



Bramley Church of England Primary

Bramley Bulletin – 26th January 2024

I hope this newsletter finds you well, despite the windy, rainy and freezing weather conditions we have had recently. It has certainly been a really busy and purposeful couple of weeks with the children working so well on their learning across the school.

Yesterday, we had two visitors from the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) who had a wonderful day working with a range of adults and children looking at the Christian elements of our school as well as the overall culture. It was a lovely opportunity to share how well embedded our new values and vision are into school life. We will share the SIAMS Inspection report with you when it is published within 15 working days.

What is going on in school?



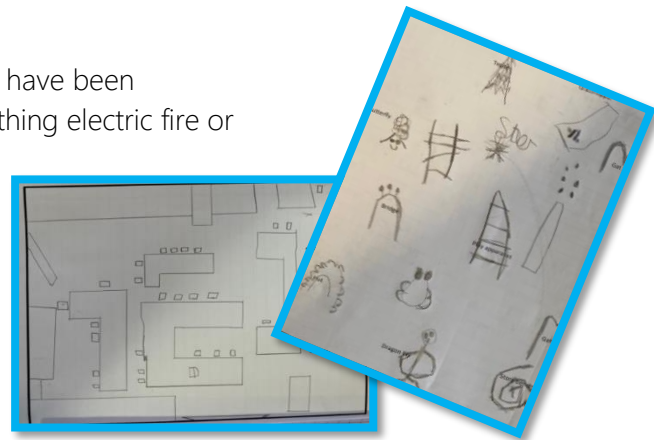
Brooke and Grayson in EYFS said... "We have been making masks for the Gingerbread Man when we read the story. And we wrote the story ourselves, we changed bits of the story. I changed to him being on a chicken and then the gingerbread man hopped in the tree (Brooke). They were really long stories. I like running around outside and being in the construction area where you dig things up."

Maisy and Brody in year 1 said... "We made bird feeders so we could help the birds to eat in winter because they can't find any food. We used string and pine cones to make them and we could mush up bananas to make the seeds stick to them. We are learning about United Kingdom and that there are 4 countries."

Theodore and Cherry in year 2 said... "Our topic is Titanic and we have been writing about our trip to Sea City when we saw bits from the Titanic. We looked at different people who were on the boat. On one of the pictures you can see that one of the funnels is fake but in the photo you can see a dot of a person at the top trying to climb out. We learnt that it nearly crashed into another boat before it sank and some people thought it had been blown up by a submarine. We are now writing exciting stories about Samson, a mouse who slept in the boilers of the Titanic trying to get to New York."

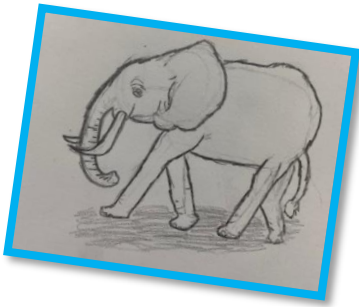
Evie and Isaac in year 3 said... "We made up dragons and then we have been describing them, they could have hard scaly skin, spikey tails, breathing electric fire or soft, fluffy skin under their tails. In groups we made up dragon stories and we had to act them out to everyone in class – the dragons could help people to fix problems. Next week we are going to use these ideas to write our own stories. In geography we have been drawing aerial view maps and using compass points."

Seth and Georgie in year 4 said... "In class, we have been learning about volcanoes and we had to make them out of clay – we could choose if we wanted to make cinder cone, stratovolcano or shield types. We learnt about the eruption of Pompeii by reading a story about how 2 children survived, where they told us what happened on the day. We wrote our own stories about being at the eruption of Pompeii and my characters managed to escape by sailing away on a ship."



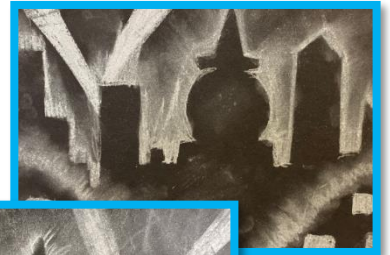


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Casey and Grace in year 5 said... "We have loved learning about what is happening in the rainforest and the orangutans that live there. We had to write a persuasive text to convince people to stop damaging the rainforest and help to protect them. In art I loved how we learnt to sketch an Elephant, using step by step to get it accurate. In maths, we are learning about shapes and drawing angles also measuring with a protractor, it can be really tricky. This week in French we learnt about different homes and how to pronounce them the right way."

