

# **Bramford Newsletter**

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#### "Greatness from small beginnings"

Hello Bramford Family,

This term has been short but as usual, packed with exciting opportunities for our Griffins.

Year 6 started the term off by visiting Warner Brother Studies to see The Making of Harry Potter. Over four days all of the children experienced the wonders of the sets and special effects that they have been reading about this half term. It has been wonderful to see and read the work they have produced and I want to thank all of the parents who have supported Year 6 with some fantastic Prep for Learning.

Last week, Key Stage 2 pupils, took part in a Prep for Learning assembly where each year group were able to show their wonderful work. Year 4's models of different scenes, linked to their art curriculum, were colourful and imaginative. Year 5 showed off their work on their natural disasters topic and it was wonderful to see the different ways they had created their solar systems in class. The children shared their work and we hope other Griffins have been inspired by it.

Our sports teams have been competing in competitions across Dudley, for the Wolves Foundation and this week, we held the Year 5 and 6 West Midlands GST Basketball Competition at Bramford. It was lovely to see three other schools join us and it was fantastic that both Bramford's boys' and girls' teams won their competitions. This now means that both teams will be heading to the regional finals at Oxford University in June.

And finally, The BPFA would like to thank you for your enthusiasm in taking part in Mad Hair day, the creativity and imagination used to create some of the hairstyles was fantastic.

Have a great half term!

Ms C Handley Head of School

# **GST Basketball Competition**

Bramford hosted a basketball competition for our Midland GST schools on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 5 and 6 children from Bramford, Chivenor, Perrywood and Brook Primary School competed to be crowned champions, and make it to the national finals at Oxford University.

Each school showcased their talent, with some impressive skills on show. After some hard fought games, it was Bramford who came out victorious in both the boys' and girls' competitions.

Well done to everyone involved - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Next stop... Oxford.



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## **Gardening Club**

Griffin Gardening Club would like to say a huge **thank you** to all members working so hard this term. It was lovely to see our area busy with families working together and contributing to making our school environment flourish.

We have made bird feeders, set up our green houses, weeded lots of our raised beds and tidied up. Along with all this, we have planted our first set of vegetables for the year.

Please come and join our community gardening club afterschool on a Wednesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm.

At the moment, we don't have enough members to create a space that can be maintained and flourish

and so we welcome both experienced and novice gardeners.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.





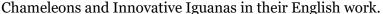


#### Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros. Studios

Our Year 6 Griffins had a wizarding time at the Warner Brother Studios recently, as part of their "You're a wizard, Harry" English curriculum.

We entered the Great Hall, just as Harry, Hermione and Ron did in the Harry Potter stories and our breath was taken away by the sights and sounds we experienced. We walked through Gringotts Bank and Diagon Alley just as Harry did and were stunned by the costumes, props and rooms recreated from the films. We were especially shocked as we saw Hogwarts Castle. It was a truly breath taking sight!

It was an amazing experience and one which we hope will inspire the children further to be Creative















#### Children's Mental Health Week







# TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



#### LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK

#### Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health'

   sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- Playing with pets can make me feel better.
  Same with playing football, basketball or
  whatever type of sport I am into.
- Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.



If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.

teachers at school - because they 'get it'.

- Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age my siblings, cousins, friends, younger
  - Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



#### WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

- For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8
- For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

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# **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

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TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

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WHO WOULD YOU TALK
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?



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### **Attendance**

We want to say a huge well done to all 71 pupils who have 100% attendance since September. Congratulations everyone and keep up the good work!

The winning class for Spring Term 1 is... **4 Cassatt** with **96.80%.** Well done to everyone in Miss Badlan's class!

Each year group's attendance from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are as follows:

Reception - 94.58% Year 4 - 96.76% Year 1 - 94.71% Year 5 - 95.97% Year 2 - 96.30% Year 6 - 95.09% Year 3 - 95.99%

| Attendance Ladder |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 100%              | PERFECTION  |
| 98%               | IMPRESSIVE  |
| 96%               | <b>→</b> GOOD   |
| 95%               | NEARLY THERE  |
| 94%               | NEEDS TO IMPROVE  |
| 90%               | CONCERNS Ireferred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee |
| 85%               | SERIOUS   |
|                   | 100%<br>98%<br>96%<br>95%<br>94%<br>90%                         |

#### **Measles**

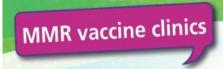
You may have seen recent media reports of rising measles cases across the West Midlands. The most effective way to prevent measles infection, and the possible serious complications it can cause, is by having 2 doses of MMR vaccine. 2 doses provide 99% protection against measles that is lifelong. It also protects against mumps and rubella. It is safe and effective, and a porcine gelatine free vaccine is available, if this is preferred.

