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**The Lord will indeed give what us good, and the land will yield its harvest.
Psalm 85:12**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of the first Autumn Term, we have celebrated harvest in Church and enjoyed the first FOBS disco of the year. Both events were very special and well supported by the whole school community. Giving and sharing has been a constant focus this term and we are very proud of the children's efforts in donating a huge amount of food and toiletries to be given to families in need.

Our Braunston School family say a fond farewell to the wonderful Mrs Morris who has made a tremendous contribution and positive impact to school life, she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the very best in her promoted post. Mrs Barnwell will join the After School Wrap Around Care team next term, alongside Mrs Gregory and Mrs Lewington.

Reception Class – Inkpen

The last few weeks in Reception we have been looking at measure and patterns. The children have enjoyed exploring capacity and finding natural repeating patterns in the environment.

I am happy because my mummy
and daddy always cheer me up
when I'm sad.
Ben

"That's in my name." Pointing to
the J on the wall. Then proceeded
to tell me the sound.
Jacob





Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have had a fantastic time at Forest School, showing their creativity using nature's resources. In our science lessons, we have been learning all about the four seasons and categorising trees into deciduous and evergreen. We had a go with identifying trees according to the leaves and did some leaf rubbings.

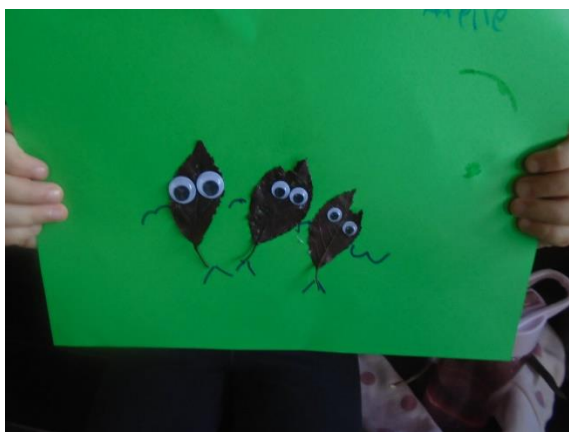
Our finished wheelbarrows made from junk modelling, looked amazing! We are looking forward to evaluating these and thinking of what improvements, if any, we can make to them.

Finally, a BIG congratulations to our Year 1 and 2 children who participated in our KS1 sports festival with the children from The Parker E-ACT Academy. They did wonderfully!

I liked having the hot chocolate and the biscuit. It was nice! Louis

Don't cut the trees down. The animals will lose their homes.

Aubrey



Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have had a very exciting term - they are making great progress and enjoying learning new things.

In the last few weeks we have become scientists. The children have been helping to solve problems such as 'what material would make the best patch for a tent?' and 'which material is most absorbent?' They have learned some really super science words such as opaque, transparent, durable and flexible along the way and carried out investigations to test their ideas. They have learned to draw conclusions and have been able to say why they would choose certain materials over others for the problem they were solving. I have been so impressed by the way class 2 have handled scientific equipment and applied themselves wholeheartedly to our experiments.

In maths we are partitioning numbers to make quicker and more efficient methods of calculation and in English, we have been writing about a castle siege. We have also just finished 'The Paper Bag Princess' which is such a fantastic story. The children have been practising reading with expression and they are BRILLIANT at it!

The first term in year 2 has drawn to a close and the children deserve a good rest for their hard work and super attitude to learning.

I love doing science experiments
with water.
Finlay

I liked watching the birds
swoop down over our
heads.
Abigail



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Warwick Castle

Class 2 had a sensational time at Warwick Castle last week. We saw the mighty trebuchet fire and Mrs Barnwell was almost carried off by a bird of prey! We held a huge, heavy sword and saw armour of all shapes and sizes - including for children and horses.

We all climbed to the top of the original castle that was built by William the Conqueror and, at the top, the view was amazing. We walked through history in the 'Kingmaker' exhibition and saw fletchers, blacksmiths and carpenters at work just like castle life in the bailey would have been in the past. Afterwards, some of us went round and round the spiral staircase to the top of the castle walls and the rest of us got rather lost in the maze!

