



Bramford Newsletter

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"Greatness from small beginnings"

Hello Bramford Family,

As we reach the halfway point of this academic year, we are going to take this opportunity to celebrate all the achievements of our Griffins over the last half term and look forward to celebrating and sharing with you our planned events for March and April.

This half term has seen exciting visits made by Years 6, 3 and 2. Year 6 made their annual visit to The Making of Harry Potter at Warner Brothers Studios. The prep for learning and writing they have produced around this visit has been amazing. Year 3 enjoyed a morning out at Pizza Express learning about the ingredients that are used to make pizzas, they had the opportunity to make, and more importantly, eat their own pizza. Children then used the skills they had learnt to make pizzas in school. Mr Davies and Mrs Kirby were very impressed with our budding young chefs. For the first time Year 2 went to Selly Manor in Bournville to introduce their new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Both the children and the staff had fun dressing up in period costume. A big thank you goes to all the staff who accompanied the pupils. I know they enjoyed seeing the Griffins faces light up when they interacted and were learning in a different setting.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home with them today their Individual Assessment Summary Sheet for Reading, Writing and Maths. The summary will show their current attainment, some of their achievements so far this year and things that they will be working on over the next term. These summaries are to provide you with a snap shot of information about your child's progress. Please make contact with your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this further or you can discuss it with class teachers during parents evening on 30th March.

Our first week back after the holiday is a very busy one. On World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March, there will be a grand opening of our new Community Library Café. This will be an area where over the coming weeks and months parents will be able to access Adult Learning Courses, meet with staff and local agencies like the PCSOs, attend surgeries for our local MP Marco Longhi and come and discuss and share books with each other.

To continue our Proud Tradition of the founding of Griffin Schools Trust, Founders Day will be celebrated on Friday 3rd March. Our theme this year is 'Family' and lots of fun learning opportunities around this will take place during the day. Once again, we will be inviting Year 2 grandparents into school for an afternoon tea.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Kind regards,
Ms C Handley
Head of School

Express & Star 'Cash for Schools' Campaign

Help Bramford win a share of £12,000 by supporting us in the Express & Star Cash for Schools competition.

All you have to do is collect as many tokens as possible, which will appear every day in the Express & Star newspaper from Wednesday 1st March to Saturday 25th March 2023. You can pick up a copy at your local newsagent or supermarket.

The five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil, will walk away with a cash prize. The first placed school with the most tokens collected per pupil will scoop a whopping £5,000, followed by £3,000 for second, £2,000 for third and then two £1,000 awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth place schools.

We greatly appreciate your continued support.



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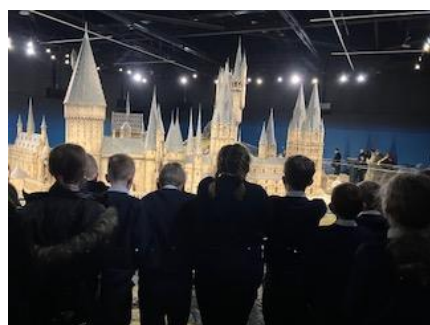
Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studios

Year 6 have had a very busy, magical few days, visiting the wizarding Warner Brothers Studios as part of their "Harry, You're a Wizard" Creative Curriculum theme.

It was a truly breath-taking moment as we entered the Great Hall, just as Harry, Hermione and Ron would have done as they entered Hogwarts for the first time.

Our Griffins explored original costumes, authentic props and walked through areas such as Diagon Alley, Gringotts Bank and the new greenhouse belonging to Professor Sprout, all helping to bring J.K.Rowling's books to life. We were especially lucky as the "Magical Mischief" event was still running so we saw special effects throughout our day.

It was an amazing experience and one which we hope will inspire the children further to become creative chameleons and innovative iguanas in their work.



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Year 2 Trip to Selly Manor Museum

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit to Selly Manor in Bournville. They found out lots of information about the Great Fire of London, which will be the focus of their history topic next half term.

They looked at building materials of the period, clothing of the period and important people who were alive at the time of the great fire. They also practised the skill of using artefacts as evidence to find out what it was like in the past. They decided it wouldn't have been very pleasant walking around London in 1666!



A Polite Reminder



Please refrain from smoking and vaping around the school entrances in order to respect others and keep our pupils healthy.

Can we also remind parents that dogs are not permitted onto school site, except for guide dogs. Could we also ask that dogs be kept away from the school entrances.

Download OurSchools app for 24/7 updates and check out our news on our website.

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Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express

As part of Year 3 DT Food Technology, they have been exploring pizzas, discovering what a variety of toppings and bases look like, taste like and feel like. They had the challenge of designing and making their pizza to meet a design brief.

As part of the topic, children had the opportunity to be Exploring Elephants and visit an actual pizza restaurant where they learnt some cooking basics before the Pizzaiolo (pizza chef) showed them how to make a famous, Italian classic: the margherita. They had a lively morning learning about good food, tasting fresh ingredients and making an authentic pizza. Our Griffins were Go-for-it Gorillas and if the smiles on their faces were anything to go by whilst eating their pizzas, I'd say the visit was a success!



Maths skills for everyday life

Family Finance Course at Bramford Primary School

Are you struggling with your finances and would like more confidence to save money and keep track of your bills? This 12 hour FREE course, over 2 sessions, will help you grow in confidence with maths and be able to understand your payslip, budget better, work out your fuel bills and make small changes to make a difference. If you don't already have maths at Level 2 and you are employed (zero hour contracts count), please ask to find out more.

This course will run on Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 21st March 2023 in school. Lunch will be provided. All who complete the course, will receive a goody bag.

If anyone is interested in attending this 2-day course, please contact Katie Haffner-Smith or the School Office for more information.

Places are very limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Spring 1 Attendance

The winning class for this half term is... **3 Kirby** with **98.59%**. Well done everyone in Mr Davies' class!

Each year group's attendance from 3rd January to 17th February are as follows:

Reception – 94.67%

Year 1 – 95.29%

Year 2 – 96.32%

Year 3 – 97.48%

Year 4 – 96.41%

Year 5 – 94.37%

Year 6 – 95.64%

Attendance Ladder



Key Dates

Monday 27th February – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Friday 3rd March – Founders Day

Monday 6th March – Griffin Science Symposium

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 28th March – Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade 10.30am & 2.30pm

Thursday 30th March – Spring Term Parents' Evening

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – Pupils return to school

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – May Half Term

Monday 5th June – Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th June – Year 4 Multiplication Testing begins

Monday 12th June – Friday 16th June – Year 1 & 2 Phonics Screening Test



17th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, the second of which is **Wednesday 1st March 2023**.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not because of any issues with our school.

After careful consideration, the likelihood of enough suitably trained staff to keep everyone safe, staff to pupil ratios, our ability to carry out emergency plans (evacuations etc.), I am sorry to inform you that disruption is unavoidable. I also understand that the situation is frustrating and an inconvenience, but on Wednesday 1st March, **Bramford will be open to Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6**, and some vulnerable pupils. (Closed to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4).

Attendance is expected to all pupils in Reception, Years 2, 5 and 6, in line with School and DfE attendance policies. We would also like to state that we will be providing packed lunches for all of FSM pupils who are not attending, who will leave school on Tuesday 28th February with a bagged meal. (Not Universal meals for pupils in Year 1).

As a Trust and school, we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering a high quality education for all.

We will treat each of the strike days individually and will, therefore, make a decision to inform you no later than a week before each date (15th March and 16th March 2023).

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Handley
Head of School