

Off to a flying start

A WARM WELCOME...

It is difficult to express just how positive and energised the start to the new school year has been here at Bradfield and I would like to start by thanking all our families for your enthusiasm, positive feedback and ongoing support. It has been lovely to see everyone brought together on one playground and to have the opportunity to chat to you all every morning.

I would like to start this issue by offering a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us since the start of September. Our new reception children have settled into school life beautifully and we have also been delighted to welcome several new

families in other year groups this term. I speak for our entire school community when I say how very happy we are to have you all with us and how delighted we are that you chose Bradfield for your children.

I would also like to thank everyone who offered feedback on our new School Vision and Values, which were sent out at the beginning of term. That feedback has now fed into this and I look forward to sharing more later in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this bumper issue of our newsletter and wish you all a restful weekend.

Miss Davies



In school highlights...



RECEPTION BUDDIES

Over the past few weeks, our wonderful Year 6 children have buddied up with the new reception class to support their transition into school. From sitting together at lunch, to sharing books and playing together at break times, some firm friendships have already been formed and I have even spotted some spontaneous buddy hugs! Our new children have settled in beautifully to school life and it is a real joy to see them so happy and at home here.

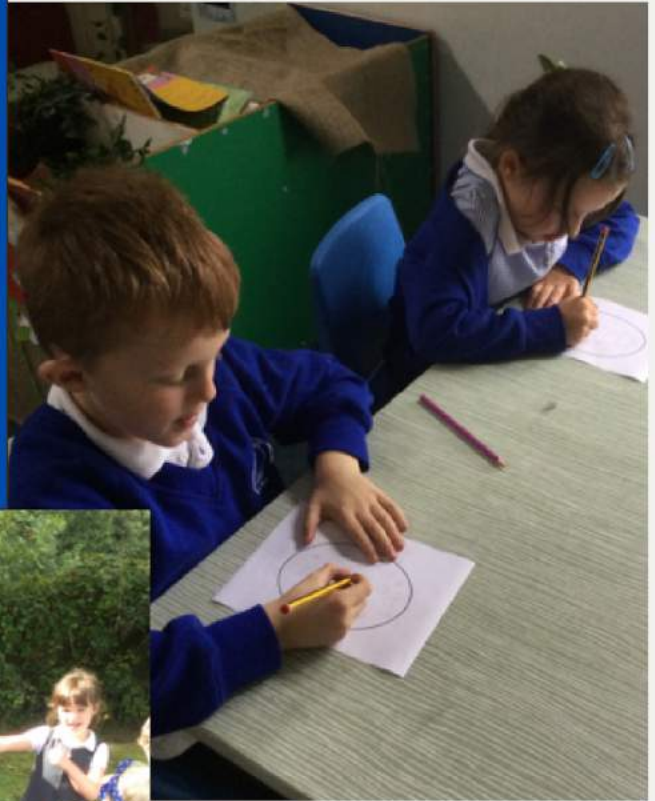


In school highlights...

YEAR ONE

It has been a busy and fun start to the term in year one, where the children have been enjoying lots of outdoor maths and exploring physical and human features in geography!

They have also been getting creative by designing pebbles in preparation for painting.



In school highlights...

YEAR TWO

There has been a whole mixture of exciting work taking place in Year 2 since we came back to school, including some fantastic work on place value and number composition in maths and some role play of parables in RE.



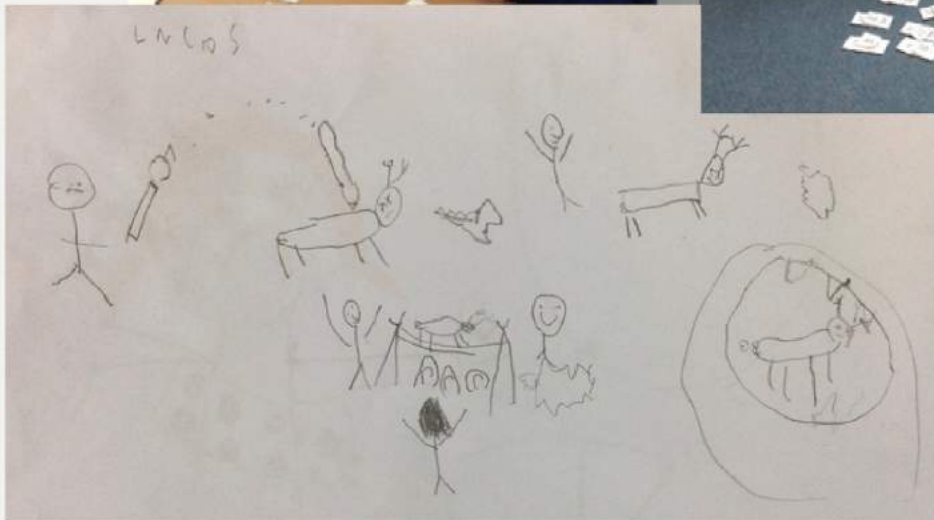
In school highlights...



