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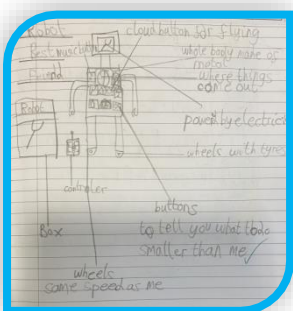
I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the far more typical autumn weather than we experienced a couple of weeks ago. It has been another busy and exciting few weeks here at Bramley C of E Primary, filled with wonderful events and activities that I am thrilled to share with you.

What is going on in school?

Ellie and Zack in EYFS said... “I have been doing some alphabet writing with my teacher – Ellie. I was doing Number blocks, I like drawing them – Zach. We tasted different breads from all different countries to see if we liked them. I liked bagels and naan breads – Ellie. I liked all the breads but the brioche was my best one. We talked about where different families come from, some of our mummies and daddies come from different places.”

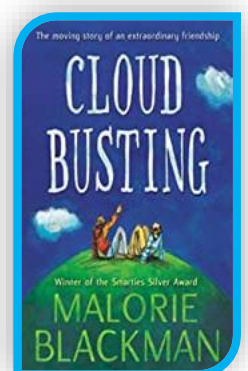
Oscar and Eva in year 1 said... “We have been learning about celebrations that we do like harvest and Christmas and the celebrations other people do aswell. We walked to church to celebrate harvest and to learn about the church. We had to look for clues like the yellow and blue ribbons in the trees to learn all about the church. I liked sitting on the chairs in the church, they are really different – Eva. I liked everything about the church – Oscar.”

Lily and Ivy in year 2 said... “We have been writing diaries to tell all of the facts we know from the Great Fire of London like how some people pulled their houses down so that they didn’t break and that the people didn’t want the fire to get to the Tower of London. Lots of people got onto boats in the river so they didn’t get burnt. We created our own houses out of cardboard so we could have the Great Fire of Bramley. It was good fun because you could see the fire spreading and burning every house.”



Laycie and Oliver B in year 3 said... “In English, we have been creating our own inventions like flying cars and flying boats then we had to pretend they had been stolen. We had to write newspaper articles about them being stolen and trying to find them. For Black History month, we talked lots about how people of different cultures used to be treated badly in the olden days and how people from the Caribbean came over to Britain to work but then it rained lots and they were really treated badly. We have talked lots about how people should be treated the same!”

Gabriel and Holly in year 4 said... “We have been looking at Yayoi Kusama’s art work, she uses lots of dots to make her paintings. Once, she was in a field of flowers and she imagined all of the flowers were turning into dots. We tried to recreate some of her mushroom work using patterns and hatching and cross-hatching. We are reading Cloud Busting in class, the story is told as a poem, it’s a really good book that teaches us about how people can be good after being really unkind.”

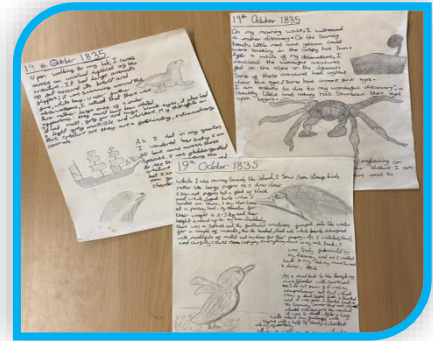




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Nathaniel and Freya in year 5 said... “We have been writing Stone Age Survival Guides and the things they needed to do to be able to survive. People should always have a weapon like a spear or a bow and arrow ready just in case an animal tried to attack you. They would need to have a warm shelter and could make it from animal skins – a tent like this would be easy for going hunting because you can take it up and down quickly. We have talked lots about famous people from different cultures.”

Ruby and Aiden in year 6 said... “We have been looking at Darwin’s theory of evolution. In class, we pretended to be finches and had spoons, straws and pegs to be their beaks to try to pick up different ‘foods’. The ‘beak’ that was the best to pick up the ‘food’ was the best adaptation so the finches could feed and survive. In our writing we wrote diaries about Darwin’s experiences it was on the Galapagos islands and how scary and amazing it would be.”



House Sports Cup...

We have had a great week of team games where the children put into practise the skills they have been practising all term. Those points are added to the ‘most laps’ from the Mile Run day to then have a House winner for the Sports Cup. The first house to win the trophy this term is...

Nightingale House – very well done to them!

