

## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we celebrated the Harvest Festival in school with two special assemblies. We displayed all the generous offerings children and their families had provided while also celebrating the amazing Harvest Boxes which children had made and decorated at home. I think the level of generosity this year, as well as the quality of the boxes, was definitely beyond what we have experienced before so thank you for your support of this important event.



Thank you to also to the parents who gave their time to deliver the food to Tapestry in Hornchurch, where it will help elderly people in Upminster and Hornchurch.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

### Nut products in School

Please ensure you do not send your child into school with any products that contain any type of nut as we have children with severe allergies.

### Car Parks

Only staff and those parents/carers with school permits are permitted to park in our Garwood Court car park. Please do not park in this car park if you do not have a permit. Permits are only issued to those parent/carers in very specific circumstances.

### Values Based Education

#### Responsibility

At Branfil we constantly strive to develop a sense of responsibility in our pupils. We teach children that they are responsible for their choices and that they have a social responsibility to look after each other and their environment. In addition to this individual sense of responsibility, we also look to build a culture of responsibility by providing children with opportunities such as, but not limited to, the School Council, the Eco-Council, the Arts Committee, Peer Mentors and Reading Ambassadors. With all of these roles comes an importance that children can take pride in and ownership of. Please help us by encouraging your children to be responsible at home and in the community, modelling the responsible attitudes of picking up litter and helping others which we would like to foster in them.

**'If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.'**

*Les Brown*

### Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop



The children took part in a drama workshop about the events of the Great Fire of London. They worked in small groups to re-enact what life would have been like in 1666. The children also pretended to be flames and

danced around waving their flames! They learnt about the aftermath of the fire and famous people of the time. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

### Maths Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the maths workshops. We hope you found it beneficial to see the methods we use for calculations and also enjoyed trying out some problem solving and reasoning. We have received lots of positive feedback; please do let us know what we did well and areas we can improve. Thank you for your support with your child's maths learning at home.



### Excellence in Art Award



Jenson from 4 Rowan was the first child to win our new Excellence in the Arts award.

The Excellence in the Arts award is awarded to someone who has shown commitment, perseverance and focus

when taking part in an art lesson such as Drama, Music or Art throughout the week.

Jenson has started work on a fantastic drawing with Mrs Hanson. She mentioned that he has been very focused during the lesson, so that his drawing is detailed and neat.

### Core Values Competition

Maggie from 5 Alder won the Core Values Competition for September.

Maggie produced an excellent piece of work using photography which showcased our core value of the month - Friendship.



She even created a wonderful poem on the back of her artwork, which she shared with the whole school.

This month's competition is to represent 'responsibility' through collage. All entries to be handed in to class teachers by 31<sup>st</sup> October please.

### New Intake for September 2020

If you have friends or family who are making the decision about where to send their child to school from September 2020, please encourage them to visit Branfil. We have new intake meetings/tours on:

- Thursday 17th October at 9.15am
- Tuesday 5th November at 2.00pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.15am

If you or any family member/friend would like to book a space on any of these tours please email [office@branfil.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@branfil.havering.sch.uk) with your name, telephone number, email address and name of your child.

### Parents/Carers' Consultation Evening

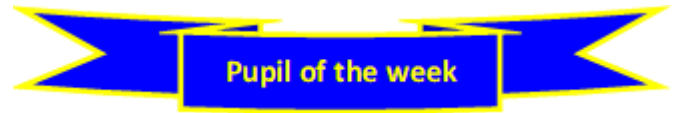
Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday to find out how their child has settled in to their new year group. We look forward to seeing everyone else next Wednesday. Please go online to book an appointment if you haven't done so already.

A polite reminder – please ensure your child remains with you at all times when you attend these meetings. Children must not be left unattended anywhere on the school premises. This includes our climbing frame in our playground which must not be used outside school

hours; parents/carers are not allowed to take children on the frame without a member of staff supervising.

**Aldi Stickers**

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have sent in Aldi Stickers. Please continue to bring these in to help us complete our poster enabling us to win an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win up to £20,000 in prizes. Please send all stickers to Miss Bessent who will add them on to the poster.



**4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Matias P, Isla-Rose H, David D-P, Reid WW, Amrita R, Evie P, Kayden P, Mylee-Rae P, Jack R, Aela D, Reuben McD, Tilly C, Layla S, Aurora D, Daniel S, Ashton B-M, Charlie F, Layla H, Jessica T, Amy B.**

**11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Teddy McC, Harry W, Dolcie P, Lincoln R, Jacob W, Ruby H, Lyla T, Lily T, Sadie W, Daisy W, Kol S, Eliza M, Max B, Francesco F, Phoebe S, Noah B, Jessica V, Holly G, Louis B, Max T, Thomas B.**



**News from the PTA**  
For more information about the "friends" and our events, visit [friends.branfil.com](http://friends.branfil.com)



**QUIZ**  
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GREAT, FUN EVENING  
**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7:30pm MAIN HALL**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!** This is the last opportunity to book a table for Saturday's Quiz Night. We have had a really poor response - we don't mind admitting... we're desperate for more tables!!  
It costs £10 pp or £75 for a table of 8. Including a fish and chip dinner. More information and book online at [friends.branfil.com](http://friends.branfil.com)  
**PLEASE support your PTA and help us to raise money for our children's school.**



**Panto: Dick Whittington**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
Dick Whittington tells the rags to riches tale of a young man and his cat on an exciting quest for fame and fortune as he dreams of becoming Lord Mayor of London.  
Tickets: £16.50 each.  
More information and book online at [friends.branfil.com](http://friends.branfil.com)



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Tuesday 15 October	5 Alder trip to Eastbury Manor
Wednesday 16 October	Parent Consultation meetings 3.30-7.00pm
Thursday 17 October	5 Aspen and 5 Hawthorn trip to Eastbury Manor
Thursday 17 October	2020 Intake information meeting 9.15am
<b>Friday 18 October</b>	<b>School finishes normal time for Half term holiday</b>
<b>21 – 25 October</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28 October</b>	<b>School reopens 8.40-8.50am whole school</b>

**INSET Days for 2019/20 Term (agreed by Governors): 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**FOR INFORMATION – The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please be aware when booking any long weekend away.**