YEAR 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning to add and subtract 10 to and from two and three digit numbers. They practised their knowledge by playing pelmanism with friends.

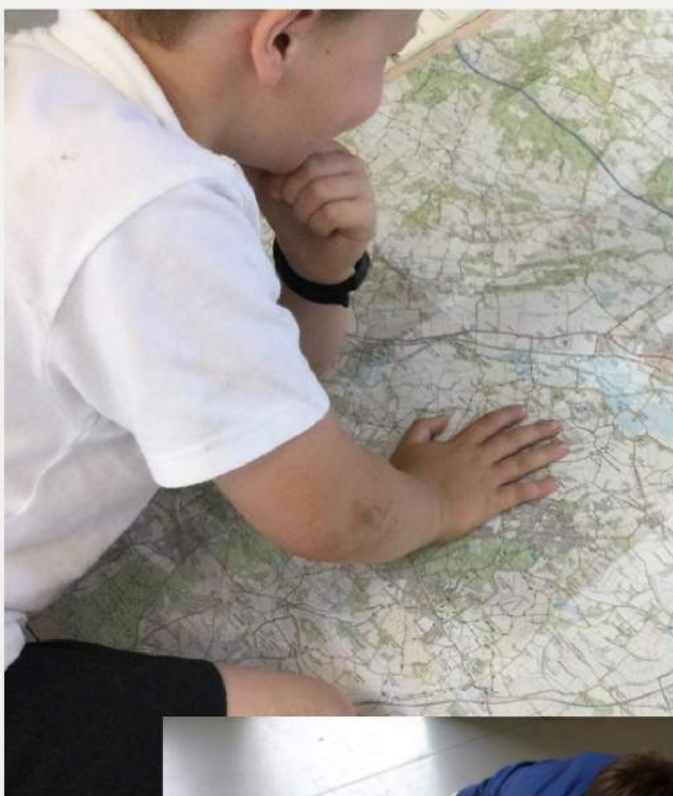
The children have also been exploring cave painting evidence from The Stone Age. Can you guess what information this cave painting is imparting?



In school highlights...

YEAR FOUR

Since returning to school, Year 4 have been getting stuck into some fantastic hands-on learning using maps!



In school highlights...

YEAR FIVE

Team work and balance have been key PE concepts for Year 5 since their return to school...and as you can see, the results are increasingly impressive! I'm also delighted to say that Miss Webber takes on the role of Sport and PE lead this year and has some very exciting plans to develop these areas.



In school highlights...



FOREST SCHOOL Y6

Year 6 are first up for Forest School this year, and they have already thrown themselves into the spirit of learning inspired by nature! A selfie frame brief led to this beautiful collaboration, and even some wet and windy weather didn't stop them from bringing the outside in for some tent adventures and some clay sculpture!



In school highlights...

GIVING THANKS AND GIVING BACK

Thank you so much to everyone who donated so generously to our Harvest appeal and to those who were able to make our special Harvest worship last week. We were delighted to be able to donate so many products to the West Berkshire Foodbank, who have also asked me to pass on their gratitude to our families.

Yesterday, I was lucky enough to join Miss Anderson and Mrs Dearing, along with some of our children, who went to deliver the goods and find out more about how the foodbank works. It was a fascinating visit and a real insight into how vital their work is. We look forward to continuing and developing our relationship with the charity in the future.



