



Bramley Bulletin – 31st March 2023

And in the blink of an eye, the Spring Term is over and we are two thirds through the school year. We've had everything from snow to strikes and a tonne of exciting learning experiences for the children. This bulletin is different to the regular one. We'll share with you some of our highlights. We hope your child had as much fun along the way as we have!

We'll start with this morning. On the final celebration assembly of each term, we ask staff to select one child in each class for a 'Values Award'. This is a very special award for a select few children who demonstrate our school values of **Love, Respect** and **Courage** without fail. In recognition of their achievement, the children get a Values Award badge as well as a certificate. The children will also have a special treat after Easter.

The winners of the Values Awards are:

Puffins – Ivy P

Ladybirds – Clark T

Donaldson – Ivy S

Rosen – Flora R

Jeffers – Abigail S

Gravett – Ava G

Dahl – Zoe D

Lewis – Lucy F

Riddell – Anna W

Morpurgo – Charlotte J

Cowell – Erin W

Ibbotson – Danyl B

Kipling – William N

Collins – Freddie N

Rundell – Karthik G

Earlier this week, we talked about all of the different visitors, initiatives and events we've had at Bramley since Christmas and we were amazed at the list. The teachers have been working tirelessly to find ways to broaden the curriculum by weaving exciting additions into the diet of learning the children experience.

This term, we have enjoyed:

Reading Week, which included the visit of 2 authors - Local adventurer, *James Ketchell*, giving an inspirational talk to our Key Stage 2 pupils about flying around the world, climbing Mount Everest and rowing across the Atlantic. The children from EYFS to year 4 had the treat of *Chip* entertaining them with his engaging retelling of a range of stories. The children also looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters to round off the week.

Outcome Events – Each term, we invite parents to join us for events which showcase the children's learning. This term our events have included Easter Crafts, Amazing Aviation, Harry Potter Performances and making Canopic Jars.



Sporting fixtures – This term has been hugely busy on the sporting front. Children across the school have proudly represented our school in external sporting competitions including: Year 6 athletics, Year 2 football festival, Year 3 and 4 collaboration football competition, Primary Cross Country and Year 6 hockey. A special mention needs to go to our Rugby and Netball teams who both successfully got through their groups, progressing to the district finals.

School Trips – We've had a range of school trips across the school including Harry Potter World, Winchester Science Museum, Sea City in Southampton, Milestones museum.

Thrive Parenting Sessions – Our school is fortunate to be named as a 'Thrive School' due to the fact that we have invested in the training of staff in the Thrive Approach. Rachel Moir, the Executive Inclusion Lead across our collaboration, who is also a trained family Thrive practitioner, has worked with a group of parents for 6 weeks of the



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Spring Term. The feedback from these sessions has been extremely positive and as a result, we are hoping to repeat these sessions at some point in the near future.

British Airways – 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.

Safer Internet Day – children of Bramley joined learners from over 170 countries in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. It was a day when we celebrated all the great things about being online and reminded ourselves how we can stay safe.

Mental Health Day – the children spent time looking at what made them special as well as different ways they can connect with others. They also thought about what interests people share or what was different about each other that we could learn, and how to have positive connections with lots of different people.

Launched new Learning Behaviours - The House Captains worked closely with Miss Thomson last half term to develop a system to help us to discuss learning behaviours with the children. They have created a series of 6 animals who themselves 'behave' in this way to help the children to imagine and understand the behaviour.

Contributions to charity - We've raised an incredible combined **£6500** for three worthwhile charities: Children's Mental Health charity, Comic Relief and for the DEC in support of the people in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake.

Set up a **food bank**- Parents can come and help themselves to anything in the fresh food box each day in addition to the weekly donations of fresh food for families donated from the church community.

In addition to this, we have also had regular favourites like the **Values bowling trip, Forest School, the Rock Steady Concert, Easter Service** and **Parent's Evenings**.

It's now time to rest and recharge ready for an equally action-packed Summer Term.

Finally, we'd all like to wish you a happy Easter. Personally, this is a time of year when I tend to take stock and reflect on life generally. It has been a hugely busy school year so far. The drive to enrich learning in the school is something that we are immensely proud of. It is a privilege to work with your children and to serve this wonderful community. We are also grateful every day that we get to work with a truly wonderful team. The teachers, teaching support team, the office and site team, the Governors and the support across the collaboration all play a vital role in ensuring that our school continues to evolve and move forward. We would like to thank all of the staff for their valuable contributions.

I hope you all enjoy a restful break and make the most of the improved weather and most of all, I hope you all stay healthy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care

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