

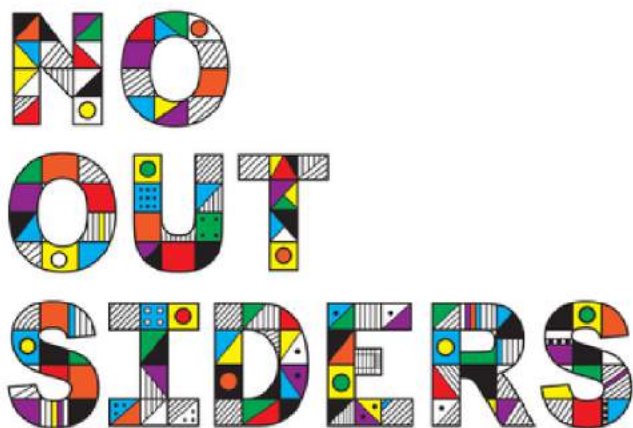
Welcome Back!

WELCOME TO SUMMER TERM 2023

The summer term in school has always been my favourite time of year, with the long awaited appearance of some sunny weather and so many exciting events to look forward to!

I do hope you enjoy our new newsletter format, which has been designed to offer an insight into all the wonderful work taking place in school, as well as reminders of dates, events and opportunities within our local community

Highlights this week include our new lunchtime arrangements, which have proven a big hit with staff and children, and some fantastic activities during the year 3 and 4 Forest School sessions.



I am delighted to bring you news of our new No Outsiders initiative, which is something I am incredibly passionate and proud to have introduced to our children this week and which we look forward to delivering and developing in the coming months.

Please also look out for details of the life-saving cardiac arrest training being provided for our community here at Bradfield next month.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Davies

In school this fortnight...



FOREST SCHOOL Y4

This term is year 4's turn to enjoy their Forest School sessions with Mrs Dennis and Mrs Handley Archer. This week, we took advantage of the extremely windy weather to try our hands at kite making! The results really 'blew us away' and the children had a wonderful time creating and flying their creations!

FOREST SCHOOL Y3

Year 3 had one session of Forest School to make up from last term, so headed outside on Wednesday to roast marshmallows and enjoy some traditional s'mores over the fire. Miss Davies was very happy to be invited along, and tried her first s'more, which she assured the children would definitely not be her last!



In school this fortnight...



LUNCHTIME CHANGES

As part of our plan to increase pupil engagement and enjoyment at lunchtimes, this week saw the introduction of our new lunchtime arrangements.

Using £1500 you have raised via the PTA, we have now zoned the playground, providing a wealth of high quality activities for children to choose from, each supported by its own dedicated member of lunchtime staff.

Zones include a high quality den building area, a chill zone with reading den, lego, colouring and drawing, a ball games zone, a board games area and the climbing equipment. In addition, we also have a 'variable' zone, which changes each week, and have introduced a daily lunchtime club including football, running and eco club.

The new zones have been a big hit with the children and have seen levels of engagement and smiles increase significantly so far!



In school this fortnight...



LAURA FARRIS MP

Today we were joined by a VIP, local MP Laura Farris, who came to school to meet our children and learn about our exciting school developments and the current issues facing local education. Ms Farris was a big hit with the children, who were eager to tell her all about their learning and their new lunchtime activities! The visit was also covered by the Newbury Weekly News, so do keep an eye out for photos!

REWARDS

After listening to the views of the children, parents and staff, we are excited to be bringing reward postcards back to Bradfield this term! Starting on Monday, each teacher will choose one pupil from their class to receive the Bradfield Postcard during assembly, with details of why they have been chosen. If your child would prefer not to receive an award publicly, please let us know and we will award this privately.



School News



STAFFING UPDATE

This term, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Sawtell and Miss Braithwaite. Both members of staff have been a pleasure to work with and have made a significant impact on the lives and education of children at Bradfield. I know you will join me in thanking them and wishing them both the very best for the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to fill the space left by Miss Braithwaite and will keep you updated.

RECEPTION PLACES

This week was primary places allocation week for West Berkshire and we are delighted that so many families have chosen Bradfield as their first choice school!

We still have a few spaces remaining for September 2023, so if you know someone who is still undecided or looking, please do encourage them to book a visit to school or to head to our website.



