



Bramley Church of England Primary

## **Bramley Bulletin – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

As we rapidly approach the Easter break, school continues to be a hive of activity. The last fortnight has seen a whole load of sport, more fund-raising, outcome events and school trips and there's still more to squeeze in. I hope you enjoy reading what we've been up to and what's still to come.

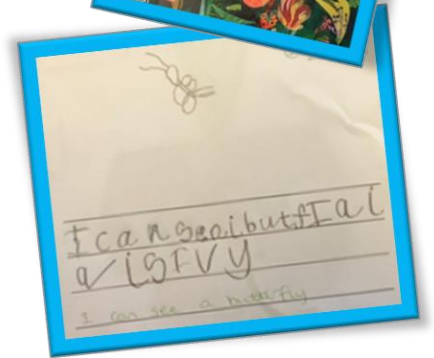
### **What is going on in school?**

#### **Mrs Bellemere says...**

This week we have been learning about different plants. We have looked at the book 'The Big Book of Blooms' and have focused on Venus flytraps, poisonous plants, cacti, and have also talked about flowers we can drink and eat.

We have talked about what insects are attracted to which flowers. The children have absolutely loved learning about the Venus flytraps, including watching a video about how the flytrap works. This has led to the children building their own flytraps out of construction, writing about bugs and traps, and drawing the fly traps. We managed to get one from the local garden centre and have enjoyed being able to see what they are like in real life – they are not as scary as we thought!

This past weeks learning has made the children so inquisitive and curious - they have been so inspired that they have produced amazing pieces of artwork, writing, crafts and construction models. We feel very proud of their learning this week in EYFS!



#### **Miss Barrett says...**

The year 1 children loved sharing their topic learning about Amazing Aviation for their outcome event this week! They used skills taught in DT to create their own journey using a sliding aeroplane and then wrote a story to accompany their journey. They picked landmarks from capital cities and drew, coloured and labelled them. The children have also loved learning how to programme using Lego Wedo this week in their computing lessons. They had to build an object and then use algorithms to change the colours on their creation using the iPads. In Maths, the children loved measuring using objects and had a challenge to find the longest item in the classroom to measure.

In Year 2, we had a dragon invasion on Monday! When we came back to the classroom, it was pitch black and dragon noises were playing. Flamethrottle, a ferocious dragon, was terrorising the town so we wrote a job advert to find a brave knight to help defeat the dragon. The children's imaginative and more structured writing skills are coming

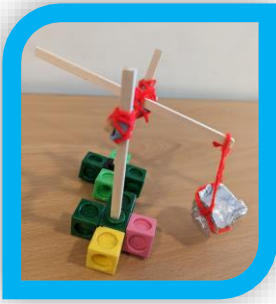
along so well! In Maths, we have been learning about time and fractions of shape/amounts over the last few weeks. We have become much more confident telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes too! Last week in DT, we designed and made cushions by sewing two pieces of felt together, the children then decorated them. This took a huge amount of resilience and determination for year 2 when doing this – we are so proud of them!





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### Miss Denham says...



Year 3 have had great fun exploring their topic. They become mummification masters by learning all the steps needed to make a mummy and loved mummifying their teddies. Linked to their work on Ancient Egyptian burial rites, the children have designed and are making their own canopic jars. These jars stored some of the mummies organs ready for the afterlife. In DT, they have made their own mini-shadufs. These are hand-operated device for lifting water. They really need to think how they were going to join their pieces of wood and ensure they had a counter weight.

In Year 4, we have been doing science. The children created simple, parallel and series circuits. They drew them scientifically using symbols. They investigated which materials were insulators and conductors and discovered metals made good conductors. We used our knowledge of circuits to make a simple torch by making a complete circuit with a battery, copper tape and a bulb. In History, the children have been learning about the different aspects of Mayan life, including farming and society. We found out about pok-a-tok, the Mayan ball game and even played a version of the game themselves.

### Mrs Hanson says...

What an exciting few weeks we have had in Year 5! The children are thoroughly enjoying turning their story ideas into magical plays. They are certainly practising their Collaborative Clownfish learning behaviour as well as our Reflective Rhino to support their group work! The children are so excited to share their efforts at performances to their parents next week. In Science, the children have been looking at different states materials can be – solids, liquids and gases. We have also begun to investigate how solids dissolve into liquids to make mixtures. We have really stepped up our learning in the last couple of weeks and the children are pushing themselves and their skills. Great work everyone!

