings as they hatch and grow.
- Year 3 – Mad Science workshops: 'Dry Ice Capades'
- Year 4 – Mad Science workshops: 'Light and Sound'
- Year 5 and Year 6 – Stem.org Lego robotic workshops. Children program, build and watch their creations come to life.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Virtual Reality workshops exploring other worlds.
- The PTA have also provided the school with basket ball hoops, quoits target game, foam javelins, dancing ribbons, cones, IT equipment and Year 6 autograph books.

Future projects include outside drama stage, playground benches and renovations to the playground.

The PTA are always in need of more help.

If interested, please visit their website, [friends.branfil.com](http://friends.branfil.com).

### Website

Photos and news of events, trips etc can be found on our website under each individual year group page.

### Suggestion Boxes

We now have two suggestion boxes outside the school office (main entrance & playground entrance). Please feel free to comment on the note pads which are by the side of the boxes and post with your suggestions.

### **Junior Music Festival**

The choir performed in the annual Junior Music Festival at the Queens Theatre this week, along with seven other schools in the borough.

This year's theme was 'Stage and Scene' and the choir sang This Is Me from The Greatest Showman. They sang brilliantly, were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Well done!



### **Tower Bridge**



The final Year 5 class have visited Tower Bridge today. Hawthorn and Alder absolutely loved the trip, learning about the history of the bridge, how it works and most importantly, walking/laying/posing on the glass that overlooks London from a great height. All the children learnt so much and were a credit to the school, not just on the trip, but in travelling there and back on the train.

Miss Philpot

### **Consent Forms**

You would have recently received a form explaining the new data protection laws and asking for your consent for us to share data, photos etc. If you have not already done so please complete and return this to the school office.

### **School Nurse**

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

### **Change of times to school day**

From September school times will be as below:

#### **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)

### **Year 1 visit to St Laurence Church**

Year 1 have enjoyed visiting St Laurence Church this week. The children found the history of the church interesting and had the opportunity to explore the church for objects and symbols that they have been learning about in R.E. lessons. The children were very enthusiastic to ask Reverend Susannah questions and find out more about what is important to Christians. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help.

### **Gamelan**

On Wednesday, 27 children from Years 3-6 went to Upminster Junior School to learn about a type of Gamelan that uses an instrument called an anglung- a musical instrument from Indonesia made of a varying number of bamboo tubes attached to a bamboo frame. They had a fantastic time, learning and performing this type of music. Well done!

Mrs Campbell and Miss Philpot

### **Parking**

Please ensure that, when you are dropping off/collecting your child in a vehicle, you are considerate of our neighbours by not blocking any driveway and giving due respect to residents when parking.

### **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 afternoon of 18 July.

# Pupil of the Week



## 15 June

David Chitiga, Rose Shirley, Eadi French, Matthew Mercieca, Max Bird, Eric Pascariou, Maggie Featherstone, Henry Watts, Liam Drury, Stanley French, Sahib Ghuman, Tilly Barrett, Oliver Jarvis, Lydon Clarke, Benjamin Hollick, Lee Harris, Evie Denison, Denny Waterman-Cook, Amelia Burton, Toby Drury.

## 22 June

Jack Abbott, Sean Dodds, Evie Hatley, Noah Meadows, David Sule, Chloe Titterrell, Emily Kemp, Luke Langley, Mylee-Rae Payne, Savannah Flowers, Joseph Warrington, Lailah Spencer, Poppy Marketis, Jorge De Faria-Thomas, Tiana Corsan, Ava-Rose Hartie, Charlie Roberts, Layla Said, Max Bird, Max Hutchinson.

## 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/>

<b>Summer Term Dates</b>	
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	<b>School closes normal time for Easter break</b>
<b>Fri 30 – Fri 13 April</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>Monday 16 April</b>	<b>School reopens 8:40am KS2 &amp; 8.50am Reception &amp; KS1</b>
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
<b>Thursday 3 May</b>	<b>School closed – Polling station</b>
<b>Monday 7 May</b>	<b>School closed – May Bank Holiday</b>
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	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>
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
<b>Friday 25 May</b>	<b>School closes at normal time for Half Term Break</b>
<b>Mon 28 – Fri 1 June</b>	<b>School Closed Half Term Break</b>
<b>Monday 4 June</b>	<b>School re-opens 8.40am KS2 &amp; 8.50am Reception &amp; KS1</b>
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
<b>Friday 20 July</b>	<b>School closes at normal time for summer break</b>