

Newsletter 2nd July 2021

Dear parents and carers

Our summer term sponsored event will be a 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday 23rd July - please see the flyer and sponsor form attached.

Children can be sponsored for the number of school rules, from the following list, that they will break:

- No crazy hair or dye
- No face paint or festival glitter
- No silly dancing/walking
- No back to front/inside out clothes
- No squash in water bottles
- No nail polish
- No silly hat indoors

This will be a fun way to end a very unusual year, whilst raising money to continue to update the books available to our children. In September, each class will choose new books, up to the value that their class raised, to ensure that they feel excited and motivated to read.

If your child would like to join in but would prefer not to get sponsorship, a minimum donation of £2 is required please. Payment is through ParentPay – please be aware that it will look as though you can only pay £2 initially but, when you click on the item, you can then enter the amount of sponsor money that has been collected.

Thank you in advance for your support with this fundraising activity. Please do emphasise to your child that the rules on the list are the **ONLY** ones that can be broken on the day!

Kind regards

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

All school books (Read Write Inc, Oxford Reading tree, class library books) to be returned by Friday 16th July please.

Value of the month: Cooperation

As we begin to look forward to the further easing of COVID restrictions this month, and the increased possibilities for fun and adventure over the summer holidays, it is important to reflect on what an important role cooperation has played in the successful running of our school during the last 18 months. The cooperation that our children, staff, parents and carers have shown in difficult and ever-changing circumstances has been a testament to what a fantastic community Branfil is and one which we should all feel proud to be a part of. Positive relationships are at the heart of cooperation and as a school we always look to strengthen the relationships between all members of our community in order to make the school the amazing environment our children deserve. Let us take this opportunity in July, therefore, to be thankful for the cooperation shown by others and also explain the value of it to our children.

'The most powerful force ever known on this planet is human cooperation.'

Jonathan Haidt

Junior Citizen Event



The children in Year 6 all had a great time at the Junior Citizen Event and learnt about: personal safety, public transport, road safety, littering, water safety, knife crime, cyber-bullying and substance abuse.

Pencil Cases

Pupil Voice – children in Years 2-6 would like to continue to bring their own pencil cases in to school next year so we have decided to make this a permanent change.

We will provide all stationery for Reception and Year 1 children. We encourage children in Years 2-6 to bring in their own pencil case and stationery, which will stay on their desk – any child who does not bring in a pencil case will be provided with a pack of resources.

Pencil cases must be plain, traditional style with a zip top, approximate maximum size 20cm x 15cm. They can contain:

- HB pencils
- blue and red biro (no roller ball or gel pen)
- colour pencils (maximum of 12 colours, no felt tips)
- rubber
- 15cm ruler
- sharpener (with collector for shavings)
- glue stick.

No novelty items please.

Core Values Competition

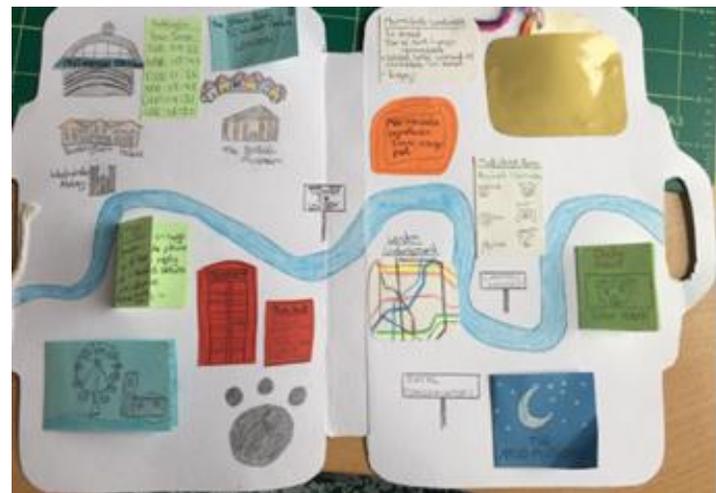


The winner for the Core Values Competition is Matilda in 2 Beech. What a brilliant and brightly coloured piece of art work. She has used phrases such as "WOW!" "POW!" and "POP!" that are frequently used in Pop Art pieces. Well done!

Our final value of the month for the core values competition is **Co-operation** and the style that we would like the children to work in is **Poetry**. They could record themselves performing the poem, and making up actions to specific words, or decorate their poem in a creative way.

Excellence in the Arts Award

Well done to Amber in 6 Chestnut for her wonderful detailed reading river. It has parts that you can pull out, miniature books to open and beautiful drawings too. What a fantastic effort!



Last week Mrs. Goodman nominated Daisy for her wonderful empathy resolution 'to appreciate that everyone is different'. Well done!



Wild World Heroes – Summer Reading Challenge 2021

A reminder of this year's physical Summer Reading Challenge.

The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund UK.



During the summer holidays children aged 4-11 can sign up at their local Havering library from 10th July, then read any six library books of their choice to collect special stickers and rewards along the way – all for FREE. This year only two library visits are needed, one to pick up a pack and a second to return a completed Book Review sheet in order to receive a medal and certificate. Parents and carers will be discussing books and giving out stickers to their children.

Visit <https://www.havering.gov.uk/events/20039/libraries> for our free Summer events.

