

Newsletter 9th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We have commemorated Remembrance Day in a variety of ways today:

- 2 minutes silence for the whole school community on Garwood Court, reflecting on the phrase spelt out in poppies – Branfil Remembers! We were joined by Barry Windfield from the Royal British Legion and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Deon Burton.
- All children took part in our special celebration assembly where children recited remembrance poetry, sang relevant songs and shared their poppy artwork.
- Poppies, made by the children, were displayed on the railings outside the main entrance.
- Members of our school council represented our school at the Upminster War Memorial; there they met members of the British Legion and paid their respects to all those who lost their lives during WWI and WWII.



Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Values Based Education

Tolerance

In a month famous for celebrating the end of a world war and the downfall of a plot to overthrow a monarch, it is perhaps appropriate that during November at Branfil we will be learning about and celebrating the school value of tolerance. At Branfil we look to not only tolerate our differences, but also accept and celebrate them. We are proud of the things which make us unique, different and special and look to show others that we find their differences special too. This month let's all try to make tolerating each other's differences the bare minimum, but strive to accept, respect and love those differences too.

Cross Country Event

On Thursday 8th October, a selection of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 girls and boys took part in a cross-country event at Stubbers. There were over 700 children that took part in the event from other schools in Havering and everyone was feeling extremely competitive. All the children from Branfil represented the school in a fantastic way despite nerves and performed excellently. Great work to all children involved!



Branfil's Disability Action Plan

We are currently reviewing our Disability Action Plan. If you consider yourself or your child as having a disability, please look at our existing plan which is available on the following link and is the first PDF document listed:

<http://www.branfil.com/key-information/send/>

If you feel that you would like to contribute your thoughts about additions to the plan, please contact Miss A Sutherland via the school office.

Year 5 Handball

On Wednesday 31st October, Stanley F, Freddie, Kieran, Louis, Molly, Olivia and Layla F went to Bower Park Academy to take part in the inaugural annual handball competition against 10 other teams from Havering. They had been having training with Mr Clarke from Gaynes, and used all of their skills on the day. They all showed excellent progress, great sportsmanship and outstanding stamina and enthusiasm. Well done!

Year 3 Colchester Castle Trip

A reminder that Year 3 are going on their school trip to Colchester Castle on Monday 12th November. Please ensure that all children arrive promptly to school with a packed lunch in a plastic bag.



All children must wear their school uniform and bring a coat please. We are very excited to find out even more about the Romans!

School Pick ups

If you are contacting the school to ask another adult to pick up your child(ren), please ring the school and do not email the office (in case this is missed prior to the end of the school day).

Medication for children

We can only administer medication of any kind (including Calpol and other pain relief medicines) if parents/carers have completed and signed a permission form. Please do not send your child in with medicine; medicine must be delivered directly to the office staff where you will be asked to fill out a form with details of dosage and times it will need to be administered. Without this form we will be unable to give your child medicine.

Branfil Tracksuits

Branfil Hoodies and tracksuit bottoms are available to purchase from Havering Schoolwear for use at any sporting events and/or Games lessons in school. The hoodies are £13.00 and tracksuit bottoms are £9.00.

National School Meals Week

Monday 12 November – Friday 16 November is National School Meals Week. A special menu has been created to celebrate school meals over the decades.

Monday 12 Nov

Sausages and Mash

Jam Sponge and Custard

Tuesday 13 Nov

Sweet Potato Korma

Apple Crumble and Ice Cream

Wednesday 14 Nov

Cheese and Potato Pie

Jelly and Ice Cream

Thursday 15 Nov

Beef Stew and Dumplings

Syrup Sponge and Custard

Friday 16 Nov

Fish and Chips

Chocolate Sponge and Custard

Hate Crime Reporting Line

Stop Hate UK have launched a 24 hour help line in Havering. This line is to enable people to report Hate Crime in the borough. If you have witnessed or experienced hate crime in the borough please call this number.



Witnessed or Experienced
Hate Crime?

STOP HATE CRIME
0800 138 1625
24 HOUR HELP LINE.

REPORT IT!

Winter Coats

Please make sure that your child's coat is clearly labelled with his/her name. Returning clothes that are not named is time consuming and all children need warm coats at this time of year.

Relaxed Performances at the Queens Theatre

The Queens Theatre in Hornchurch have relaxed performances of some of their Christmas Shows which are aimed at anyone who might benefit from a more relaxed environment, particularly those with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabilities.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

1 – 23 Dec | various times
 £7.50 weekdays | £10 weekends

Jack and the Beanstalk

Wed 2 Jan | 5.30pm
 £12.50

Pupil of the Week

19th October

Lois H, Francesca W, Rebekah C, Mazid O, Liam H, Miley C, Eleanor W, Freddy W, Oliver W, Holly B, Oliver E, Olivia B, Zac McM, Jay W, Mia D, Rhys J, George B, Emily K.



2nd November

Henry W, Freddie S, Sahib G, Flechter B, Evie D, Henry B, Finley C, Daniel G, Phoebe S, Lara G, Louis S, Jay L, Layla F, Harry J, Milly J, Dominic W, Brandon W, Charlie W.

Upcoming dates in the next fortnight

Monday 12 November	Y3 visit to Colchester Castle
Tuesday 13 November	Tag Rugby trip at May and Baker Rugby Club (selected children from Yr 6)
Tuesday 13 November	Able Maths Workshop at the Mawney Foundation School (selected children from Yr 6)
Tuesday 13 November	Reading Presentation for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents/carers: how to support reading at home and close the word gap 9.00-9.45am (held in main hall)
Wednesday 14 November	Y6 visit to Chatham Dockyard
Thursday 15 November	4 Birch Parent Consultation meetings 3.30-5.40pm
Thursday 15 November	Science show for Yr5 and Yr6
Thursday 15 November	If We are Lost Police Presentation to R,Yr1,2,3,4
Friday 16 November	Children in Need Spotacular Day (Non uniform day)
Friday 16 November	Anti-Bullying March in Upminster with Branfil School Council Members
Monday 19 November	Reading Presentation for R, Y1 & Y2 parents/carers: how to support reading at home and close the word gap 9.00-9.45am (held in main hall)
Wednesday 21 November	4R Cookie Workshop at Muffin Break @ Liberty Shopping Centre, am only
Thursday 22 November	Boys and Girls Yr 6 Football league at Harrow Lodge Primary School
Thursday 22 November	Keeping yourself safe – making the right decisions workshop for Yr5 and Yr6
Friday 23 November	Y3 and Y4 Road Safety Production in school (am)