



Bramley Church of England Primary

Bramley Bulletin – 5th May 2023

I can't believe that we are already halfway through this half term! We have been thrilled by the wide range of engaging learning the children have been actively participating in throughout the start of the summer term. Whenever there's a Bank Holiday, it feels as if we try to cram 5 days worth of work into 4 opposed to enjoying any sort of rest.

As always, I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been up to:

Mrs Bellemere says...

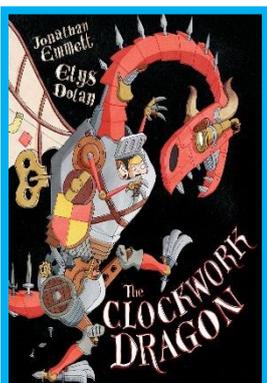
These past two weeks we have been looking at books called 'what happened to you?' and 'Can bear's ski?'. The children found the books fascinating and were very curious to find out what happened to the little boy's leg and the Bear's hearing. This led to discussions about disabilities, what they were and how it can affect people. We watched videos about the Paralympics which the children absolutely loved! They have requested every day to watch more so please continue to share these at home.

The children have also been busy creating and making their own puppets to make a puppet show. The children have been drawing their own ideas or cutting out pictures and using different artistic techniques to stick lolly sticks and match sticks on their pictures to create the puppets. They have repurposed cardboard boxes to make a stage and have used additional props from the small world to enhance their stage shows. They learnt how to video it themselves using the I pads and took great delight in putting on shows and showing them to their friends.



Miss Barrett says...

In Year 1, the children have been learning about authority in RE and we hope to visit the local church on Tuesday to learn more about this with Reverend Mark. In English, the children have written their own stories linking to Goldilocks and the Three Bears, remembering to use their writing packs, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! They have read their stories out to the rest of the class and edited them to make sure they make sense. It was so lovely listening to them reading their own work out loud and they loved sharing them with their friends. In Maths, we have been learning about division and sharing. The children have been using practical resources to share with their friends and teachers, and have been discussing the fact that it has to be equal otherwise it is not fair!



In year 2, the children have continued to work hard and show how confident they are in using different skills. We have been lucky to have more gymnastic sessions with Mrs Hammond where their skills and flexibility are developing so well. In English, the children have written their own stories based on the clockwork dragon. This was an extended piece of writing over 2 weeks, and we were really proud of how hard all the children worked on their stories. This week the children have written an information leaflet on 'How to look after a pet human' based on the story Beegu, they have needed to write from the perspective of an alien which has been great fun. In topic we have been learning about what animals and humans need for survival and the children have been making food chains and learning about animal adaptations.

Miss Denham says...

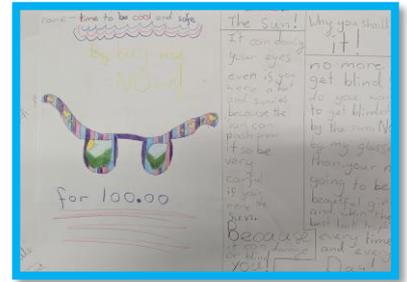
In Year 3, we have been reading the book, *The King who Banned the Dark*, linking to their topic of Light and Dark, the children have written their own stories based on the events in the book. We have also had a few weeks packed with lots of science learning. They have tested a range of materials to see how reflective they are. They investigated whether



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objects were opaque or transparent and combined their knowledge to design their own pair of sunglasses. In reading, the children have been reading the Royal Rabbits of London and have been learning to summarise parts of the story.

In Year 4, we have been learning about classification in science. The children have learnt about the different features of animal classes and have created dichotomous questions in order to sort a range of animals and classes (ask them and see if they remember what it means!). The children also went and looked at what invertebrates we have living on the school grounds. We have loved watching clips from David Attenborough's Wild Isles and have written our their own commentary for one of the videos, ensuring they had fronted adverbials in their text to add detail. In maths, the children have been getting to grips with money, linking it to our work on decimals - they have been adding and subtracting amounts of money as well as converting pounds into pence. In RE, the children have been examining the concept of persuasion within Christianity, we were very impressed with the children's discussions about persuasion and free choice.



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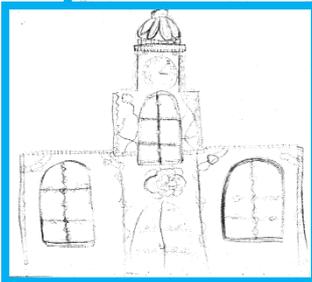
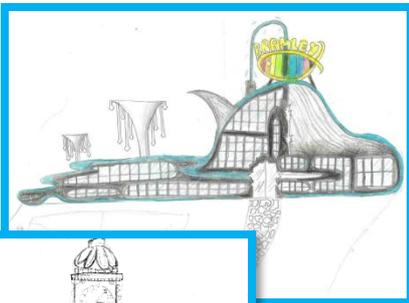
Mrs Hanson says...

