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# Brill Church Of England School

## With the Wind in our Sails

### ACADEMY NEWS May 24th 2019

We hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter. This half term has been a very short one, but has been packed with exciting activities and learning across the school in all year groups! Do remember to keep checking the [blog](#) for our latest updates. We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all for the final half term of the academic year.

#### KS1 and KS2 SATS

Our Year 6s and our Year 2s have been brilliant throughout their SATS assessments over the past 2 weeks. We always want our children to give of their best effort in all the work they do in school. SATs are no different to that, but we recognise for some children it can be a stressful time. At Brill School, we do everything we can to ensure the assessment time is as positive as it can be for our Year 6s and our Year 2s. From biscuit boosts, to time for running about, to treat activities following these assessments, we want all our children to know that they are individuals with different areas of strength and weakness and that is good. We will continue to learn and grow together, whether it's SATs week or any other week. We will continue to challenge ourselves and each other in our areas of strength and in the areas that are more challenging for us. With a Growth Mindset, we know that we can approach any challenge in our learning and give things our very best effort and that is what our Y6s and Y2s did during their assessments. Well done one and all. You are a credit to yourselves and we in school are very proud of you.



#### Time to focus on staying safe in the sun.

(All in preparation for a hot and sunny half term break!)



We know it's amazing to be able to spend time outside in the sunshine and it's an important thing to do. Why not check out this Cbeebies [website](#) to learn more about staying safe in the sun.

1. Stay in the shade when possible
2. Use a good suncream
3. Keep topping up the suncream
4. Always pack a sun hat

#### Yr 4 Trip to College Lake

Yr 4 had a wonderful time at College Lake nature reserve. They explored the beautiful habitats and were involved in lots of role play pretending to be animals or plants that live in the reserve. The children were also shown how our actions can damage the environment and the knock-on effect this would have on wildlife.



#### Yr 5 Ancient Egypt Day

The Ancient Egyptians arrived in the Year 5 classroom today. Apparently, it was just a visit and the Year 5s will be back tomorrow. One marvellous thing we noticed was the simple fact our guests didn't seem to have any notion of what electricity is or how to operate the small black fold-able electronic devices we are sometimes seen to use in school. It's an unusual existence, but there are ALWAYS things to learn from those who live differently to us!



#### Yr 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Yr 3 had a fantastic trip to Kew Gardens. The children got to go on the tree top walk, visit two different types of rainforest and experienced a rainforest climate whilst having a workshop. The visit to Kew Gardens has really brought our topic alive for the children and has made our learning in school even more interesting.



#### Yr 6 Residential Trip to France

What an amazing trip the Yr 6s have had. The weather has been perfect and all the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the time of writing they are still on the ferry on their way back and a full report will follow in the next newsletter.



# News Cont.

## PTA Fete

This year the Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 6th July between 12-3pm in the school grounds. As part of the fete we will also be holding a parade to which all children are invited to participate. The parade will wind through the streets of Brill and lead all the way to the school gates to kick off the fete. There will also be on the day, a Grand Draw. As part of this the PTA are running an inter house competition to see which House can sell the most raffle tickets: currently Bernwood is in the lead, followed by Rushbed then Chinkwell. We are looking forward to seeing you all on the day.

## Yr 6 Fundraising Day

Given the option of a 'Post SATs Treat', our Year 6s wanted to raise as much money as they could for two brilliant cancer charities; Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support. They baked, made decorations for the playground, sorted books, created an entire obstacle race for the whole school and managed to raise an astonishing £430.62. Mrs Wilkinson and all of us in school find ourselves once again feeling very proud of our Yr 6s.

# Sporting / Extra Curricular News

## Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival



In near-perfect conditions, our Yr 5/6 mixed tag rugby squad performed with speed, style and agility at the Buckingham School's Tag Rugby Festival last week. You would never have known our Y6 players were fresh out of their first SATs papers this week; taking on teams from seven other primary schools, almost every member of the squad scored a try. After only losing one of their matches (against the eventual winners) the Brill team came a fantastic 2nd place. Well done to: Olly C, Jasper D, Edward D, Sam G-H, Bryn G, Freddy H, Isobel S, Ayjah S, Annabel W, and Leo V.

## Yr 3/4 Football Friendly v Tetsworth

Debuting their new kit, our Yr 3/4 boys' football team played a friendly against Tetsworth. Brill team started strongly going 4-0 up before concentration dipped a little as Tetsworth fought back to draw level at half-time. The boys dug deep to produce another four goals in succession, winning the match 8-4. Goal scorers: Lucas M, Franco C-P, Ewan M and Alfie F. Well done all on a great team effort: Callum B, Harry Ch, Alfie F, Franco C-P, Ewan M, Ryan W, Lucas M, Rafe V, Tyler M, Arthur H, Hugo B and Harry Ca.



## Yr 5 Handball Festival

This was our first foray into the world of handball but our Yr 5s picked it up quickly and we were very proud of their resilience and determination throughout the tournament. Well done Claudia B, Hugo B, Theo B, Eli B, Nina B, Ella C, Joe G, Ivy H, Bella M and Tijmen P.

## Yr 5/6 Rounders Festival

The Yr 5s performed really well against mostly Yr 6 teams. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were rewarded with a fantastic 7th place. Well done Georgia A, Hugo B, Nina B, Eli B, Alice C, James C, Olivia G, Grace G, Ivy H, Annie H, Joe G, and Charlotte M.

## Yr 5 Quadkids Athletics Festival

In this festival the children had to take part in several events including sprints, long distance, javelin and standing long jump. Again our Yr 5s were against many Yr 6 teams but were definitely up for the challenge, coming an incredible 5th place. Well done Hugo B, Theo B, Nina B, James C, Ella C, Ellie E-M, Joe G, and Evie V.



## Yr 3/4 Football Friendly v Mill Lane

The next fixture for our Yr 3/4 Boys' football team was a home match against Mill Lane and the Brill players rallied together to pull off a 5-1 victory. Goal scorers: Franco C-P, Ewan M and Alfie F. Well done all on a great team effort: Callum B, Harry Ch, Alfie F, Franco C-P, Ewan M, Ryan W, Lucas M, Rafe V, Tyler M, Arthur H, Hugo B and Harry Ca.

# Notices

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