

Bramble Infant School & Nursery Newsletter



Friday 15th November 2019

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Diary Dates

Tues 19th Nov: 3.30-5.50pm Year 1 and 2 Parents Evening
Wed 20th Nov: 9am—10am Year R Maths Workshop
Thurs 21st Nov: 9am for a 9.15 start Y2 Reading workshop, followed by Bramble Zoo art session in classrooms
Thurs 21st Nov: Neil Layton—Meet the Author after school in library
Thurs 21st Nov: 3.30-5.50pm Year 1 and 2 Parents Evening
Fri 22nd Nov: 8.45am Early Bird Reading in School Classrooms
Fri 22nd Nov: 2.30pm Elm Class Learning Assembly
Mon 25th Nov: INSET Day—School Closed
Fri 29th Nov: 8.45am Early Bird Reading in School Classrooms
Fri 29th Nov: 6.30pm Parent Group Quiz 'n' Chips night (Sorry, no children)

Remaining INSET Days: (School closed): Mon 25th Nov 2019, Mon 6th Jan 2020, Mon 24th Feb 2020, Wed 22nd July 2020

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is: 97.22%. This is above our target of 96%. Well done!



Milk Bottle Tops

Thank you so much to all that have been helping us to collect plastic milk bottle tops. So far we have filled one wheelie bin! Here is a picture of our first load being collected.

We will continue to collect these until the 14th February. Help us to collect the most and we might win a piece of playground equipment as well as supporting the Lord Mayor's charity scheme.



Parents Evening

Next week teachers in Year 1 and Year 2 will be holding 'Parents Evenings' on Tuesday and Thursday after school. At your appointment you will be able to look through your child's work and discuss their strengths and next steps with the teacher.

Please use our online booking system to make your appointment if you have not already.

<https://brambleinfant.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week there will be a Maths Workshop for parents of children in Year R. Mathematics is a Priority in our Improvement Plan this year. We are aiming to ensure that maths teaching is personalised, motivates children and centres on problem solving. Our renewed focus on maths is having a positive impact. Last year **77%** of children achieved the expected standard or better at the end of Year 2. This was above the national and Portsmouth average. In Year 1 this figure was **88%** and in Year R **87%**. These strong outcomes ensure that pupils are well prepared for the rest of their education and the rest of life!

Kind regards,

Mr O Bradley—Headteacher

Recently emailed letters:

- YR/Y1/Y2 Project Letter Autumn 2
- YR Phonics
- ExploraBox
- ExploraBox Reminder
- Y1&2 Reading Workshop
- Y1&2 Parents Evening
- Y2 Zoolab
- Breakfast and Kidsclub booking forms
- Holiday Activities Camp
- Harvest Collection
- Remembrance Day
- Quiz Night

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that contributed towards our Autumn Bake Sale before half term. We had many delicious donations

THANK YOU

Reading Workshops

So far this Year R and Year 1 have held very well attended 'Reading Workshops'. These are aimed to inform parents about how we teach reading in school and help them to understand how they can help the teaching of reading at home.

The Year 2 Reading Workshop has now been rescheduled for Thursday 21st November (9am for a 9.15 start), apologies for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Our Learning



The children in **Primrose** are currently focusing on and exploring flowers. We used real flowers for printing to create poppy pictures for Remembrance Day. We have been exploring flowers in ice using hammers and using our senses with real flowers to create our own flowers with tissue paper.

In **Bluebell Room** the children have been exploring red and purple poppies for remembrance day in memory of the service personnel and animals that help to keep us safe.



The children in **Blackberry Room** have been having fun playing with dinosaurs in their small world area in amongst lots of natural materials.

The children in **Pre-School** have been listening to the flute played by our Italian student Marta. We also accompanied her using a variety of instruments to play Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.



The **Year R** children have been enjoying their 'Stick-tastic' project! After a trip to Milton Park they have been letting their imaginations run wild with their sticks they collected.

This week the children in **Year 1** have been expanding their understanding of the chronological historical events of The Great Fire of London. They took part in a drama workshop that brought it to life.



As part of their Bramble Zoo project in **Year 2** the children have been busy selecting and researching an animal in readiness for their project celebration. Thank you to the parents that attended the first 'paper and paste' session to help the children make their animal sculptures.