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July 2021 Newsletter

This is our final newsletter of the academic year. It feels a very long time ago since September, when the ideas of bubbles, staggered starts and finishes and COVID risk assessments were very new to us all. We also remember, with some fondness, standing on a very cold playground practising and filming our nativity.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued understanding and support throughout this unusual and at times challenging year.

Despite the challenges there have been lots of 'highs' this year too, we are delighted that in recent weeks we have been able to take Year 2 off site to visit the forest school at Tillingbourne and to see the Parables of Jesus at Wintershall.

Pre-School children were able to hold their 'graduation' yesterday and we were delighted the parents were all able to be with us.

At the end of any academic year there are always people to say goodbye to, we will be celebrating Year 2's time at Bramley on Monday, however on Tuesday we will also say goodbye to the following staff members:



Mrs Sue Michaels- Mrs Michaels came in September to cover Mrs Illingworth's maternity leave; her new role is as a nursery leader in a school near her home.

Mrs Ali Catling- Mrs Catling has been offered a role at Christ's College Hospital in their marketing and admissions team.

and of course

Mrs Karyn Mounsey- who has decided she is ready for a well-deserved retirement.

I'm sure you'll join with us all in wishing them the very best in their next adventures.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful summer break.

September

At the time of writing, we are expecting all COVID restrictions to be lifted from 19th July, **please note as we finish on 20th July there will be no changes to the schools COVID procedures/processes before Sept.**

In September we are expecting to return to a pre-pandemic way of working. Start and end times for nursery and pre-school remain unchanged. For Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children can enter the classroom any time between 8.35am-8.45am and pick up will be at 3pm.

For those requiring child care before these times please remember Sports Stars will be running a 'Rise and Shine' club from 8am for main school children.-see attached flyer.

However, as we know September is a long time away in pandemic terms and therefore we will send out a detailed letter during the week of 23rd August, this will confirm plans and outline our updated COVID risk assessment in place in the school.

Art week

During the week 28th June the children explored a range of media and represented what they saw in our environment.

We are really grateful that Ashley and Sharon, who own No Naked Walls gallery on the high street, have kindly agreed to display some of our pictures in their window. Ashley came to collective worship this week and explained what a gallery is.

The pieces to be displayed are:

The front playground by Henry GG, Year 1.



Henry:

- ✓ Chose an unusual viewpoint.
- ✓ Thought about which materials were best to use and combined different ones for different effects.
- ✓ Thought about which marks show the textures of the tarmac and used them effectively.

A stone by Marie, Year 2.



Marie:

- ✓ Looked really closely.
- ✓ Used continuous line drawing really effectively to show lots of detail.
- ✓ Evaluated her first drawing and decided to take it further by adding colour.

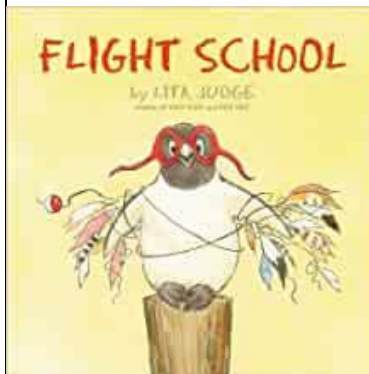
Value: Koinonia

This term we have been talking about Koinonia, meaning community and Christian fellowship. The children have thought about the wider community from our locality and beyond. We also talked about our community can include people we have never seen.

So Monday we celebrated the achievements of the England football team, and despite the disappointment of not winning, Ruby in Year 1 reminded us that the team showed all our characteristics of effective learning 'have a go mouse' 'persevering tortoise' and 'thinking pigs'. She reminded us that when any of us do all these things it worth celebrating.

Vision: Aim High

This week Mr Rising shared the story 'Flight School' by Lita Judge



The children learnt the importance of aiming high and how with a little help from our friends, the impossible can become possible.

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Sports day

It has been a pleasure to finally welcome parents back into school, even if it was only as far as the field! We successfully managed 5 dry(ish) events. The children did a wonderful job, showing their developing physical skills and some great team work. They also enjoyed the ice lollies which were a delicious treat from the PTFA.



Update from the PTFA

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support of the PTFA this year. We've raised a great amount of money to put towards the trees in the front playground and for some fun activities for the children in the next academic year.

As you can see our (extended!) totaliser has reached the top. It's so lovely to have such fantastic support from parents, carers, friends and family. Our total raised for this academic year is now over £5000.

We'd also like to take this chance to thank all the local businesses that helped us with prizes and donations -

Beautiful Salon

The Grantley Arms

Lakers Building Supplies

Guilford Tipper

Waitrose

Taurus Wines

Manns of Cranleigh

Waterstones

Guildford Flames Ice Hockey

Kilfeather & Dumbrill Butchers

The Pizza Oven

Kingfish

RHS Wisley

The Kitchen Shop Weybridge

We would love some volunteers to help out with events that we will (hopefully) have next year.

Please do drop us an email on ptfa@bramley.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to volunteer.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer break.

The PTFA

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Dates for your diary:

19th July-Year 2 1.45pm Leavers assembly on the field

20th July-End of Summer term staggered end between 1pm at 1.20pm

21st July INSET Day

1st September INSET Day

2nd September Return to school for Year 1 and Year 2

6th September Return to school for existing nursery and pre-school children

***Reception and new nursery and pre-school please consult your individual letters sent in June for settling sessions and starting school times.-please note letters are specific to your child.**

Shona Taylor

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