Free summer learning support

At Branfil we want our children to enjoy a relaxing and fun summer with their families and friends, however we are also aware that many of our parents may want to continue to support their children with their academic learning due to the impact of COVID in the last year. If you would like your child to have access to additional learning materials and online lessons during the holidays, Oak National Academy will be providing free summer learning support. Oak National Academy is endorsed by the government and is offering online lessons for key units in English, Maths and Foundation subjects as well as resources to support mental health and creativity. To find out more please visit:



www.thenational.academy/summer-learning-support

Science Assembly – Climate Change

This week we had a Science assembly all about climate change. Children explored the impact that we have on our environment and found out about the 'Round Britain Climate Challenge'. Sacha Dench, Ambassador for the UN's Convention on Migratory Species (aka 'the human swan') will fly around Britain in a wind and green electricity powered paramotor, attempting two Guinness World Records.



Second Hand Uniform

Branfil pre-loved uniform shop is open for socially distanced collections. You are able to purchase items of second hand uniform. Suzanne Lock is operating entirely Covid friendly. She asks that you text her your orders and she will then put the items in a box outside her house for collection. Please message Suzanne on 07773910611 or via the Branfil Primary Preloved Uniform Facebook page.



Covid Tests

The local authority have had some reports that parents/children are completing LFD tests if they are symptomatic. Can we please remind you that if anyone in the household has ANY of the symptoms of COVID-19, they need to have a PCR test as these tests are more accurate in determining if a person has the virus or is infectious. PCR tests will also identify if the positive case is a variant of concern.

Urgent Contact for Positive Cases

An email address has been set up for parents/carers to use when the school is closed (outside office hours) to inform us about a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 for one of our pupils who is in school: covid19@branfil.havering.sch.uk

We check this email regularly and will respond by telephone to the family as soon as possible. Please do not communicate any other information relating to pupils self-isolating, pupils showing symptoms, family members testing positive etc. since these do not require an urgent response from the school – please continue to communicate about non-urgent issues through the normal office email, attendance email or by telephone.

Please be aware that, where a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should be informed via the office email, but parents and carers should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Absent from School

Please remember to contact the school when your child is absent. You can either email: attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk or telephone the school on 01708 225186 and **press option 1 if you wish to leave a message.** Please leave your child's name, class and reason for absence. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff please hold on the line and your call will be answered. If you are informing us of a possible Covid contact, please remember to inform us again when you receive the result. **Can we remind you that you keep the whole household in isolation if anyone is displaying Covid symptoms.** Then please arrange a test/tests for anyone who is displaying any symptoms that may be Covid related.

If it is not possible to arrange a medical appointment, including doctors, dentist or hospital appointments, outside the school day, please send a copy of your appointment by text or email attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk. This is necessary in order for the absence to be authorised.

Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a face covering whilst waiting outside the school and on the school premises. We ask everyone to wear a face covering, unless they have a medical exemption, in order to keep our school community safe.



sQuid

sQuid Please remember to regularly top up your sQuid account and keep it in credit.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meal please see the link below to apply. If your child is in R or KS1, you do not currently pay for school meals, but the school would still be able to get funding if you apply for free school meals. If your child is in KS2, you would save a significant amount of money if your child is entitled to free school meals.



As a thank you to any parents/carers who apply for, and are awarded, pupil premium, they will also get a one off 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>



Pupil of the week

25^h June 2021

Sienna, McKenzie, Olivia, Ernest, Tegan, Dolcie, Freddy, Nonso, Lydia, Sienna, Lyla, Billy, Harriet, Lewis, Izabella, Ruby, Issa, Jess, Isla, Max and Hazel.



Happy Birthday!

Heath, Dylan, Frederick, Tommy, Lucy, Luca, Andrei, Kieran, Hunter, Isabel, Remi, Tiana, Fredrick, Ferne, Dominic, Johnny, Aidan, Ema, Archie, Danny, Ruby, Lexie-Mae, Kayleigh, Caleb, Grace, Darcy, Isabella and Sian.



2nd July 2021

Kosi, Archie, Tami, Dylan, Noah, Chloe, Daisy, Tommy, Henry, Freddie, Poppy, Emily, Julia, Beatrice, Daniel, Francesca, Dolcie, Millie, Charlie and Ewan.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-10:30
Wednesday 7 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-10:30
Thursday 8 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-10:30
Friday 9 July 2021	Sports Day for Y5 & 6
Monday 12 July 2021	Year 6 - TFL STARS 'Safety and Citizenship' Virtual Presentation Year 5 author events – Jennifer Killick & Alom Shaha
Tuesday 13 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-11:00 Annual reports sent home
Wednesday 14 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-11:00
Thursday 15 July 2021	New Intake Reception Session 09:30-11:00 Transition session 1 with the teacher for next year
Monday 19 July	Transition session 2 with the teacher for next year
Thursday 22 July	Transition session 3 with the teacher for next year
Friday 23 July 2021	Break the Rules Day – sponsored event School closes at the normal time for the summer holiday
Thursday 2 September 2021	Pupils in Years 1-6 return to school

INSET DAYS FOR 2021/2022
Wednesday 1 September 2021
Friday 19 November 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Tuesday 19 April 2022
Friday 22 July 2022



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10 - 13
yr olds

**WELLBEING
WORKSHOPS**

**28th July for 6 weeks
3:30 - 5pm @ My Place**



The workshops will include art,
mindfulness, and chats about our
mental health in a safe space.

Contact: melinda.yems@havering.gov.uk
for more info or to reserve a place

