

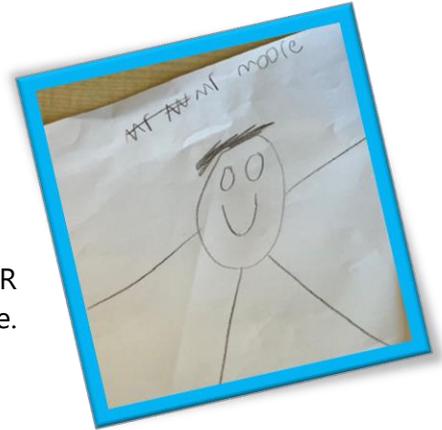


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Bramley Bulletin – 24th November 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. It has been an incredibly exciting and eventful month here at Bramley C of E Primary, and I am delighted to share with you some of the highlights.

Last Thursday, I was having one of those days; the rain was coming down, I had a long day ahead with a late Governors meeting, it was getting dark early as I drove towards Bramley from Whitewater at 4pm. My spirits were soon lifted as I walked into my office and found a selection of drawings and crafts with notes on them saying 'To Mr Moore'. I went on to find out that our Year R pupils had been spreading happiness by 'filling up the buckets' of other people. What a wonderful way to spread kindness!



What is going on in school?

Penny and Blake in EYFS said... "we have been learning about the number 5 and using cubes to make it in different ways. Today we were cutting out and colouring aliens because we were singing the alien song (5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer). Our Christmas play is going to be really good because we get to do lots of singing and dancing. And my costume is really cool (Blake)."

Avery and Finley in year 1 said... "in class we have been drawing shapes and then cutting them out. We have been cutting them in half - we have to look to see if they are the same size and the same amount. We are learning about doctors and soon a paramedic is coming to our class to talk to us. Some people get sick in winter and we had to get a tickle in our nose to help stop us from getting poorly (our flu 'jabs'). The stickers we got smelled nice!"

Jacob and Rosie in year 2 said... "in our writing we have been using The Journey story and writing it in our own words. We have to use ? and ! for our speech or thought bubbles to show what characters are saying and thinking. The soldiers are grumpy and shout at the girl because she stole the bird and let it go. We had the fire crew in our class and they told us how serious it was to call 999 and to only do it in an emergency. There are 4 different emergency vehicles and they told us when we could call the different ones in different kinds of emergencies. In our Christmas play, there is lots of singing and acting – we love the songs."

Amelie and Ellis in year 3 said... "in art we have been sketching fossils and rocks then we made them out of clay. Then we made 'dinosaur' footprint fossil out of salt dough, it was quite hard to mix the dough. We have learnt about different kinds of rocks like metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous – these are made after volcanoes erupt. We used all of this learning to make a fact page all about the rocks using all the conjunctions we have been learning to join the facts together." (The children were fantastic at sharing how the rocks were different from each other).

Marcus and Maddie in year 4 said... "we are making shields out of cardboard by putting Roman imprints on them and looking at different styles from the Roman Empire. We will get to use them in our Roman Day on Monday – we will be wearing Roman costumes! In our writing we have been using the story The Comet all about a girl who is really sad when she moves house, we are at the part where she saw a comet fall from the sky and a tree sprouted out of it. We are going to write what we think is going to happen to the girl – using our prepositions and expanded noun phrases to add detail – then we will get to read the book ending!"



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George and Evie in year 5 have written... In maths, we have been doing division using the bus stop method. Lots of people have been in the pit but they have been a resilient racoon and kept going. In English we are writing about the moon landings and if they were real or not. There are lots of debates around the moon landings and we have looked at different bits of evidence. Our science work is all about space this term, we have looked at the planets and learnt about Tim Peake's time in space.

Freddie and Caoimhe in year 6 have written... Our topic is Epic Explorers, which includes Ernest Shackleton, Amelia Earhart and lots more. We have been learning facts about Ernest Shackleton's life and the places he went so we could write biographies about him. In maths we've been learning about fractions and how to order them from smallest to largest. During our computing lessons, we have been making our own games on Scratch, where we use code to programme the computer.

Our New Values...

Within our whole school worship over the last few weeks, we have been discussing the importance of each element of our new school values. Supporting the children to understand what we are striving for is so important in guiding their behaviour choices towards others and for themselves.

Our 'tag lines' drive our vision and conversations with the children:

- *Being confidently me
- *Showing kindness to all
- *Making a difference



Ruby in Year 5 is already showing great compassion for others by embarking on a fundraising mission to support a charity close to her heart. Following an experience with a family member which had a huge impact on her, Ruby has decided to raise some money for a charity called YoungMind, which we supported as a school earlier in the term. This charity helps young people struggling with mental health issues and offers them support with any problems or help they might need.

Ruby has set herself a challenge to read 100 books in 10 months. You can show your support for Ruby through her sponsorship page:

<https://www.iustgiving.com/page/ruby-wilson-1699189083967?newPage=true>

Anti-Bullying Week...

Last week our school community has come together wonderfully during Anti-Bullying week. It has been heartening to witness the children engaging in thought-provoking discussions, activities, and assemblies centered around showing kindness to all, as well as our values of respect, and friendship. Our pupils have truly embraced the importance of standing up against bullying, and their empathy and compassion towards one another has been truly inspiring.