Joaby and Lecey in year 6 said... "We have been learning about World War II, we went to Milestones Museum to see what life was like then and they taught us how to do a sling if someone was injured. We have learnt about The Blitz we researched bombing, rationing and jobs that people had during the war, then we had the chance to make ration cakes. We also wrote a poem about how it would feel to be in World War II and built Anderson shelters that had to be really sturdy to see if they would survive a bomb (it was a 2pound weight). In art, we drew the St Pauls Cathedral with chalk to make skylines and played a card game with evacuees (it helps with estimating)."



Sporting Events

Sports Leaders have taken the reigns this week to report on recent events:

Tag Rugby League - Freddie and Jake report... "The rugby tournament was a tough but an amazingly fun set of games. Even though when didn't get the result we were looking for, we think that we all worked really well as a team and we made sure everyone had fun. Almost everyone scored a try but sometimes you would think you heard the velcro of your tag rip and you would stop but you hadn't been tagged! At the end, we all had are heads up and gave each other compliments. Well done Bramley tag-rugby team!"

E-Safety Day...

February 6th is national Safer Internet day, our children will be spending the whole day focusing on E-Safety. As computing lead, Mr Taylor has planned out exciting activities to help the children to understand some of the dangers to being online and how we can make sure we stay safe. Within this topic, is making sure we act responsibly with how we interact online.

If you have concerns over your child's use of technology, these are two great websites to support parents childnet.com/parents-and-carers saferinternet.org.uk/parents

Families Diversity Day...

Today in school, we have been celebrating Families Diversity Day where we will be celebrating '**Being Confidently Me**'. By reflecting on the fact that our families are all different. The day began with a Collective Worship planned and led by our Year 6 EARA group – who are the champions for encouraging equality and supporting others. During the day, each year group used different activities and discussion to embrace the values of Compassion and Respect while learning about how all of their families are special and unique.



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BSA Events...



The BSA are excited about their next fundraising event which will be a Race Night on March 1st and is for adults only. This event will be held in the school hall with doors opening at 7.30pm and the first race starting at 8.00pm. It is shaping up to be a great night out! A prize will be awarded to the best dressed person on the evening, so why not dress to impress and come ready for Ascot – big hats and fancy clothes are encouraged! Tickets can be purchased online from 26th January via our website <https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/bramleyschoolassociation>

Parking in the school car park and keeping everyone safe

Please be reminded that the school car park is for **staff only**, this includes when dropping off or collecting from breakfast club, after school club or any extra-curricular clubs. I absolutely appreciate that parking off site can be an inconvenience, particularly in poor weather, but we need to keep moving cars to a minimum in the school car park in order to keep everyone safe. With the after school club now being in the hall, there are increased amounts of children in this area. We are looking at other solutions to ensure everyone's safety and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Attendance

As we continue to move through January - a typically tough month - it seems timely to reinforce some of our key messages around attendance. We have high expectations for attendance and expect that an individual student's attendance does not drop below 96%.

Good attendance is not just about classroom learning. Attending school every day is about having good routines which have a positive impact on mental health:

- Good routines help to alleviate anxiety as children know what to expect.
- Routines promote healthy habits.
- Attending school gives our children access to friends, sport, music, play - all of which promote a healthy balanced life.

If you need any support regarding your child's attendance, please let us know. We're here to help!

Swap Shop

A reminder that we have lots of coats, wellies and trainers in school as well as a large stock of school uniform. If you need anything for your family, please come and ask at the school office.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. The commitment you show to your children's education is truly appreciated, and it is this collective effort that enables us to provide a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School



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Key dates:

26/1	Diversity Day - Families are all different
31/1	Yr3 Science Museum trip
6/2	E-safety day
8/2	Yr4 Outcome Event 2:30
9/2	Yr5 Outcome Event 2:15
19/2	INSET Day
26/2	<i>No teacher led clubs this week</i>
27/2	Parent's Evening 3:30 – 6:30
28/2	Parent's Evening 3:30 – 6:30
29/2	Parent's Evening 3:30 – 6:30
1/3	Cricket Day Yr2 & Yr3 – Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching BSA Race Night – adults only
8/3	Yr5 Bake Sale after school on the playground
22/3	BSA Disco
28/3	Last day of Spring Term
29/3	Good Friday – first day of Easter holidays