Pupil Power



SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

This year we are raising the profile of democracy and pupil voice here at Bradfield, empowering the children to make a positive change to their school community. Our newly and democratically elected Safeguarding Committee have been formed to support safeguarding in our school. The group will be providing their perspective on all aspects of safeguarding, from e-safety to mental health and wellbeing.

In addition, the Safeguarding Committee will also be responsible for leading their own initiatives to promote wellbeing in school. Since their election at the start of term, the team have already successfully introduced 'Worry Monsters' to all classes, financed by your PTA donations. The Worry Monsters arrived this week and now live in each class. The children are able to write their name on a slip of paper, pop it into the monster's mouth and later have some time with their teacher to discuss their worry. Well done to the Safeguarding Committee for a fantastic first project - I can wait to see what they do next!

Pupil Power



PUPIL PARLIAMENT

As well as introducing a new Safeguarding Committee, our work to develop pupil voice has also meant some changes to the way we run our Pupil Parliament, known in some schools as a School Council. In addition to the election of members of parliament from each class, we also held elections for our brand new Head Boy and Head Girl roles. The year 6 children were asked to put themselves forward for these by producing a short presentation on their values, ideas and reasons for applying, before presenting them to myself and to the rest of the Year 6 children and staff team. The presentations were absolutely wonderful, with many bringing tears to my eyes! The vote was exceedingly close, and I know that each and every one of our candidates would have brought something exceptional to the role! In the end, our Head Boy and Girl were elected, along with their deputies and I am very excited to see how these roles develop this year. Already we have plans for them to attend governors meetings and, from next issue, to have their own column in the newsletter!

For their first project, the Pupil Parliament have been leading on a vote for new class names, which will be inspired by people who have changed their communities or the world. Watch this space for our new class names in the next issue!

