



Bramley Church of England Primary

Bramley Bulletin – 10th March 2023

What a couple of weeks! As much as snow creates a picturesque scene, I'd always prefer a huge dumping or none at all. The half measures this week quickly presented logistical complications before rapidly making everything wet and slushy! Thank you for braving the conditions to get your children in and for your support and flexibility as we assessed the situation during the early hours.

Despite the changing weather, it's been a wonderfully productive fortnight!

What is going on in school?



Mrs Bellemere says...

Our learning this term is centred around 'How can I grow my own food to create a tasty recipe'. We have had a great time exploring different books about gardens. Last week we looked at the book Omar the Bees and Me and explored what a bee garden was and how important bees are. This week we have been looking at the story the secret sky garden. The children are really enjoying looking at different ways to grow plants in car parks, roofs, windowsills and gardens. We have created a story basket with real bugs preserved and encased in Perspex - which that have loved looking at!

We have taken part in observational drawing and painting of spring flowers. The children have been creative chameleons in the art area making our own flower collages and some children incorporated this into a puppet show. In maths we have been exploring shapes and have enjoyed learning the names of 3d shapes. They have also been looking for these shapes in our environment both outside and inside.

Miss Barrett says...

Year 1 were very lucky to have a visitor last week. Lisa from British Airways flew in to share her role as a member of the cabin crew with the children in Year 1. The children set the classroom up like an aeroplane and Lisa talked them through the safety instructions and inflight menu. The children have also enjoyed creating their own passports and boarding tickets in their freeflow time. This week they have explored texts about flight linking to our Amazing Aviation topic, including Emma Jane's Aeroplane written by Katie Haworth.



In Maths, the Year 2 children have been learning about measure, looking at the height, weight and capacity of different objects. They really enjoyed completing an investigation about whether if you had a bigger foot, you were taller! We are incredibly lucky to have Miss Hammond teaching the children gymnastics for this term, this week the children have used new equipment to roll, jump and tuck. In Writing, we have been so impressed with how the children's skills are developing while writing their own stories based around 'The Building Boy'. Our reading work has been around the stories of Bumble Bear, Where The Wild Things Are and The Tear Thief. What a busy few weeks!

Miss Denham says...

In the last 2 weeks, Year 3 travelled back in time to talk to Cleopatra herself. The children were very excited and found out a lot about her life, they have then used this experience to write a diary about a day in the life of the Egyptian monarch. They really enjoyed making paper boats to replicate artefacts found in tombs. In science, the children have carried out experiments to see how much water and sunlight plants need by giving 4 plants different amounts of water each day. They exposed another 4 plants to different amounts of sunlight to see if this affects how well they grow. We have used celery dipped into dyed water to show that water travels around a plant.



Bramley Church of England Primary

In Year 4, the classes created timelines to show how long different periods of history lasted, using string and we looked at where the ancient Maya fit in. They located different ancient civilisations using their knowledge of continents and the cardinal directions. The children really enjoyed finding out about the Mayan calendar and how they counted the days – very differently to how we do now. Looking at the Mayan number system was fascinating; we were very impressed at how quickly they worked it out. The children have been incredibly creative creating glyphs of their own names and printing them using polystyrene tiles.

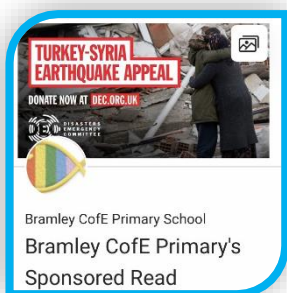
Mrs Hanson says...

The year 5 children are thoroughly enjoying the start of their 'Is it Magic?' topic! We have been exploring a range of stories that include magic as a theme as well as focusing on our class text of Harry Potter. In each class, the children have been sorted into the 'houses' as well as making their own wands ready for a term of spells and potions! They are very excited about our trip to the Warner Brothers Studios at the end of the term. In music, the children are fully engaged in learning rapping skills!! The adults have been unbelievably impressed with how quickly they have picked up the words, speed and rhythm!



Children in Year 6 have delved into their new topic of Groovy Greeks. During our launch day, the children taste tested olives, pitta and taramasalata to have an experience of greek life. They have also made greek tragedy masks which now decorate our classrooms. Our writing has focused around creating an anxious but adrenaline fuelled atmosphere for the athletes arriving at the ancient Olympic stadium. In science, each class has explored the different parts of the heart and their role in pumping blood around our bodies. They also had a gorey lesson in making blood!

Sponsored Read...



After our wonderful reading week, we launched the fundraising event of a sponsored read. During assembly this week, we caught up with the children to see how they had enjoyed completing the different challenges. Clearly reading upside down, in pyjamas and in a den were highlights! Some children were also very inventive for their 'crazy' places to read!!

Aside from all of the reading fun, it was important to us that we are able to support those who are in need across the world. So far, we have raised over **£5000** towards those who have been affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria – this is a truly staggering contribution from our community! Thank you!

If you have yet to add your donations, please continue to send them into school or use the link below.
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bramley-cofe-primary-school?fbclid=IwAR0eZXYMi3MF4zRKzgR_lcEZ_oCmL9NHZqG2abL-WMo40BuWi8UWnkbs6Ks

Residential Trips

During their time at Bramley, we offer children two opportunities to take part in residential visits. Children in year 5 visit Gordon Brown Centre in Hook for a 3 day trip to experience a range of outdoor activities such as den building, orienteering and team challenges. Whilst in year 6, children visit PGL site Osmington Bay in Dorset. During their week visit, the children take part in adventurous activities such as abseiling, fencing and the giant swing.

Thank you to all of the parents who recently came to the teachers' talk about the residential visits. The presentations for both trips are now on our school website.



Bramley Church of England Primary

Food in school

Please can we remind you that children should not have any items that contain nuts at break or lunchtime – this includes products that may contain Nutella.

Our snack trolley at break time offers bread (30p), flavoured milk (50p) and fruit (30p). We ask that children bring in no more than £1 to spend on snacks. Some children have had £5 or £10 notes this week and that is a lot of change to then have in their bags.

Swap Shop

If your child has grown out of their school jumpers, cardigans or fleeces and they are still in good condition, please consider donating them to school. We have managed to help so many families and avoided so many clothes going to waste through our Swap Shop. Our stores are now almost empty – which is very positive – but we would love to gather more to be able to help families if they need it.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and we hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore
Executive Head of School

Key dates:

17/03	Red Nose Day
22/03	Rugby tournament at Burnham Copse
22/03	District Netball Finals
24/03	Yr 5 Harry Potter Trip
29/03	Church Service
30/03	Rocksteady concert
31/03	End of Spring Term
04,05 and 06/03	April Holiday Club – at Bramley
11, 12 and 13/03	April Holiday Club – at Bramley
17/04	Start of Summer Term