

## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have all had the chance to help your child to log on to their Google Classroom at home and complete a home learning task. If you have had any difficulties with this then do email your child's class teacher and they will try to help – although please remember that we are not experts... yet!



Teachers will now be posting lessons via Google Classroom where a child in their class has to self-isolate or quarantine at home, or during a local lockdown. The expectation from the government is that children who are in good health, but needing to learn at home, will continue to engage with their learning every day in order to avoid falling behind their peers.

As a reminder, the letters and information about remote learning can be found on our website by clicking on the 'Home Learning' tab on the left hand side of the home page then clicking on the 'COVID 19 Remote Learning' button at the top of that page.

We have already had some positive feedback about the Google Classroom lessons and activities that some children have accessed – please let us know how you and your child are finding the remote learning, via the year group email.

Thank you. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

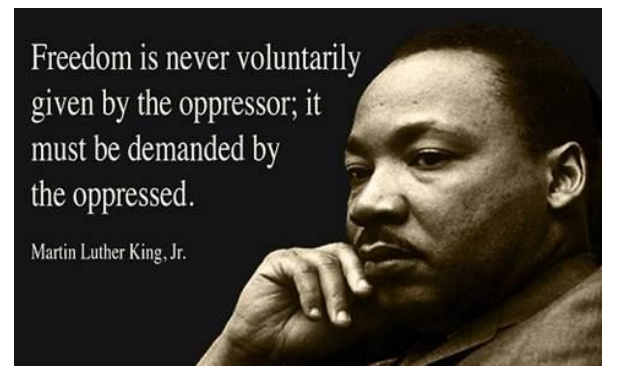
## Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone who is regularly 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.

## Values Based Education

October is the perfect time to celebrate our school value of Freedom due to the clear links with Black History Month and the struggle for Freedom that many groups have had throughout history in this country and around the world. In school we will be taking time to learn about issues such as slavery, segregation and the Black Lives Matter movement and we would encourage families to discuss these important issues at home also.

At Branfil we teach children that having the freedom to choose our words and actions allows us all to show our values and make the right choices. We encourage our community to stand up for what is right and use their freedom to challenge injustice in our society and around the world.



## Parking in Gaynes Park Road

We would like to remind all parents/carers to park considerately in the surrounding area. If approached by residents, please remain calm and behave courteously – you are representing Branfil in our local community.

## #HelloYellow day

Today is World Mental Health Day and to celebrate, we are joining in with #HelloYellow for Young Minds. The aim of today is to spread the word that young people are not alone when dealing with their mental health and we are doing this by wearing something yellow. So far, we have raised over £320, with that total rising. It's not too late to donate;

just click  
on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Branfil>

### Safer Streets Scheme

The Havering Safer Streets Scheme has started and is running between the hours of 8.00-9.30am and 2.00-3.30pm. There will be no vehicular access to Cedar Avenue and part of South View drive during these times unless you have an approved exemption. You will receive a £130.00 fine if you drive down Cedar Avenue/South View Drive during these times.



### Illness

A reminder to parents/carers that if your child has experienced vomiting and diarrhoea then he/she will have to remain off school for 48 hours after the last bout of these. If you send your child to school before this time period is up then you will be asked to come and collect your child immediately.

### Branfil House Captains 2020

Congratulations to our 2020-21 House Captains:

Maggie and Jessica (Tylers)  
Poppy and Amber (Pages)  
Eloise and Nancy (Belhus)  
Tilly and Lara (Cely)



We know you will do a fantastic job :-)

Miss Bain, Miss Philpot and Mrs Daly

### Core Values Competition

Myla in 1 Lime has won this month's Excellence in the Arts Award. Myla painted a beautiful picture of herself on her swing as this represents happiness to her.



Our next value is Freedom and the children are asked to create a piece of art that represents freedom to them. The children are free to choose any medium they like e.g. paint, collage, pencil, oil pastels, watercolour, chalk, photos etc.



