

End of Term News 21 July 2017

Lead Learners – Summer Term

KS1

Evie Dennis, Tiana Corsan, Layla Howarth, George Sheridan, Logan King, Phoebe Schafer, Freddie Smith, Nancy Hazelwood, Isabelle Prior.

KS2

Jessica Tran, Caitlin Smith, Ava Roe, Sean Harris, Oliver Purdie, Joseph Teleki, Imogen Berry, Duncan Robertson, Sunny Rose, Albert Goodey.

Congratulations to all those above for being nominated this term!

Reminders for September

In September, all teachers of Reception and Year 1 children will continue to greet the children on the playground between 8.50am – 9.00am every day.

Year 2 – 6 children will be greeted by Year Leaders who will pass on any messages to the class teacher: 8.50am - 9.00am Y2, 8.40am - 8.50am Y3 – 6.

Unauthorised Leave in term time

From September any unauthorised absences could result in a fine being issued by the LA. Please see our attendance policy on the school website for more information.

Water bottles

Please send your child to school each day from September with a water bottle which is:

- plastic
- reusable
- approximately 500ml capacity (so it will fit into our carry crates)
- clearly labelled with child's name and class.

Please note that only plain water will be allowed; any other contents will be discarded and the bottle refilled with water.

Every child will take their bottle home each day so it can be cleaned and refilled with fresh water.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 2 Fruit

As your child enters Year 3 they are no longer eligible for the Government free fruit scheme. If your child wishes to have a snack at break time please send them in with a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Sports Mornings

On the mornings of Monday 3rd July (KS2) and Wednesday 5th July (KS1) children took part in their annual sports morning. Throughout the different events children needed to use a range of skills such as running, skipping, jumping, throwing, balancing, dribbling and kicking. Children participated with great enthusiasm and demonstrated superb teamwork, working together to score as many points as they could for their house teams. Well done all of you and thank you to the many parents and carers for your support at the sports mornings.

Mrs Lee

Key Stage Two Pupils were joined by a special guest for their sports day. The London Borough of Havering's Mayor, Mrs Linda Van Den Henderson enjoyed taking part in some events and talking to pupils. She announced the final scores to parents and pupils and congratulated the winning team's House Captains; Alfie Moulder and Elizabeth Jones. Well done to all the pupils on showing great sportsmanship and congratulations to Saint Laurence pupils on their win

Results:

KS1

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| 1st Andrew | 2nd Laurence |
| 3rd Chad | 4th Cedd |

KS2

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| 1st Laurence | 2nd Cedd |
| 3rd Chad | 4th Andrew |

Combined overall result

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| 1st Laurence | 2nd Chad |
| 3rd Cedd | 4th Andrew |

Mr Maul

Mr Maul is making a steady recovery. He has asked us to pass on his thanks to parents and pupils for all their good wishes for his recovery. He has said that it puts into perspective what others think of you at a time you need it the most.

BGT

On Wednesday 19th July we held the finals for 'Branfil's Got Talent'. All the winners from the class auditions performed their acts on stage in the hall, to the rest of the school. The quality of acts was amazing, ranging from singing and dancing to comedy acts. We have some very talented children at our school! A huge well done to all the children who took part but special congratulations to the following winners:

Reception and KS1

1st Place- Henley Owen and Phoebe Schafer (1 Willow)

2nd Place - Chloe Ernest and Savannah Flewers (fir)

3rd Place - Denny Waterman-Cook, Max Hutchinson, Noah Bates (2 Cedar)

KS2

1st Place: Freddie Littlechild and Aaron Levy (6 Hornbeam)

2nd Place: Emma Murphy (5 Alder)

3rd Place: Mira Zgaibey (3 Maple)

September Class Arrangements

Apologies to 3 Hazel for the error on the teacher list – Mrs Stevenson will be teaching them as 4 Birch next year. Mrs Fisk is not teaching!

End of Year Pupil Awards

Harrison McMahon was awarded the Ron Gouge trophy for demonstrating the values of Branfil in school every day.



Freya Long was awarded the music trophy for being a role model to all other musicians in school and for her participation in choir, orchestra and her violin lessons.

Faith Reilly received the Sports trophy for being a role model through participating in sporting events throughout the year and never giving up in adversity. Congratulations to them all!

Attendance

Forty Six of our pupils today received a certificate and a book token for 100% attendance during this Academic year ... well done to each and every one of them... you know who you are!

Alexa Rugless deserves a special mention for receiving an award today for 100% attendance throughout her whole time at Branfil! A big congratulations to Alexa!

Year 4 Swimming

We would like to clarify that swimming is a compulsory lesson in the national Curriculum and we have recently asked parents/carers if they are able to contribute to the ever increasing cost of transport. This is a voluntary contribution and if you do not wish to help in this way your child will still participate in this lesson, however, we do appreciate all your support. You are also able to donate on Parentpay or hand in cash/cheque to the office.

Mini Market

The Year 6's raised £430 - a fantastic achievement. The whole school enjoyed spending time eating, drinking and visiting the variety of stalls and activities. The sun even came out for us! Thank you to all the parents/carers for their generosity too.
Miss Bain



30 June

Lucy Argent... sorry missed last weeks newsletter!

14 July

Isla Persaud, George Brocklehurst, Thomas Penfold, Austina Zgunaite, Eric Pascariou, Cian Irwin, George Vaughan, Ella Perkins, Megan Beattie, Oscar Hayes, Abby Cole, Roxie Leavens.

INSET Days for next Academic year

Mon 4 September 2017

Tues 5 September 2017

Tues 2 January 2018

Wed 3 January 2018

Thurs 3 May 2018 – please note unavoidable change of date due to the school being used as a polling station

Finally..... from all the staff at Branfil we would like to wish you a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break, happy holidays!

House Points total for the year

1st – St.Laurence

2nd –St.Andrew

3rd – St.Chad

4th – St.Cedd

Well done St.Laurence!

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>.

Dinner tickets are all now delivered to parents in sealed envelopes so there is no distinction at all between children paying for meals or receiving free school meals.

Once eligibility is confirmed the school will receive funding for six years, irrespective of any change to family income. This obviously is a considerable boost for our budget. Should your child change schools the eligibility goes with them.

As an encouragement for parents to apply for Free School Meals, the Governing Body has decided to award a uniform voucher worth £50 for every child who is awarded Free School Meals from now on.

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