



Bramford Newsletter

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"Greatness from small beginnings"

Hello Bramford Family,

We have arrived at the Easter break!

It was lovely to see so many of you during Founders Day coming together as a community once again, was very special. A huge well done to our Griffins who showed their Bramford values and conducted interviews with local community groups and showed off their musical talents to the community. I would also like to say a big thank you to the staff, who without their support and dedication, Founders Day would not have been such a success.

Our youngest Griffins have had great fun this week, making their Easter Bonnets at home and showing them off in the Easter Parades. The children also had so much fun during an Easter Egg Hunt yesterday.

This half term, the BPFA would like to thank our local businesses and families for their continued support in their help in fundraising. The sale of the 'Momma Bars' was a success making over £500 and the entries for the Easter Egg Competition have blown everyone away.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a wonderful break. Thank you for all of your support and we are looking forward to Summer Term, which begins on Monday 8th April.

Have a great Easter Holiday!

Kind regards,

Ms. C Handley
Head of School



Tennis Competition

On Tuesday 19th March, four fantastic year four children represented Bramford in a mini Tennis Tournament at David Lloyd. They competed against nine other teams and showed all their Bramford Values and sportsmanship during the tournament. Overall, our Griffins came third winning six matches, drawing five and losing six.

Well done Team Bramford!



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Good Luck, Shan!



It is with great sadness that we said “goodbye” to Shan, a member of the Wolves Foundation, in a special assembly on Wednesday 20th March.

Shan has worked with many of our children in a counselling role and she and her team have also led a variety of sports sessions and after school clubs.

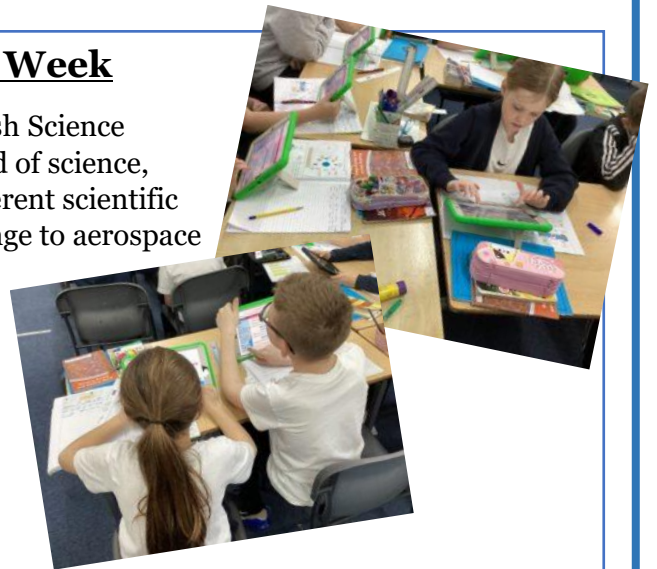
Shan has also been instrumental in widening our Griffins’ sporting horizons and helping our teams to play in a variety of competitions, the highlight being our Girls’ Football Team playing at the home of Leeds Football Club, Elland Road, which was an event our girls and staff will never forget!

We wish Shan lots of luck in her new role at a secondary school in Lichfield.

British Science Week

As part of our annual Griffin Science Symposium and British Science Week, our Year 5 Griffins have delved deeper into the world of science, interacting with a range of scientists, who work within different scientific fields, ranging from sustainability, energy and climate change to aerospace engineering and oceanography.

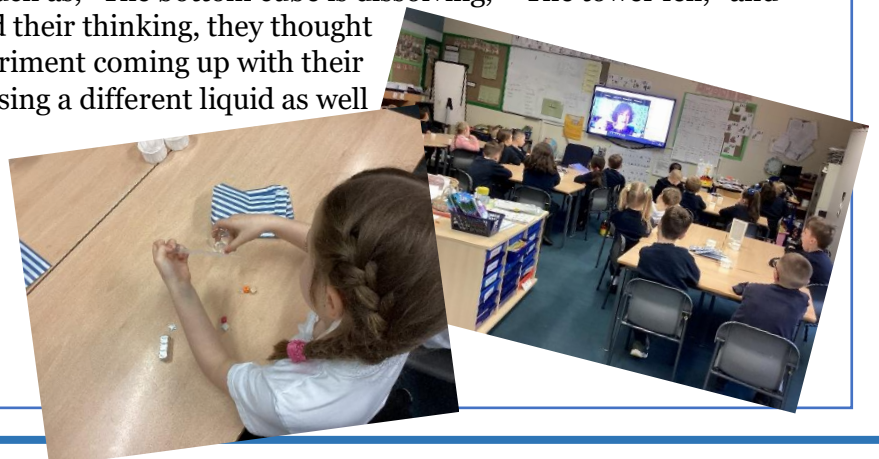
They had a fantastic time asking the scientists a variety of different questions about their current careers, job roles, previous work history and education. Our Griffins now understand how great things come from small beginnings!



