

Coronation Celebrations!

A CELEBRATION FIT FOR A KING

The past two weeks have been filled with a real sense of community here at school, with the Bradfield May Fayre last Monday and this afternoon's Coronation celebrations.

I was delighted to attend my first Bradfield May Fayre, along with my family, where I had the proud honour of introducing our talented May Pole dancers! It was also such a special moment to see our May Queen, Victoria and attendants, Mya and Tilly arrive in the horse and carriage and open the event.

This afternoon, the children enjoyed celebrating the forthcoming Coronation with a special tree planting ceremony



in the school grounds. The column oak tree will grow proudly on our field and serve as a long standing memory of this momentous occasion in history. The children also enjoyed singing their Coronation song and tucked into some delicious cakes!

I do hope you enjoy reading about the events and achievements that have taken place in school this fortnight.

However you and your family are celebrating, I wish everyone a joyous bank holiday weekend!

Miss Davies



In school this fortnight...



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all our award winners this fortnight! The staff found it very difficult to choose just one winner each week, with so many children making such a great effort in all areas of school life.

Please remember to let us know if your child expresses that they would be uncomfortable with receiving an award publicly, and we will hand it to them privately.

SPELLING FUN!

With SATs revision well under way in Year 6, Mrs Dennis has been putting her usual creative slant on things, including the revision of spellings!

One of the most popular spelling games has been 'word twister', which involves the children spelling words accurately in order to stay in the game!



In school this fortnight...



THAT'S A RAP!

Over the past fortnight, Miss Harris has worked hard to bring poetry to life for her year 5 class, by using rap music as inspiration! For those parents who, like me, are old enough to remember it, the class used the theme tune from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" as their guide!

The results were spectacular, with each child producing their own individual rap, which they later performed in full street style outfits! The topics of the raps were delightfully diverse, with children choosing any personal subject they liked, from their Ufton Court trip, to family holidays, pet dogs and even the Fortnight video game!

The outstanding writing produced by the children was an excellent example of how powerful contexts for learning can be and how important it is to give young people a purpose for what we ask them to do. Well done year 5!

In school this fortnight...

GARDENING CLUB

Our last newsletter brought you details of our new lunch time activities and 'zoned' playground, which continue to go from strength to strength.

This week, we had a great uptake for our new 'gardening club', which is open to children in all year groups and takes place on a Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Colburn.

As a first task, the children decided to refresh the planters which hang at the front of the school office.

They had a wonderful time choosing which colour flower should go in each pot!

Gardening club will soon have a big role to play in our pond area, which we are very excited to say is soon to be re-developed and back in use!

I look forward to seeing the result of all the children's hard work as it continues throughout the term.



In school this fortnight...

CORONATION CELEBRATION

This afternoon, the children enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation here in school!

We were joined by Andrew House, chair of the local Parish Council, who joined us to plant our special oak tree, very kindly provided by Glenvale Nurseries. We also learnt about the history and significant of the Coronation and about the events taking place over the weekend.

The children were delighted with the special treat of cake and squash, and were each presented with a special coin to mark the big occasion, courtesy of the Parish Council.



School News



GOVERNOR NEWS

This term, we say goodbye to Andrew Pilkington, who relocates to take up his own school headship. I would like to thank Andrew for his commitment to Bradfield and wish him the very best of luck in his new role.

I would also like to offer a very warm welcome to our new parent governor, Mrs McKay and our new community governor, Ray Ellis. I look forward to working with them both.

SATS WEEK

As many of you will be aware, next week is SATs week for our year 6 class. I would like to remind all our year 6 children that whatever the outcome, we are immensely proud of each and every one of you.

Have a good rest this weekend and give it your best shot next week - and remember, your best is always enough.



Dates for the Diary

APRIL/MAY

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May

Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential

Monday 29th May
Half Term

REMINDER

The Paul Alan Project will be providing £1 CPR lifesaving skills classes for staff and families (over 12s) on the following dates:

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



To choose your slot, please visit www.thepaulalanproject.org and head to the Training page.

Classes will be a maximum of 6 people and run from 6pm-8pm in school.

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.