



Thursday 24th November 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

Foundation 1

This week in Class 1 the children have been looking at rhyming words. The children have enjoyed this and we will be doing some more work on rhyming words next week too.

Please, please, please could you ensure you bring a spare bag of clothes. The reason for this is because we are still allowing them to play outside and sometimes they do get a little wet and messy. We do apologise but we don't want to stop the children from having fun and learning. Also if anybody has any old clothes they could donate that would be greatly appreciated as we have NO spares at school.

Foundation 2

Class 2 and 3 have been very busy this week! We have been paper machining, painting and decorating our reading tree that has brightened up our reading corner! We will be adding to it as our topics and the seasons change. This week, we have made owls to sit on the branches from the story 'Owl Babies'.

We have also been working hard to use our phonics to read and write words and even sentences! Practicing our sight words numerous times a day has helped us to do this. Please continue to practice your sight words at home as it really makes a difference to the children's learning!

Class 2 and 3 are getting ready for Christmas, practicing our Christmas play with Class 1. We can't wait to perform this to the rest of the school and our families. We are also getting excited for our school trip to Winter Wonderland at the Snow dome. Next week we will be writing our letters to Santa!



Year 1

In Year 1 we have continued learning about The Great Fire of London. We have written about the Fire of London and in our classes we made bread. It tasted delicious! Also, we are going to write a set of instructions on how to make bread. In maths we have been looking at counting on from any given number.

Year 3

Last week year 3 had a jam packed Friday. First we went swimming which was great fun. Everyone loves being in the water, and learning to swim. When we got back we had some lunch and headed straight out to the New Walk Museum for the afternoon. The museum was amazing, and we all learned a lot. We went to learn more about the Egyptians, but there is so much there we enjoyed a lot more than that. We would recommend you go, if you have been before.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have been looking at addition and subtraction word problems and using the column method to support our calculations. Ask your child, what do we need to do if we're asked to subtract a larger number from a smaller number? In English, we have been writing descriptions of dragons using fronted adverbials, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We have also had a big push on writing joined up. Please encourage your child to practise joining up their writing at home. In our topic lessons, we have been focusing on European artists and have produced art work in the style of Georges Seurat and Claude Monet. You can view famous works of art for free by visiting the New Walk Museum and Art gallery, on New Walk in Leicester.

Year 5

Last week, in year 5, class 12 and 13 took part in an art day! As our current topic is Victorian Voices, we looked at, and discussed, a variety of paintings from the Victorian era. Afterwards, we created our own mixed media images based on a Victorian chimney sweep. We focused on using marks and lines to produce texture and shading to create mood and feeling.



BBC Radio Leicester Visit

It was very exciting on Thursday when BBC Radio Leicester asked to come into BCPS and interview our children about their learning. The response from our children was amazing and we were inundated with children who wanted to talk to them about their experiences. We had children talking about being accepted for the under 11's District team for Leicester City Football Club! They discussed our recent Bake-off Competition and how Chloe will be representing our school against other DSAT schools in the final during December. Members of our Pupil Parliament discussed how they were appointed and what they have to do as part of being a member of the DSAT Parliament. Other children discussed the amazing Maths Wow Day which was held last Saturday whilst more members of the Year 6 team discussed how they are learning Shakespeare's Macbeth at the moment and loving it! Enthusiastic Year 3 children discussed their amazing learning that is happening in their classes and their impending trip to New Walk Museum the next day. Year 5's also wanted a piece of the action discussing their Ukulele lessons which they are loving so much. We best not forget about how Forest School was talked about and also the Mandarin classes that are taking place too! The BBC were thrilled to hear about how much our children love their learning and also astounded at how diverse our children's experiences are. This is only just one week in an amazing whole school year. Phew! The podcast will be on BBC Radio Leicester's website for four weeks, so please visit the website and hear our amazing children.