### Excellence in the Arts Award

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Daisy in 4 Birch has been nominated as the excellence in the Arts winner this week by Mrs Hanson. She has been painting a landscape this week and her brush skills were inspiring.



#### 9<sup>th</sup> October



Farid in 6 Hornbeam has been nominated for the excellence in the arts award this week by Mr Edwards. This was for his attitude in music lessons and also some rather fine recorder solos in front of his class.

### Havering CAMHS Primary Mental Health Team Workshops

Please see the following online workshops which are being run by the Havering CAMHS Primary Mental Health Team. The workshops will start on Monday 12th October 2020. See below for more information.

Times: Morning session workshops start at 10:00am and finish at 11:00am. Evening session workshops start at 18:00pm and finish at 19:00pm.

### **Sleep hygiene: - Monday 12th October 2020**

Over the past several months, due to COVID restrictions and lockdown, parents and carers have raised concerns around the effect that disrupted routines and poor sleep has had on the emotional wellbeing of their children and young people.

This 1 hour workshop is intended to bring parents, carers and CAMHS clinicians together to learn about the importance of healthy sleep and some of the causes of poor sleep and to create strategies that can help address behavioural and emotional issues that lack of sleep can cause.

Please book to attend on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-hygiene-for-parents-workshop-12-october-2020-tickets-123449140703>

### **Anxiety management: - Monday 19th October 2020**

Due to COVID restrictions and lockdown, parents and carers have also raised concerns around a significant rise in anxiety expressed by their children and young people which is having an impact on their behaviour and overall emotional wellbeing.

This 1 hour work-shop is intended to bring parents, carers and CAMHS clinicians together to learn about the importance of managing anxieties, some of the causes and to create strategies that can help address behavioural and emotional issues that excessive anxiety can cause.

Please book to attend on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anxiety-management-19-october-2020-tickets-123450312207?aff=erelpanelorg>

### **Physical and Emotional Wellbeing – Monday 26th October 2020:**

Parents and carers have also raised concerns around a significant rise in anxiety expressed by their children and young people over the last few months, which is having an impact on their behaviour and overall emotional wellbeing.

This 1 hour workshop is intended to bring parents, carers and CAMHS clinicians together to learn about the importance of managing anxieties, some of the causes and to create strategies that can help address behavioural and emotional issues that excessive anxiety can cause.

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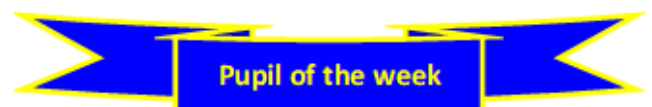
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/physical-and-emotional-wellbeing-26-october-2020-tickets-123451265057?aff=erelpanelorg>

### **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>



### **2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Dominic, Zachary, Sienna, Emily, Harry, Harry, Freddy, Antonia, Ruby, Harry, Lukas, Claudia, Henry, Sanjeyan, Layla, Megan, Ruby, Hooria, Theo, Max, Serine.

**9<sup>th</sup> October**

Faye, Phoebe, Jacob, Dylan, Gabriela, Isla, Michael,  
Harris, Mohammed, Jack, Blake, Henry, Katie, Lewis,  
Evie, Katie, Rosie, Poppy, Jack, Sophie, Jack.

**Happy Birthday!**

Jude, Zoe, Gabriela, Franky-Ray,  
Betsy-Lu, Layla, Rebekah,  
Niamh, Sanjeyan, Daniel,  
William, Henley, Willow, Chloe,  
Amelia, Octavia, Louis, Aela,  
Eva-Grace. Toby, Eadi, Oliver, Ava, Reggie, Gabriele,  
Harry, Sonny, Madison.





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# HAVERING PARA ARTS EXHIBITION

ONLINE FOR 2020

OPEN TO ALL AGES WITH S.E.N.D.  
ALL ART FORMS WELCOME

CLOSING DATE FOR  
SUBMISSIONS **8 NOVEMBER**

To enter please email photo of art works  
(ideally 1MB or larger)  
All suitable art works will become part of an  
online exhibition and may be shared on all  
of Havering Council's social media channels

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