Years 1 and 2 were ‘Exploring Elephants’ when they joined Dr Jenny Watson for a live lesson during our science weeks. It all started with the children asking questions to a real scientist, which the children were all very excited about!

Working scientifically, they identified the properties of different materials. Next, the children experimented to see the effect of water on the different materials. During the experiment, our ‘Concentrating Crocodiles’ made excellent observations.

For the second experiment, the children built a tower of sugar cubes and added water and food colouring before making observations such as, “The bottom cube is dissolving,” “The tower fell,” and “The cube is changing shape!” To extend their thinking, they thought about how they could speed up the experiment coming up with their own ideas such as adding more water, using a different liquid as well as changing the temperature.



Dudley Goes To Symphony Hall

On Sunday 10th March, three of our fantastic KS2 Griffins showcased their musical talents at Dudley Goes To Symphony Hall in Birmingham co-ordinated by Dudley Performing Arts (DPA).

Nancy and Maggie in Year 5 played their violins with the Upbeat String's Orchestra performing The William Tell Overture.

Taryn in Year 4 sang with The Primary Pop-Up Choir singing songs from the musicals, Matilda and James and the Giant Peach, along with the song Mr Blue Sky. A great time was had by all and it highlighted the amazing musical talent that can be found in Dudley.

If you are interested in signing your child up for music lessons with DPA, for more information, please visit <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>



Nursery Easter Bonnet

Our youngest Griffins worked very hard with their grown-ups at home to create some beautiful Easter hats.

They were all so proud to show these off at our Easter Bonnet Parade.

Although the rain made us relocate to indoors, the children put smiles on everybody's faces by singing the songs they had learned so amazingly! Nursery children even received a visit from the Easter bunny! He left Maths challenges for the children to complete in exchange for chocolate treats, the children were obviously very happy to accept!

Happy Easter everyone!



Multi-Sports Competition

Bramford Griffins in Year 1 & 2 recently competed in a Multi-Sports Competition at Chivenor Primary School, where four schools, including Chivenor, Perrywood and Brook, took part. The aim was to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among the students.

Throughout the event, students competed in various activities, showcasing their skills and teamwork. Beyond winning, the event emphasized the value of friendship and fair play.

Bramford finished second in the competition after a string of closely fought events. Their teamwork and performance earned them the runner-up spot, demonstrating their true Bramford values.

Well done to Perrywood for coming first. A special thank you goes to Chivenor for hosting the event.





First Aid Reporting



After the Easter Holidays, we will be moving First Aid and administration of medication to online reporting, via email. You do not need to do anything different, only check your emails after school each day.

If your child has been seen by a First Aider and has received treatment, you will receive an email as school ends. If any prescribed medication has been administered, you will receive emails during the school day.

It is vitally important that you inform us of any changes to your email address. Failure to do so will mean you will not receive the email notification.

In the case of serious injury or where a parent needs to be notified, we will obviously continue our normal procedure and make a call home. The email is just replacing the paper slips that so very often get lost and do not make it home to you.

Parental feedback over many months about lost slips is one reason we are looking to improve reporting. The new system will also allow us to monitor incidents and areas so much more closely.

Staff will be trained in week 1 of the summer term with a roll out beginning after this. We will share an exact date after we return.

Attendance

We want to say a huge well done to all 52 pupils who have 100% attendance since September. Congratulations everyone and keep up the good work!

The winning class for Spring Term is... **4 Cassatt** with **97.27%**. Well done to everyone in Miss Badlan's class!

Each year group's attendance from 6th September 2023 to 22nd March 2024 are as follows:

Reception – 94.51%

Year 1 – 94.26%

Year 2 – 96.10%

Year 3 – 95.58%

Year 4 – 96.59%

Year 5 – 95.55%

Year 6 – 94.74%

Attendance Matters



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Parking Reminder

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 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April – Pupils return to school / Reception Visit to Safari Park Group 1

Tuesday 9th April – Reception Visit to Safari Park Group 2

Wednesday 10th April – Reception Visit to Safari Park Group 3

Thursday 11th April – Reception Visit to Safari Park Group 4

Friday 12th April – Reception Visit to Safari Park Group 5

Wednesday 24th April – BPFA Disco

Thursday 25th April – 5 Anning Visit to National Space Centre

Friday 26th April – 5 Newton Visit to National Space Centre

Thursday 2nd May – School closed for Nursery – Year 5 due to Local Elections. Year 6 in school 9.00am – 12.30pm for SATs Revision

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 24th May – Inset Day

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Pupils return to school