The children in Year 5 are working incredibly hard on so many different aspects of the curriculum and really thinking through the application of their skills. They have now learnt about 4 key monarchs who have had a significant impact on Britain through history, last week they debated and voted on which one they felt had impacted the way we live our lives the most. In their writing, they have been taking on the role of monarch to write a declaration speech introducing new laws to the land! Their persuasive skills are fantastic and we think they may have enjoyed the idea of 'being in charge' a bit too much! Moving into summer, our PE focus is now on throwing, catching and striking skills which we will be practising before learning the rules for rounders.

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In Year 6, the children have been showing great focus to apply their skills to different concepts, their confidence is growing and growing which is lovely. Their topic focus this week has been looking at different architects, Hadid, Gaudi, Wren and Gehry. They all have very different styles which the children compared and identified aspects they liked or not. We then gave the children the task to redesign our school building in the style of one of these artists,

the results were AMAZING! In RE, we have been looking at rituals involved in different religions such as Ramadan and Eid in Islam. The children then looked at rituals they have in their own lives and deepened their thinking to examine how they would feel if people tried to change them.



Sporting Events

Last Friday, an eager team of footballers from Year 2 went to The Vyne school to take part in a competition against 12 other local teams. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity and played their 7 games really well. They rotated goalie duties and the adults were impressed with how confidently they played the role that wasn't necessarily too familiar to them. A few of our players were also given letters inviting them to take part in training at a Basingstoke team.

On Tuesday, a team of Year 3 and 4 children took part in two football friendlies against Tadley Primary School. Despite not having played as a team before and the other team being regularly coached, both matches were close and everyone put in a superb performance. Our goalkeeper, in particular, pulled off some amazing saves. We're incredibly proud of the children and how they showed our school values to their teammates and the opposition.



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Fundraising for School...

One of the YrR/2 Parents, Nyssa Cole, will be competing in the IronMan 70.3 in Barcelona on 1st Oct 2023. That's a 1.9km swim, a 90km cycle followed by a 13.1km run!

In doing so she wishes to raise funds for Bramley CofE Primary School specifically to go towards purchasing sports equipment to ensure all students have the opportunity to get involved in sport. It's something that we really try to encourage and with more equipment we can involve more students.

Here is Nyssa's JustGiving Page where you can donate to the School through Bramley School Association where you can also follow her training...Thank you in advance!

Nyssa's IronMan 70.3 Barcelona [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

Good luck to our Year 6 children

Our year 6 pupils have been absolute superstars over the past few weeks in the build up to SATs. They have worked hard, supported each other and overcome challenges. I hope you all relax over the weekend in the knowledge that you are ready! Next week is a chance for you all to show off how brilliant you are. We are proud of you all no matter what. Just smile, breathe and do your best!

Lastly, despite the weather, we have enjoyed starting our coronation celebrations. We have to adapt and rethink much of what we had planned but we hope the children still had great fun. I hope you all enjoy any coronation celebrations you're participating this weekend. Judging on the weather today and the forecast for the weekend, please feel free to delete any of the following bullet points as appropriate!

- I hope you have managed to avoid any sunburn on such a wonderful, sunny afternoon celebrating the coronation!
- I hope the drizzle didn't put too much of a dampener on your coronation celebrations!
- Well done for being one of a small number of people who braved the monsoon conditions to celebrate the coronation. I hope you all avoided injury from a flying gazebo and that you managed to canoe your way home safely!

Please take a close look at the diary dates below, we have tried to include as many as we can for the Summer Term to give you advance warning of our events. For many, further details will be sent home nearer the time.

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



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Key Dates:

8/5/23	Coronation Bank Holiday
9/5/23	Yr1 trip to church
18/5/23	School Census Day
22/5/23 – 25/5/23	Diversity Week
23/5/23	Yr3 Outcome event – parents invited 2:30pm
25/5/23	Yr5 Outcome event – parents invited 2pm
26/5/23	Inset Day
30/5/23 – 2/6/23	Half term
6/6/23	Yr1 Marwell Trip
7/6/23	EYFS Science Centre Trip
15/6/23	Yr 6 Winchester Cathedral
22/6/23	6pm EYFS <u>new entrant</u> meeting
23/6/23	Summer Fete (after school)
27/6/23	Class Photos
29/6/23	Rocksteady Concert to parents 2:30pm
30/6/23	New Classes Morning – meet your new teacher
6/7/23	6pm - Year 6 Performance at the Haymarket
6/7/23	Yr2 Outcome event – parents invited 2pm
11/7/23	Yr1 Outcome event – parents invited 2:30pm
14/7/23	Sports Day – parents invited (KS2 in the morning / KS1 in the afternoon)
17/7/23	New classes session 2 – story time Sports Day reserve (in case of bad weather)
18/7/23	Yr6 Leavers Service at Church - Yr6 Parents invited
20/7/23	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly – Yr6 Parents invited
21/7/23	Last day