School Development

NO OUTSIDERS

This term, we are delighted to be introducing the 'No Outsiders' initiative to Bradfield.

As children grown up, they can sometimes learn that difference is a barrier to friendship. Our aim by introducing No Outsiders is to remove that barrier so that our children see difference as a positive not a negative. As they move through Bradfield, we want our pupils to explore their differences so that they feel comfortable in their own skin. Children should know who they are and feel proud to be who they are, and also know that they are accepted without judgement. No child should feel that they have to change who they are in order to fit in.

At Bradfield, we plan to achieve this by developing an ethos that is backed up by language and behaviour. All children will be taught, from Reception upwards, that we are all different and we like that, via a weekly class session with Miss Davies, as well as a weekly assembly. In Reception and year 1 and 2, we will use picture books where characters are different, and we show that they are also friends and they play together. We will make sure that there are characters that look different in the hope that children see themselves reflected in those books: "I am different too and that's ok."

In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, we will explore reasons why some people might feel left out. After all, it is a fact that prejudice and discrimination exist, and children are going to experience it at some point. We are aiming to prepare them, give them confidence to disagree when they hear prejudice, and show them that they are not alone.

We will give children the language to challenge prejudice and show acceptance. Not only will they feel safe knowing they belong, they will also show others that they too are safe: "I will be your friend. You belong here. You don't have to change; there are no outsiders in our school."



Upcoming Events



LIFE SAVING CPR TRAINING

We are delighted to welcome Matt Boisclair from The Paul Alan Project to Bradfield CE Primary next month. Matt will be running basic life saving CPR courses, with a variety of dates to choose from.

During the 2 hour course, you will learn:

- How to spot the signs of a cardiac arrest
- How to help someone who is having a cardiac arrest
- How to perform CPR
- How to use a defibrillator
- The difference between a heart attack and a cardiac arrest

Participation costs just £1 per person and all money raised goes back into The Paul Alan Project to continue to fund life-saving training and to fund publicly accessible defibrillators in our community.

Course dates as follows
(all 6-8pm):

- Tuesday 16th May
- Thursday 18th May
- Wednesday 14th June
- Thursday 15th June

To book a session for yourself or for friends and family, please visit the charity website at www.thepaulalanproject.com and head to the Training section.



Dates for the Diary

APRIL/MAY

Friday 28th April 15:30

Year 6 SATs and Avon Tyrrell meeting

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May

PTA Dress as a King or Queen for the day

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May

Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential

Monday 29th May

Half Term

JUNE/JULY

Wednesday 14th June

Year 3 Englefield Estate day (more info to follow)

Friday 16th June

Fathers Day Picnic

Wednesday 21st June

Class Photographs

Thursday 29th June

Sports Day

Thursday 6th June

Reserve Sports Day

Friday 7th July

Inset Day

Tuesday 11th July

Year 5/6 Afternoon Performance

Wednesday 12th July

Year 5/6 Evening Performance

Thursday 20th July

End of Term

Community

A Cloud of Blackbirds....



THE
BLACKBIRD
CAFE

Small group, targeted tuition and then delicious, healthy tea! 15.30 - 17.30 Tuesday -Thursday

We offer after-school tuition sessions for primary aged children 6-11 years old. A Cloud of Blackbirds can teach all subjects as well as work on confidence building, exam prep, 11+, homework help, creative writing, handwriting and much, much more...

We will discuss, plan and deliver a bespoke programme for your child, after the session we will feedback, set next steps and adapt the programme going forward as needed

Contact: Stephen@theblackbirdcafe.co.uk or on 07469719024

No more than six children. We can collect from local schools if a group.

Community



Bradfield Mayfayre

1st May 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After an absence of a few years, the Mayfayre is making its highly anticipated return for 2023, but we need your help!

Volunteers are needed to help man the gates, run the games, etc across the afternoon on Monday 1st May. To help make this event a great success once again, we are looking for around 40 more volunteers to cover a 2 hour stint between either 12-2pm or 2-4pm.

Volunteers receive free entrance to the Mayfayre and a voucher to redeem for either a drink or a burger or a hog roast item.

Please contact Gordon Patterson on **07764 476361** or at gnpatterson@btconnect.com.