

Sats Superstars!

WELL DONE YEARS 6 & 2

As is the case in primary schools up and down the country, the past two weeks have seen our lovely year 6 and year 2 pupils take their end of Key Stage SAT tests.

Each and every one of them gave it their very best, and I couldn't be more proud of them.

Some of you may have seen reports in the news about the difficulty of the Year 6 reading paper. I saw the paper when invigilating the exam, and, while it was indeed a very challenging paper, I am delighted to say that the children tackled it with incredible resilience.

Testing in primary schools has a role to play, but I also want to acknowledge that these tests do not suit all children,



nor can they truly reflect the depth of ability or talent of an individual child.

It is my pledge to all children at Bradfield that we will help them to find those things that light them up and that they can excel at, even if that is something that cannot be measured by a test.

I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend,

Miss Davies



In school this fortnight...



FOREST SCHOOL Y4

Year 4 have enjoyed some fantastic Forest School sessions this term, including this week's session focused on lighting fires! The children were learning how to create sparks with flint and how this is used to generate a fire. Controlled risk-taking is such an important aspect of child development, and our Forest School approach really embraces this!



In school this fortnight...



BUSY BEES

Oak class have BEEN going crazy for BEES this week with their new learning topic!

The children have learnt about where bees live and about the jobs that different bees do. They are beginning to understand just how important bees are to our beautiful planet!

AWARD WINNERS

A very big congratulations to all of our postcard winners this fortnight! There have been so many wonderful and varied reasons for our winners over the past two weeks, including some outstanding writing in Year 3 and some impressive team work in year 5.

If your child would prefer not to receive an award publicly, please let us know and we will award this privately.

Dylan Tom Year 6
Bobby
Isabelle Charlie
Albion Tara Year 2
Olivia George
Poppy Piper-Eve Noah

School News



STAFFING UPDATE

After 8 years at Bradfield, Mrs Dennis has made the very sad decision to leave teaching at the end of this academic year in order to spend more time with her family.

Mrs Dennis has been an incredible asset to Bradfield and is truly one of the most talented and dedicated classroom teachers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She is not only a loss to Bradfield, but a loss to education as a whole.

We very much hope to see Mrs Dennis back with us for some small group tutoring in the future but, in the meantime, I know you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for the children of Bradfield. She will be very sorely missed by children, staff and parents and I would like to wish her the very best for the future.

RECRUITMENT

After a rigorous recruitment process, including interviews and demonstration lessons here in school, I am delighted to say that we have now recruited a very talented permanent, full time teacher for Key Stage One in September.

We are now recruiting for a second teacher to join our team and I will keep you updated as we progress.

School Development

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

As an educator, one of my biggest passions has always been empowering children to use their voices for change. This theme now runs through many of the key development priorities for Bradfield, including our overarching curriculum, our 'No Outsiders' status and, I am pleased to say, the development of our Pupil Parliament.



Last week I met with our existing Pupil Parliament, which consists of two elected pupils from year 1 upwards, to discuss the future of the group. I asked the children how they would like to see the Pupil Parliament work and how we might make that a reality moving forward.

During these discussions, we agreed that Pupil Parliament should be a true reflection of democracy, creating real change in our school. Moving forward, democracy at Bradfield will include:

- *Half termly Pupil Parliament meetings
- *Minutes of these meetings will be shared with children, staff and parents and uploaded to our website.
- *Each meeting will pose a key question around the development of the school.
- *Half termly 'Democracy Time' in classes will give our MPs a chance to feed back and pose questions to their peers.
- *A Parliament voting board will be displayed in school each half term and will be an interactive way for every child to vote on a key issue that is important to them.
- *Year 6 MPs will act as representatives and report to governors once every big term.

Our key question for the summer term is 'How Can We Reward Children At Bradfield?' and this has generated some fantastic ideas from the MPs already. They will now be taking this question back to their classes and will use the Voting Board to genuinely support the design of a new reward system for September.

Reminder



LIFE SAVING CPR TRAINING

This week we welcomed Matt from The Paul Alan Project to school to deliver a basic life saving CPR course. Matt will be back with us next month to run the course again for anyone who would like to sign up.

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):

- 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.org and head to the Training section or email us at the office address.



Dates for the Diary

MAY/JUNE

Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May

Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential

Monday 29th May
Half Term

Friday 16th June
Fathers Day Picnic

Wednesday 21st June
Class Photographs

Thursday 29th June
Sports Day

JULY

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