In Year 6, the children have continued to enjoy their Groovy Greeks topic. We have been reading and enjoying a range of Greek Myths, which have then helped the children to write their own. The mythical creatures and adventures they have imagined have been fantastic – really showing a breadth of imagination! We are also really proud with how they are applying a range of writing skills to different pieces – this is really tricky and they are really pushing themselves! Keep up the hard work!

In art, the children have designed, made and painted their own greek clay pots. The end products look very effective. Our children are also fortunate to be having gymnastics training from Miss Hammond at the moment, they are really pushing their core skills and strength with her routines.



### Comic Relief...

Last Friday was Comic Relief. At school, we marked the day with the children coming to school in red and with a Mile Run. The children looked great and as always, their enthusiasm on the running track is brilliant!

As a community, we raised £467 towards this cause. That's a total of nearly £6000 we've raised this term for charities. That's an incredible amount which will help so many people across the world.

### We need you!

The Bramley School Association (BSA) are a small but mighty group of volunteers who have had a huge impact on the school and on the experiences your children enjoy. The funds that the BSA have raised in recent years have enabled us to purchase a minibus, create Oliver's Garden, develop the allotment, subsidise school trips and book in the development of our stage area which will be completed over the Easter break. In addition to the much-appreciated



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boost in funds, the BSA events also enrich the children's time in school and engage the local community. I'm sure many of you have enjoyed the Bramley Fireworks, the Summer Fete and the school discos.

The BSA are desperate to recruit more volunteers. Numbers have dropped over the years and the fantastic events are at risk unless they receive more support. So, if you would like to contribute to making memories for the children, helping raise funds for the school, whilst being part of a friendly, committed team, please email [BSAlink@outlook.com](mailto:BSAlink@outlook.com) and let them know you'd like to join! Your support would be very much appreciated!

### **Sporting Events...**

A lot has been happening in the last few weeks!

After topping our group in the league matches, our Netball Team took part in the District Finals this week. We were up against some very tough competition, but the team kept digging deep and 'fighting' back to regain possession. Their netball skills and determination were great – there were lovely matches to watch!

It was also the first outing for our new sports kit – the children looked really smart in it and were even prouder to be representing our school.

Last week, we also took a group of Year 2 children to participate in a Football Festival with eight other schools from around Basingstoke. For some of the children, this was their first experience of a 'formal' football match, and they all played superbly - making the school very proud. Even when the games didn't go as we would have hoped, the children showed great sportsmanship and would high-five and shake hands with the opposing team after every match.



This week saw the end of our local Rugby leagues, the team has shown great strength throughout the season in developing their skills and determination to win back possession. They have learnt huge amounts as the league leader coaches each team through their plays and the decisions to support their understanding of the game. We won one match this week and lost the other. We are looking forward to the district rugby festival in the summer.

### **Walking to Church**

We are really looking forward to our walk to St James' Church next week for our Easter service. Due to covid and several extreme weather systems, we have not been for a very long time. Thank you very much to all those who have volunteered to help, we are very grateful of your time and support. There is still room for more, so if you're free on Tuesday morning and would like to volunteer to support, please let the office know. A reminder that children must have a coat on this day.

### **Sporting Opportunities**

Please find attached at the end of the bulletin, flyers from Basingstoke Cricket Club advertising taster sessions next month. It is a great opportunity for children to have a go at the sport or get involved in a local team if they already enjoy playing cricket.

### **Helping the Community - Food Donations**

We would like to let you know that as a result of the impact of the 'Cost of Living Crisis', we will once again be placing food donation boxes outside the main entrance of school. Each week, the food donations collected will be offered to members of our school community, in addition to the donations given from the Church. Any donations given will be very much appreciated. If you feel that you need help in anyway, please come in to school or call to let us know, as these are particularly challenging times.



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### **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.

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:**

<b>28/3</b>	Easter Church Service
<b>30/3</b>	Rocksteady concert
<b>3/4 - 14/3</b>	Easter School Holidays
<b>8/5</b>	Coronation Bank Holiday
<b>26/5</b>	Inset Day

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2023

# BRAMLEY EASTER EGG TRAIL

With special thanks to the Bramley Parish Council

12pm - 2pm  
Clift Meadow Pavilion  
£2 per child

Meet the Easter Bunny!

Easter Activities  
Raffle  
Face Painting  
Tea, Coffee & Cake



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# FREE TASTER SESSION

Saturday 29th April @ 10am

All ages, any level of  
experience

U11, U13, U16 &  
Women

Venue: Basingstoke & North Hants CC  
Fairfields Road, RG21 3DR

To book your place contact  
[bnhcccladies@gmail.com](mailto:bnhcccladies@gmail.com)



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