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## With the Wind in our Sails

### ACADEMY NEWS March 15th 2019

Welcome to your newsletter!

#### World Book Day

For this year's World Book Day we asked all the children to create their own character, write a story about it and dress up as the character on World Book Day. We were greeted with a vast array of characters and the imagination shown by the children (and staff) was amazing. During assembly, the children shared some thoughts about why reading is a special activity for them. We also had stories shared from different countries by some of our parents. Thank you to our volunteers. See our [international blog](#) for photos and more information.



#### Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to be able to welcome many of you into school for our parents' evenings which were very well attended. There were so many brilliantly encouraging discussions about our children and we have been especially delighted with the effort grades many have achieved. As has been heard around school, "Effort is vital!" and our children are demonstrating this more and more in the attitudes towards challenge in learning. Evidence of a true Growth Mindset!

#### Internet Safety

Online safety is a significant priority at Brill School. Each week we find as many opportunities as possible to talk to the children in different contexts about how they can stay safe when online. The link [here](#) provides some helpful information about setting parental controls on devices to support the safety of our children when on the internet.



#### Useful Websites

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>  
<https://www.kiddle.co/>

#### Action for Earth Week

The children's concerns about the challenges we face locally and internationally have inspired us to hold an Action for the Earth week. Our week began with an assembly focused on positive actions we can take individually and as a school. Already children have been taking action in various ways; the Year Rs have been litter picking and like many of our children are starting to be concerned about plastic in our seas. At the other end of our school Year 6 have made posters to encourage others to reduce what they use, re-use where possible and recycle. The children are bringing home an Action for the Earth challenge to try out at home and we look forward to hearing about changes they have inspired. We are also having a voluntary poster competition to inspire other Actions for the Earth particularly focusing on reducing climate change - entries in by Monday 25th March please. Prizes will be awarded! We believe that the children deserve to feel empowered to make a difference to what is one of the most important challenges of our times. In the words of one of our Year 5 children, 'We can change things'.

#### A Special Visitor

This week we had a visit from [Mrs White and baby Rose](#). Rose (and Mrs White) were the centre of attention and they managed spend time with all the classes and joined us for our Collective Worship. We hope they will visit again soon.



#### Yr 4 Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre, Bracknell

This week Yr 4 went to The Look Out Discovery Centre where the children got the opportunity to try over 90 different science activities. From launching rockets, playing with boats to building houses there was so much to choose from. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day so please visit the school blog for more photos.



#### Facebook

In school, we are aware that parents in each class have Facebook pages where missing jumpers are sought and other communications happen. These groups are not an official platform for school and are not the way we will ever communicate school information to you. If there is ever anything on the parent run class Facebook pages that you feel uncomfortable with or if anyone on the page voices concerns about school, do please encourage one another to come directly to school for either clarification or support with whatever the situation may be. We know that the only way to bring about positive changes is to speak to the people who may be able to affect that change. We do our best in school with the time and resources we have to do the very best job we can for the children, for parents and for us as a staff. We are constantly reflecting on our practise and we welcome feedback and will make time to support in the best way we can. Working together, to address issues or concerns will result in a more positive outcome than not bringing those concerns to the people who may be able to help and support. Thank you for your understanding concerning this.

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## Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations to Comic Relief today. We raised a fantastic total of £243.94.

## Art on the Hill—Workshops/Volunteers/Cakes

If you would like to book a workshop over the weekend there are only a few places left. Bookings can be made on the Art on the Hill Website [www.brillart.org](http://www.brillart.org). We are also still after a few more donations of cakes and if you are able to help please complete the form on the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/IGk9QzolOg3kYyut1>. Finally if you also have some free time over the weekend and are able to volunteer to help please email [flasck@gmail.com](mailto:flasck@gmail.com).

# Sporting / Extra Curricular News

## Yr 5/6 Girls Football League Match v Thomas Hickman

This was the first league match that the girls had played. Their teamwork has improved so much and their determination and great passes resulted in some very unlucky misses. Final Score 1-1. Well done Georgia A, Alice C, Ellie E-M, Francine E, Leah G, Sophia H-C, Ayjah S, Evie T and Holly W.

## Yr 3/4 Hockey Tournament

We took our Yr 3/4 Hockey team to a tournament at Barley Hill School. This was the first time they had been to a competition and we were looking forward to seeing their skills in practice. The team performed brilliantly and came out joint winners of the Tournament. Well done Harriet B, Harry C, Georgia M, Ben N, Jakey O, Rose P and Lyla V. We can't wait to see how they do at the Quick Sticks Hockey Festival.

## Yr 6 Football League Match v Whitchurch

Last Friday, the Yr 6 boys team travelled to Whitchurch. The first half started slowly and by half time the teams were level 1-1. Miss Butler's half time talk obviously did the trick and the second half was a totally different match. The boys played brilliantly scoring another four goals, including a penalty. Final Score 5-1, Goals: Sam and Olly x 4. Well played Olly C, Jack C, Jasper D, Edward D, Sam G-H, Freddy H, Dennis T, Leo V and Jack W



## Yr 6 Football Cup Semi-Final

The Yr 6 team got through to the Semi Final of the Aylesbury Vale Cup Tournament. The match was against Edlesborough and was held in Aylesbury. The opposition was tough and the boys had to work hard however by half time they were leading 1-0. In the second half the boys just could not seem to convert their hard worked runs and game play and with only three minutes remaining Edlesborough levelled the score. Edlesborough then added to the scoreline 30 seconds later taking the score to 2-1 and the win. Unfortunately this was the end of the road in this competition but we are so proud of the boys and how well they have done. We have never entered football competitions before and were not expecting to get this far. The boys have shown amazing teamwork, fair play, generosity and skill that have made us so proud of them. Goal: Olly. Congratulations Olly C, Jack C, Jasper D, Edward D, Sam G-H, Freddy H, Dennis T, Leo V and Jack W for coming in the top four in the Aylesbury Vale Cup Competition.

## Yr 3/4 Tennis Festival

We took two teams to the Tennis festival. Some great play by both teams whose focus and determination has improved so much over the last few weeks. The teams came 4th and 5th overall. Well done Callum B, Franco CP, Alfie F, Georgia M, George P, Rose P, Grace T and Lyla V.

## Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament at Tetsworth

The Yr 5/6 girls football team went to Tetsworth where they played several matches against other schools. They played really well and drew all of their matches. Unfortunately they did not get to progress through to the final but amazing play by all the girls who are getting better and better each time they play. Well done Georgia A, Alice C, Ellie E-M, Francine E, Leah G, Ivy H, Sophia H-C, Ayjah S, Evie T and Holly W.

# Notices

*In order to comply with GDPR you will find all posters/details regarding outside companies/events on our Newsletter page of our Website under [Downloadable Documents](#).*

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