



Bramford Newsletter

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"Greatness from small beginnings"

Dear Griffin Families,

Our first half term has been full of activities and pupils are now settled into their new routines. It has been lovely to hear the children talk about what they have been learning and the subjects that they are finding fun. Well done Griffins– a super start to 2022-2023– we are so proud of you!

Trips, events and enrichment and extra-curricular (Wide Horizons) provision is already underway and this includes the welcome return of the GSF (Griffin Sports Festival). We are really proud of the year 6 pupils who represented us and brought home bronze medals.

Years 5 and 1 have been on class visits to RAF Cosford and Dudley Castle where they had a wonderful time. The visits have inspired some fantastic learning. This week year 6 have undertaken a 'Prep for Learning' trip to The Liverpool Maritime Museum where they have been immersed in the tragic sinking of the RMS Titanic. We can't wait to see the fantastic work they produce on this theme.

Reading is a priority this year and we were excited to take delivery of our new Reading Vending Machine that is going to be linked to rewards, more information will be sent home around this during next half term. Over the past few weeks our EYFS, KS1 and some KS2 pupils have been introduced to a new character around school – Fred Frog. Fred takes a main role in our Phonics sessions and children are finding the new Phonics approach fun and they are already showing progress. Next half term Phonics workshops for parents based on the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme have been timetabled, please look at the app and the dates section of the newsletter for the dates and times.

Finally, we have just launched a new website www.bramford-gst.org that over the coming weeks and months will be populated with our newsletters, letters that go home, events and information on our news feed as well as information about our curriculum offer. Please go and take a look.

Warm Regards,

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Pupil Voice

Introducing Our Head Boys and Girls & Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



As Head Boys and Girls of Bramford Primary School our aims are:

- Ensure that school is a safe and secure place for all students
- Contribute to the positive ethos of the school
- Be excellent role models for students

This year, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are eager to do lots of work around school to improve the well-being at Bramford and help everyone feel safe. We are already working on creating a child-friendly anti-bullying policy so everyone can understand how school helps to prevent bullying and look after us. Later on in the year, we hope to organise another whole school feel good activity day. Remember, we are always available to help and support our friends when they need a helping hand.



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School Attendance

We have sent out a number of letters regarding attendance recently and spoke about it during our transfer meetings. With the new DfE expectations our monitoring of attendance is increasing. We will also be reporting it to you, as parents, more frequently in the hope that you will continue to work with school and the school community to ensure we are hitting our attendance target of 96%. Our new initiatives for celebrating attendance will be shared over the coming weeks.

Reminder of stages for absences

*First day of absence—call home. Please telephone the office to report absence.

*Home visits.

*Invitation and attendance is expected at Attendance onsite meetings

*Letters sent home at certain trigger points

Attendance Ladder



Our attendance for this half term is

95.81%

**This half terms
KS1 Attendance
Champions:**

2 Glennie

96.78%

**This half terms
KS2 Attendance
Champions:**

6 Curie

98.52%

New for 2022-23 - Exciting Changes to Lunchtimes!

This year, we have some exciting new plans for lunchtime! We will be working with our Lunch Time Supervisors and Sports Leaders to improve lunchtimes by making them more fun and getting children more active. This will involve our team working to develop our lunchtime provision which will include interacting with the new sports resources, creating their own games which will develop the children's confidence and self-esteem and using the new interactive activity boards. A quiet zone has been created where the children can complete craft activities and after half term the children will be able to access our new Reading Den and Tuck and Activities Den. Already, the changes have proven hugely popular with the children - we have never seen so much fun on the playground!

BPFA - Halloween Competition Winners

A huge thank you from the BPFA to all of the families who took part in the pumpkin competition and the Halloween Bake Off. A fantastic £450 was raised. Mr Scott had the honour of judging and in 1st place for the pumpkin carving was Lilly M in year 6. Nine other entries were given highly commended awards. On parents evening the pumpkins looked fantastic lit up around the school.



The 1st place Halloween Bake Off winner was Jenson T in year 3 and his Nan with their incredible pumpkin and witch cake. 2nd prize went to Daisy-Mae C in year 6 and in 3rd was William P in year 2.



Key Dates – November 2022

Tuesday 1st November – Reception Grp 1 Coseley Library Trip

Wednesday 2nd November – Reception Grp 2 Coseley Library Trip

Thursday 3rd November am - Reception Grp 3 Coseley Library Trip

Thursday 3rd November pm - Reception Grp 4 Coseley Library Trip

Thursday 3rd November - Year 6 Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Monday 7th November – Nursery Closed Parents Day

Tuesday 8th November – Reception Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop – 9am

Wednesday 9th November – Yr 1 Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop – 9am

Wednesday 9th November – BPFA Glow In the Dark Disco – Times TBC

Thursday 10th November – Yr 2 Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop – 9am

Tuesday 15th November – Yr 3 / 4 Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop – 9am

Friday 18th November – Children In Need

Monday 21st November – Yr 5 Grp 1 Lapworth Museum

Wednesday 23rd November – Yr 5 Grp 2 Lapworth Museum