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Neurodiversity Day

Today we have been celebrating Neurodiversity Day across the school. The children started the day with a whole school collective worship in which we discussed successful famous people who are neurodivergent. Throughout the day there have been a range of different activities taking place in each class. These have included discussions about the strengths of everyone's differences and how our brains work.

Children in Need...

Last week, we had the pleasure of supporting Children in Need, and what a fantastic day it was! The school was a sea of vibrant colours and patterns as our amazing children came dressed in their pyjamas or spotty clothes. It was heart-warming to see the joy and enthusiasm radiating from each and every child. Together, we raised an impressive £572 for this worthy cause. Thank you to all who contributed and helped make a difference.

Bike Ability...

Year 6 recently undertook their Bikeability sessions, as always, this was a massive hit with all the children involved. Everyone grew in confidence on their bikes before some then took to the roads of Bramley applying their new found skills. Other children honed their skills of bike riding within the school rounds with some non-bike riders becoming confident riders within the 3 days - amazing! A massive well done to all the children and adults involved!

Parent's Evening...

I wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to all those who attended our recent Parent's Evenings. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and engage in meaningful discussions about your child's progress. Your presence at these events demonstrates your commitment to your child's education, and we greatly appreciate your active involvement in their learning journey. We firmly believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for a child's success, and your participation in these evenings is a testament to that belief. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us.

Fire Crew visit...

Year two had a wonderful morning this Thursday, meeting a member of the fire service who came to teach us about fire safety. The children learnt about the role of a firefighter and the importance of what they wear. They learnt a song and a rhyme to help them remember about matches and lighters. In an emergency, the children now know who to call and what to do to keep themselves and others safe.

Residential...

Last week, many of the Year 6 children spent the week at Osmington Bay for their residential visit. Despite a couple of wet mornings, a fantastic time was had by all. All the adults that went with the children were really impressed by how the children threw themselves into the different activities. We enjoyed tackling heights with climbing, abseiling, zipwire, trapeze and vertical challenge. They also took part in activities including: orienteering, buggy building, low ropes, archery, giant swing, fencing, sensory trail and survivor. The evenings also included fun activities but the Silent Disco was a favourite of both the children and the adults. We were all really proud of them: they showed friendship, working in different groups; compassion, by supporting each other during some challenging activities and respect towards everyone that they came across.



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The children back at Bramley, also had an excellent week and rose to taking on some extra responsibilities. They really enjoyed working on mini projects such as designing their own zoo, down to the restaurants and animal guides. Our zoologists also enjoyed craft activities linked to their project. Mrs MacGourlay was really proud of them all.

Sporting Events...

On Thursday 16th, we participated in the first Tag tournament of the year. Due to most of the Tag Rugby club being away on the Year 6 residential, most of the team was made up of year 5 children who had bravely offered to step up. These children did not have much opportunity to practice or play together before they were thrown into their first match. Despite the scores not being exactly what we wanted, the team got better and better with each match and it was fantastic seeing them cheering each other on. The children were always playing with a smile on their faces and represented the school brilliantly.

Last Friday a number of our Year 2 children attended the QMC multi-skills festival to promote a range of skills and encourage teamwork among our young learners. The children had the opportunity to participate in a carousel of activities, which included balancing skills, curling, navigating and obstacle course, and engaging in netball, football, and tennis games. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and demonstrated great enthusiasm throughout the day. They embraced the different challenges with a positive attitude, which was wonderful to see. Not only did they have fun, but they also developed and enhanced various skills along the way including their teamwork abilities. We are proud of our Year 2 children for their exemplary behaviour and engagement throughout the multi-skills event. We look forward to organizing more opportunities for them to showcase their skills in the future.

Swimming...

Year 4 are enjoying their swimming lessons immensely. Not only have they improved in their swimming abilities, but everyone's confidence has grown, especially those who were non swimmers to begin with. Their exemplary behaviour both in and out of the water has been commented on by pool staff. The support the pupils offer one another is lovely to see, creating an environment where each child feels encouraged and valued.



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Please can you ensure that your child's dinner money account remains in credit. If your child's debt runs £30 or over, your child will not be able to order a school dinner until this balance is paid. If you have concerns about your child's debt or believe you may be able to claim free school meals, please contact the school office.

As you may be aware, there have been some road closures in and around Bramley! We understand the added stress this may cause during drop off and pick up times. However, I kindly request that all parents and carers bear in mind the importance of parking considerately and safely. By doing so, we can ensure the safety and well-being of all our families.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Key dates:

27 th Nov	Year 4 Roman Day
28 th Nov	Year 4 Swimming
30 th Nov	2-3pm Rocksteady Concert
1 st Dec	Open Morning – New EYFS parents
4 th Dec	Ladybirds Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30
5 th Dec	Puffins Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30 Year 4 Swimming
6 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Play 9:30am
7 th Dec	Tigers Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30 Year 2 Christmas Play 2pm EYFS Height & Weight checks 12:30pm
8 th Dec	Reindeer Run – <i>more information to follow</i>
9 th Dec	BSA Christmas Fayre
12 th Dec	Year 1 Ambulance Service visit Year 1 Christmas Play 2:15pm
13 th Dec	Christmas service at Church Christmas dinner
14 th Dec	Year 6 Outcome event at 9am
15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Key Stage 2 - Carols on the Playground 2pm
End of Autumn Term	



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