



Bramford Newsletter

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"Greatness from small beginnings"

Hello Bramford Family,

Welcome to the final newsletter for the academic year! It is quite unbelievable that we will come to the end of this year on Tuesday. It has been an incredibly busy year and this term has been particularly full of activities and events with the Colour Run, Summer Concert and trips/visits along with all the fantastic learning opportunities.

Last week, we had a fabulous show from Year 6's 'The Next Big Step' and the amazing production of A Midsummer Night's Dream from our Musical Theatre Group. We managed a good chunk of Sports Days completed before the heavens opened and from the responses from parents, it was not only the children who enjoyed it!

Sadly, we will say goodbye to our Year 6 Griffins – and some families who have been part of the school for many years. We wish these children all the best as they move on to high school. Watching them on Friday morning in their production made it clear they were ready for the next step. Thank you, Year 6, for all your contributions to life at Bramford Primary School. We have many, many great memories of you all!

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Millard in Year 2. Mrs. Millard has spent eighteen years taking care of our Key Stage 1 children and many of the children in our school have been taught by her. Many thanks to Mrs. Millard for her dedication to the children at Bramford and good luck in your semi-retirement! She will be back next year for a few days a week supporting KS1 reading and phonics.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs McNicholas in Nursery. Mrs McNicholas has spent this year taking care of our very youngest Griffins. We would like to thank her for the support she has given our children during this time.

We are proud when we have student teachers complete their training and take that next step to be a teacher. We would all like to congratulate Mr Beaton in Year 3 for successfully completing his PGCE course and in September moving on to begin his teaching career.

Next year, we have lots of plans in place to continue to move the school forward and ensure our Griffins horizons are widened and I anticipate a busy and exciting first term.

In the meantime, I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you on 6th September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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BPFA Colour Run

Bramford Parents and Friends Association splashed out on Saturday 17th June organising the first Colour Run to be held at Bramford.

The day was a huge success, and everyone had a brilliant time. The paint was definitely flying around and we all got thoroughly messy. Especially the staff and volunteers!

Many thanks to all the staff and BPFA members who gave up their time to help staff this event. Special thanks to Mr Siviter for being here early to mark out the route, Mr Davies for doing his 'Joe Wicks' impression and to Phil Thomas for providing the music.

We raised £2600, which will be equally shared between the BPFA and Birmingham Children's Hospital.



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Sponsored Skip

As part of Challenge 26, an amazing **£1612.72** was raised with 50% of the total being donated to Birmingham Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone for your donations and well done to our Griffins for taking part.



Music Medal Winners

Congratulations to the Musical Theatre Group and Miss Copson for being awarded **First Prize** in the Ensemble Category of the Griffin Music Medal 2023.

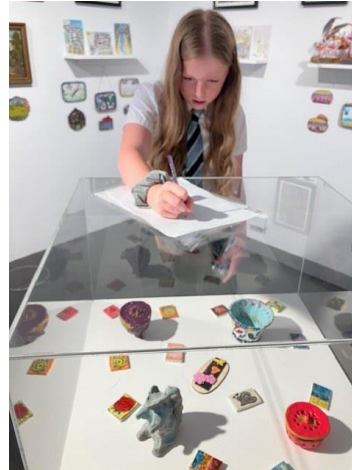
All of the adults and children have worked extremely hard over the last year to produce a fantastic production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The winning song 'What a Lovely Midsummer Day' was from the opening act of the musical.

Well done to everyone for taking part.

GAF 2023

The official GAF 2023 has come to end but at Bramford, we have still been enjoying the arts. Year 6 visited Walsall Art Gallery to explore a variety of traditional and more modern pieces, as well as works by some famous and some not so famous artists. As they toured the gallery, our Griffins discussed works they liked and those they weren't so keen on and were quite stunned by the installations by Karla Black.

They even become weather forecasters for the day! One of the exhibits had special significance as it was a photograph of the cousin of one of our pupils, Billy-Rae, as part of the "Sense of Place" exhibition.



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Attendance

We want to say a huge well done to all 162 pupils who have 100% attendance for summer term 2, **with 19 of those pupils having 100% attendance since September.** Congratulations everyone and keep up the good work!

A special mention goes out to Ollie T in 6 Curie who has achieved 100% attendance for the whole of his time at Bramford. Congratulations Ollie a fantastic achievement!

The winning class for this half term is... **1 Holiday** with **96.23%**. Well done to everyone in Miss Hackney's class!

Each year group's attendance from 8th September 2022 to 25th July 2023 are as follows:

Reception – 94.17%	Year 4 – 94.64%
Year 1 – 94.11%	Year 5 – 94.19%
Year 2 – 95.70%	Year 6 – 94.98%
Year 3 – 96.20%	

Attendance Ladder



Key Dates

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September – Inset Days (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 6th September – Pupils return to school

Wednesday 6th – September – Year 4 Visit to Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre to see The Lion King

Wednesday 13th September – 9am - Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop

Thursday 14th September – 9am - Year 2 Parents Phonics Workshop

Monday 18th September – 9am - Year 3 Parents Reading Workshop

Tuesday 19th September – 9am - Year 4 Parents Reading Workshop

Wednesday 20th September – 9am - Year 5 Parents Reading Workshop

Thursday 21st September – 9am - Year 6 Parents Reading Workshop

Tuesday 26th September – Year 6 (Group 1) Visit to The Black Country Living Museum

Wednesday 27th September – Year 6 (Group 2) Visit to The Black Country Living Museum

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3rd October – Vaccinations

Thursday 5th October – Friday 6th October – Griffin Sports Festival

Wednesday 11th October – EYFS & KS1 watch Snow White Production in school

Thursday 12th October – Whole School Spanish Day

Friday 13th October – Harvest Festival – Donations to Food Bank

Wednesday 18th October – KS2 watch Snow White Production in school

Tuesday 24th October – Author Visit to Years 5 & 6 – Carolyn Ward

Thursday 26th October – BPFA Halloween Event – Trick or Treat Street

Friday 27th October - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)