Breakfast Club Safety Notice

There are a large number of bikes being left outside the doors to breakfast club and these are blocking the path. It is also a concern that some children have left breakfast club to cycle round to class and left the site. Therefore, from Monday 28th November all children who come to breakfast club on a bike will need to park their bike outside the year 6 classroom, **before** they come into breakfast club. These children will then go straight down to class from the Hall at the end of breakfast club.

Thank you to you all for your cooperation in making sure our children and everyone who uses our school is safe.

Family Support

Hello, I hope that you and your family are well.

I wanted to make you all aware that sadly I will be leaving Braunstone Community Primary School. My last day will be Wednesday 23rd November (next week). I will however be based at Braunstone Children's Centre on Gallards Hill, so you will still see me out and about.

A new Family Support Worker will replace me and her name is Jayne Lister. Jayne has worked in Braunstone for many years, and has supported lots of families over this time. Jayne will be based at the school on a Monday, Tuesday all day and Wednesday afternoon. You can contact Jayne on her mobile 07580303191 or pop into school reception and make an appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I have really enjoyed my time at the school, and have worked with some wonderful families, which I will miss.

I wish you and your children the very best for the future.

Thank you,

Becca Stones

Family Support Worker

Sports News

We are delighted that one of our Year 5 pupils, Labeed recently had a trial and has been selected to play in the Leicester City Schools Under 11's district team. We are very proud of Labeed's achievement and wish him every success and look forward to seeing how he progresses.

Year 5 & 6 Table Tennis Competition

We would like to say a big well done to all our girls and boys who participated in the event, which took place at Knighton Park Table Tennis Club on Friday 4th November. We are delighted to say that our girls came 3rd and our boys 4th in the competition. In addition, we received the 'Spirit of the Games' trophy.

We received fantastic feedback from the organisers:

"Well done to our 'Spirit of the Games' winner Braunstone Community Primary School who impressed the staff leading the event in both the girls and boys event with their excellent sportsmanship, determination and passion at the event."

"I would like to say well done to all of the boys and girls who competed in the West Leicester Year 5&6 Table Tennis Competition on Friday 4th November. There was some excellent performances in both the girls and boys event in terms of ability and effort from all the young people involved."

Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 14th December

If you usually pay for your child to have a meal or your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas Lunch, please note that we require a pre-order in order so we can cater for increased numbers. Please make payment and place your order by Friday 25th November, at the school office.

Thank you.

Cleaner Vacancy

Hours of work: 3.00pm - 5.00pm Monday - Friday

+ Additional 35 hours per year worked during the school holidays. Start Date: 4 January 2017

Salary: £7.52 per hour. Contract: Part time and Permanent.

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic person to join us as our school cleaner to carry out cleaning duties as required including sweeping, dusting, wall washing, toilet cleaning, mopping and use of vacuum cleaners and to ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout the School on a daily basis.

To apply please complete the application form which will be found on eteach.com or call into the school office. **Closing date and time for Applications: 5 December 2016 @ 10AM**

Diary of Events

Class assemblies - we would like to invite parents/carers to attend their child's class assembly at 2.15pm on:

Monday 28th November, Class 4

PFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 9th December 2016, event details to follow nearer the date.

Glee Club, Christmas Performance - Wednesday 14th December, 4pm - ticket only, £1 per person, first come first served from the school office.

Carols under the veranda, main playground - Friday 16th December at 2.15pm, school finishes at 2.45pm.

School re-opens at 8.30am on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Half term break - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017

Attendance

Attendance should be 96.4% or above for pupils and as a whole school. Our current attendance year to date is 95.8%. This has dropped slightly, however, I hope to see this improve over the next few weeks.

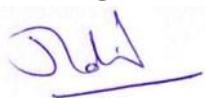
Our attendance awards for the previous two weeks were won by:

Week ending 11th November: Class 13 came first with a fantastic 99.3%. Class 12 came second with 97.3% and in third place with 96.7% were class 3.

Week ending 18th November: In first place with a fantastic 99% were Class 9, in second place with 98.7% were class 12 and in third place were Class 13 with 98.6%.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Ms Jatinder Mahil

Head Teacher