The rise in measles cases is due to declining childhood immunisation rates, including the MMR, nationally over the past 10 years. The higher the immunisation rates, the less opportunity there is for measles infection to circulate, which helps to protect those who are vulnerable due to being unable to receive MMR vaccination (including babies under 1 year old, pregnant women if unvaccinated, and the severely immunocompromised).

It is not too late for children and adults to catch up on the MMR vaccine if they haven't received 2 doses at the recommended ages of 1 year (1st dose) and 3 years and 4 months (2nd dose). Your GP surgery can be contacted to arrange an appointment. If you are unsure whether your child is immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine, you can check their 'red book', which is their personal health record. Children who have not had any MMR vaccines may have to stay away from school for up to 21 days if they are identified as a close contact of a confirmed measles case.

Please see the NHS webpages on measles and MMR vaccine for more information, and the below link for local pop-up vaccination clinics for MMR:

https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/health-advice/measles#clinic



#### **Dudley:**

Saturday 10 Feb10am-3pmMary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, DY8 2AATuesday 13 Feb9am-2pmWar Memorial, Lye, DY9 8LFFriday 16 Feb9am-2pmDudley Market Place, High Street, DY1 1PQSaturday 17 Feb10am-3pmHalesowen Town Centre, Somers Square, B63 3AE

#### Sandwell:

Saturday 10 Feb 9am-3pm West Bromwich Central Family Hub,
Off Claypit Lane, West Bromwich B70 9EZ
Tuesday 13 Feb 9am-3pm Tesco, Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DF
Tesco, 46 New Square, West Bromwich B70 7PR

Walsall:

Saturday 3 Feb

9am-3pm

Van outside Poundland Walsall Town Centre,
Lower Hall Lane, WS1 1PU

Monday 12 Feb

9am-3pm

Wednesday 14 Feb

9am-3pm

Thursday 15 Feb

9am-3pm

Saturday 17 Feb

9am-2pm

Walsall Town Centre, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 6DZ

The Square, New Invention, Willenhall WV12 5EA

Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Rd, WS3 1LZ

Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane,
St Matthews Quarter, WS1 1PU

#### Wolverhampton:

Saturday 3 Feb 9.30am-2.30pm Whitmore Reans Family Hub, Lansdowne Road, WV1 4AL

Monday 12 Feb 9am-2pm
Wednesday 14 Feb 9am-3.30pm
Bilston Market, Pinfold Street, WV14 0DN
Low Hill Family Hub, 26-28 Fourth Avenue,
WV10 9LZ

For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

### **Parking**

We are continuously receiving complaints from our local residents concerning behaviour and bad language from the adults regarding parking. Please follow the 3 C's when parking around the school site.

Please take **CARE** when parking, be **CONSIDERATE** of our neighbours and take **CAUTION** when driving and parking around the school.

Thank you.





# Remember the 3Cs Bramford rules of parking

#### **CARE**



\*Be careful where you park

\*Don't cause an obstruction

\*Do not park on the yellow road markings

#### CONSIDERATION



\*Don't block driveways

\*Always consider our neighbours

\*Be polite and courteous

#### **CAUTION**



\*Look out for other children, not just your own

\*Always observe the speed limits

\*Stay off the pavement and verges

#### **Key Dates**

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half term

Monday 19th February – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 20th February - Self-Care Parent Workshop 9.00am - 10.00am in the Café

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Healthy Heart Hub drop-ins for Parents and Carers

Friday 1st March – Founders Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Griffin Science Symposium week

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Boundaries Parent Workshop 9.00am – 10.00am in the Café / Reception Heights & Weights Cohort 1 & 2

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March - BPFA Clown Show Family Event 6.00pm

Monday 11th March – BPFA Easter Egg Decorating Competition opens

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March – Sleep Parent Workshop 9.00am – 10.00am in the Café

Wednesday 20th March - Spring Term Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 21st March – Spring Term Parents' Evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Pupils break up for Easter holidays at 2.00pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - Pupils return to school