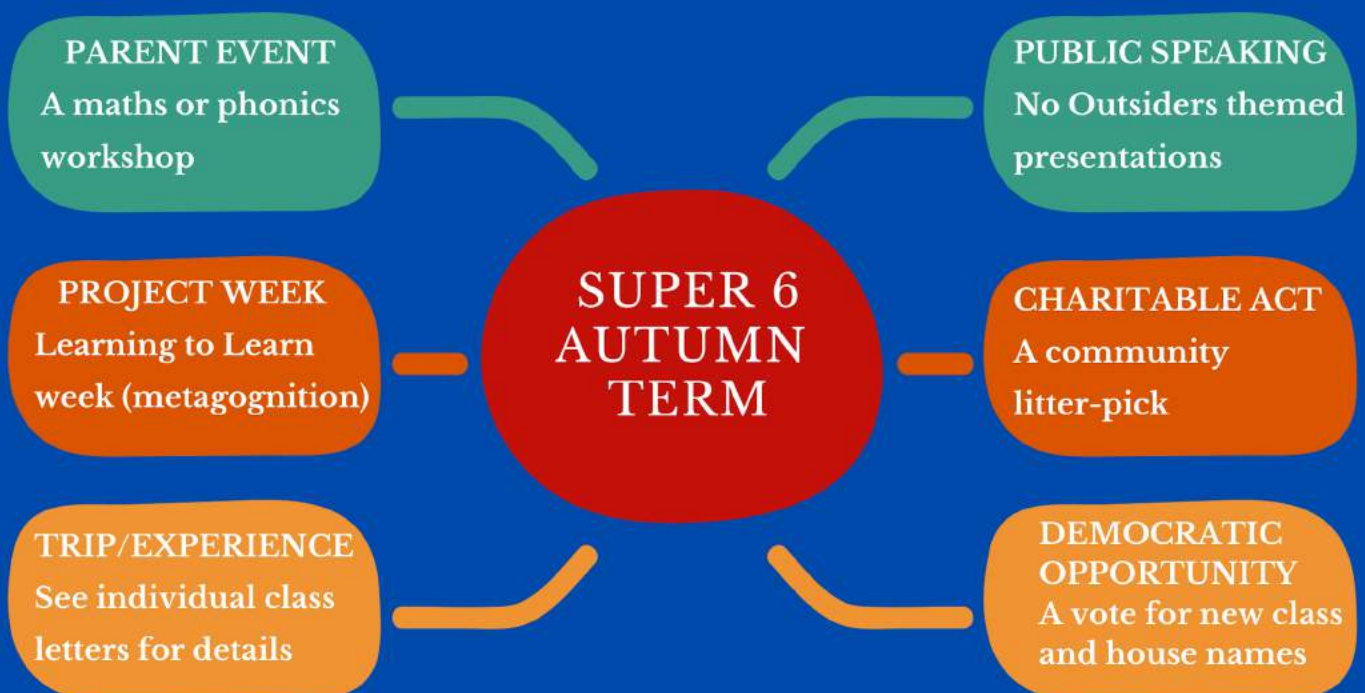
School Development

VISION AND VALUES: SUPER 6

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have offered their thoughts and feedback on our Vision and Values document, which went out at the beginning of term. I am delighted to say that we have now completed our consultation on this and it was approved by governors this week. We will be gradually updating our website to reflect this and a copy of the full “Bradfield on a Page” document will come out to you early next week.

We are already moving forward on many of the aspects, and these will now inform all our school development work moving forward as well as the way we deliver the curriculum and put your child’s wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

You may remember that one of the elements to this is our new “Super 6” termly offering, which we have designed to broaden and enhance your child’s education journey. The table below outlines each of these “Super 6” for the Autumn term. Where dates are available, they can be found in the ‘Dates for the Diary’ section of the newsletter, below.



P.T.A News

THE VITAL WORK OF OUR PTA

I would like to offer a heart-felt thank you to the very hard working members of our PTA, as well as to all our families, who are so very generous in their support of the PTA events. I cannot over-emphasise how much your donations and the work of the PTA means to us.

As you may have heard in the news recently, school funding is in the worst state it has ever been in, with no signs of anything changing, and small village schools such as ours are the worst impacted. Your donations quite simply allow us to do and provide things for the children that we would otherwise be unable to.

This academic year is “the year of reading” at Bradfield, and I am thrilled to say that, as part of this, the PTA are supporting the redevelopment of our library.

We have so many exciting projects in the pipeline to enhance and develop our wonderful school, many of which require financial investment and/or the purchase of books and equipment.

We fully appreciate that money is tight for everyone at the moment but should you be interested in joining our PTA or in setting up a one off or recurring donation, we would absolutely love to talk to you. Some parents have also asked if we have an Amazon (or similar!) wish list for school and I can confirm that we will be setting this up in the coming weeks and will share details moving forward.

In the meantime, thank you again to everyone for your generosity and support.



RAINBOW RAFFLE

**Bradfield CE Primary PTA
need you!**

Please bring in donations for our Rainbow Raffle! Each class will be assigned a colour and we ask that you bring in items of that colour by Friday 13th October.

- Reception - purple
- Year One - Pink
- Year Two - Blue
- Year Three - Green
- Year Four - Yellow
- Year Five - Orange
- Year Six - Red

Tickets available on ParentMail

Raffle will be drawn on Friday 20th October

School News



LUNCH VACANCY

We are currently recruiting for a kind, enthusiastic and committed lunchtime controller to join our team.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please check out the full advert on our Facebook page, or visit www.teachwestberkshire.com. Alternatively, please contact us via the office.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Miss Webber, our new Sport and PE lead, is already throwing herself into her new role! She has recently added a new "Sporting Success" section to our Friday celebration assemblies and would like to invite the children to bring in any out of school sporting successes to be featured.

In addition, should your child achieve something special in any other field, from dance to art, please do share with us so that we can celebrate their success with our whole school community.

VOLUNTEERS

We are very lucky to host a number of wonderful volunteers here in school, many of whom listen to readers and offer fantastic additional support to our children.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering in school, whether hearing readers, organising our library or even helping Mr Clark to paint our hallways, we would love to hear from you!

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

Monday 16th

PTA AGM Meeting 2:30pm

Tuesday 17th October

Y5/6 Maths Manipulatives Parent
Workshop 9am-10am

Monday 23rd

Half Term

Children return on Monday 30th

Tuesday 31st

YR/1/2 Phonics & Early Reading
Parent Workshop 9am-10am

NOVEMBER

Wk/beg 6th

Learning to Learn Week

IDP meetings for pupils with SEN

Wednesday 8th

Y3/4 Multiplication parent
workshop 9am-10am

Monday 13th

Parents Evening 3:30-5:30

Thursday 16th

Parents Evening 4:30-7:00