BSA Events...

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the BSA at the recent Disco. It was so lovely to see so many children having such a fantastic time. The event raised over £620 for our school.

We are always extremely grateful to the members of the BSA for the time they offer and work they put into providing great events for our community. The next event is Big Bramley Fireworks on Friday 3rd November. Tickets for the fireworks can be purchased from the Bramley Bakery and Sherfield on Loddon shop or at <http://www.ptabramleyschoolassociation-events.co.uk>.

Christmas (sorry for mentioning it so early!)...

Please have a look at the dates section at the end of the newsletter as we have included many of our Christmas events. Further details will be sent out by each year group nearer the time.

Parent’s Evening and Meetings...

You should have received a parentmail this morning with booking details for Parent’s Evenings. Please ensure you click on the link and complete the form for each of your children as soon as you can so that the teachers can arrange their appointments. We place great value on the relationship between our school and our parents as it is vital that we work together to best support the children.

Here is the link again if needed: <https://forms.office.com/e/nWU2c1vuF6>



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Open Mornings...

We held our first Open Morning this week for prospective parents for our EYFS classes of 2024. It's always great meeting new parents and showing them around our wonderful school. Our Year 6 tour guides were fantastic, many parents commented on how informative and lovely they were – that they were a great showcase for our school

If you have a child who is school age next year, or you know someone who has a child who will be school age next year, please contact the school office to book a place. We'd love to see them. Please see the dates below:

- Thursday 2nd November at 9am
- Thursday 9th November at 9am
- Tuesday 21st November at 9am
- Friday 1st December at 9am

Supporting Children's Mental Health

Thank you to all those who support children's mental health charity, YoungMind by wearing something yellow last Friday. The school was awash with yellow hairbands, T-Shirts, socks and even an adult sized banana! During the week we looked at how we can stay mentally healthy by regularly exercising, using breathing techniques and socialising. We also spoke how all emotions are important, even the negative ones. It's okay to feel anxious or sad, but it's important to understand that we should talk about these times and seek help if the negative emotions get too much. The children were excellent at engaging in such a complicated topic. We raised an amazing £246 and would like to thank everyone who donated.



Swap Shop

During Parent's Evening, we will have all of our pre-loved items laid out in the entrance hall – if there is anything you need, please do have a look and collect from the tables.

We have a HUGE selection of Jumpers, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, trainers and PE uniform in VERY GOOD CONDITION – please pop to the office if there's anything you need.

Saying Goodbye...

This morning, we said a fond farewell (for a short time) to Miss Humphries who is leaving us to have her first baby. We are so excited for her and her partner to start this journey and wish them the very best!

Finally, as we enter the half-term break, I would like to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing week. Please take this time to recharge, spend quality time with your loved ones, and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

Take care

Mr Steve Moore

Executive Head of School



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Key dates:

30th Oct – 1st Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
30th Oct	Year 3 Victorian Day
31st Oct	Year 4 Swimming
2nd Nov	Open Morning – New EYFS parents Year 6 Residential Meeting 3:30 in Rundell class
7th Nov	Flu Vaccinations Year 4 Swimming
8th Nov	Parent's Evening 3:30-6:30
9th Nov	Open Morning – New EYFS parents Parent's Evening 3:30-6:30
10th Nov	Remembrance Worship in school – children only
13th – 17th Nov	Year 6 Residential
13th Nov	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying
14th Nov	Year 4 Swimming
16th Nov	EYFS vision screening
20th Nov	Individual and Sibling Photos
21st Nov	Open Morning – New EYFS parents King's Coronation Tree planting Year 4 Swimming
23rd Nov	Year 2 Fire Service visit
24th Nov	Diversity Day – Neuro Diversity
17 th Nov	Year 4 Roman Day <i>more information to follow nearer the time</i>
28th Nov	Year 4 Swimming
30th Nov	2-3pm Rocksteady Concert – parents invited
1 st Dec	Open Morning – New EYFS parents
4th Dec	Ladybirds Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30
5th Dec	Puffins Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30 Year 4 Swimming
6th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Play 9:30am
7th Dec	Tigers Christmas Play 9:30 – 10:30 Year 2 Christmas Play 2pm
12 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Play 2:15pm
13th Dec	Christmas service at Church Christmas dinner
14 th Dec	Year 6 Outcome event at 9am - parents Invited
15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 2pm Carols on the Playground
End of Autumn Term	