



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for our children to develop their French language skills and cultural understanding of French speaking nations. We now have a link primary school in Arthon-en-Retz in the Loire Atlantique region of France. The primary school of Sainte-Marie has a similar number of children to us here at Braunston, however, children start in PS aged 3 and leave at the end of CM2 at 10 years old.

The aim of this exciting school link is for children in both schools to gain a better understanding of daily life, the culture and traditions of each country and our similarities and differences, as well as gaining opportunities to practise their language skills with other children their own age.

At the start of this year, children in Key Stage 2 sent New Year cards to each child in the top 4 classes of Sainte-Marie primary school along with images of Braunston and examples of our school uniform. These were displayed for the children and parents along with some information about our school at their end of term school open day.

In return, children in Key Stage 2 have received a 'poisson d'avril' card, a traditional French April Fools' trick whereby children stick a paper fish on to the back of as many adults as possible. Children in Reception also received a story box with small puppets and two books of the story 'The Thing', one in French and one in English, to enjoy and re-enact.

Last term, inspired by our children here, the children of Sainte-Marie also decided to hold a cake and crepes sale to raise fund for the children of Ukraine. Our joint fundraising has raised over £1000.

The children have really enjoyed the opportunity to practise their language skills with another child their own age and have been very excited at the prospect of forging new links between our schools.

We have lots of fun ideas to develop the relationship between our schools and are looking forward to having many opportunities to apply and extend our language learning and cultural understanding in the coming months and years.

Regards

Mrs Phipps

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