A wonderful time was had by all in Ahlberg class. Class 2 were all brilliant listeners, super sensible at all times and a credit to Braunston School. Well done!





Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have been working hard in maths over the last few weeks learning about adding and subtracting 1s and 10s across 10s and 100s. We have been learning when we must exchange and where to put our new ten or hundred. Great work Year 3!

In our English, we have been learning how to wash a woolly mammoth as part of our work on instructional texts. We looked at some pretend stone age animals that we could wash and used a thesaurus to help us extend and improve our vocabulary choices for imperative verbs. This week we are writing our own instructions about washing stone age animals such as mastodons, smilodons and woolly rhinos. It's been lots of fun imagining how we would wash these huge, terrifying creatures!

I'm going to wash my
smilodon's knees and tail
gentlv. Fllis





Class 4 – Morpurgo

It has been a very busy term, in Year 4. Everyone has worked extremely hard, and we are so proud of their efforts. In maths, we have enjoyed understanding number and more recently looking at both column addition and subtraction. The children have worked hard to understand how to exchange across the columns. In English, we have enjoyed writing our information texts about London and writing our own Haiku poetry. The children have loved counting syllables and playing with words. This term, our topic has been London. We have looked at different landmarks, transport, the land surrounding London and how the city has changed over time. This week, we have enjoyed researching the population of other UK cities, comparing them to London and recording our data in a bar chart. The children have all settled extremely well into year 4 and we are so pleased with their learning attitude. Have a lovely half term and we can't wait to get started with the next term!

I like using the Chromebook. We have been looking at population in other cities and comparing them to London. I then made a bar chart. I was very surprised how big some of them are.

Florence

I have tried really hard with my writing, and I have enjoyed writing about the Tower of London. I liked learning about the ravens and the crown jewels.

Max



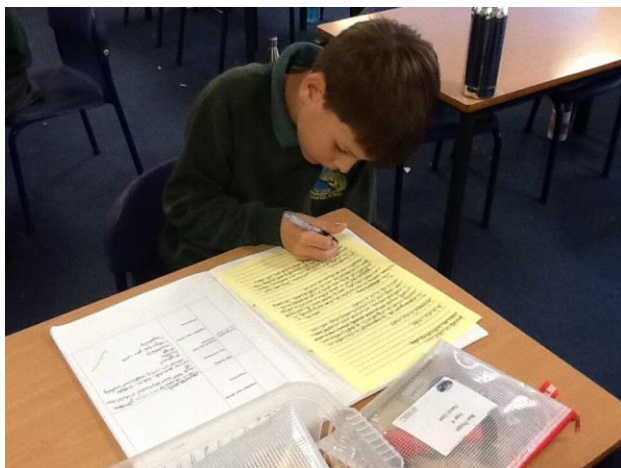
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Class 5 – Rowling

We consolidated some of place value maths through active learning where we worked in groups to make numbers; we also played relay races in the hall to collect numbers according to criteria to order. During English, we have prepared and performed news reports about Beowulf's bravery to step up and then fight the hideous, evil Grendel. We could all now be employed by Daventry Express as journalists after showing off our journalistic writing skills. During science, we have carried out a number of practical investigations: we pulled a tray along different surfaces to find out which caused the most and the least friction; we have moulded plasticine into various shapes and measured how quickly they travelled through water due to their shape affecting the amount of water resistance; and we have explored mechanisms of gears, pulleys and levers. A group of our year 5s took part in a Maths challenge at Princethorpe through which they worked in pairs to complete various challenges. They applied their place value, number, shape and problem-solving skills and did very well. Congratulations to James and Ben who came 11th out of 50, and Sadie and Pippa who came 31st, out of the top Mathematicians in Northamptonshire, Birmingham, and Warwickshire.

I felt the pressure timing the plasticine fall as it was quick. Ben

I am very proud of my newspaper report and have included all the features. Amelia

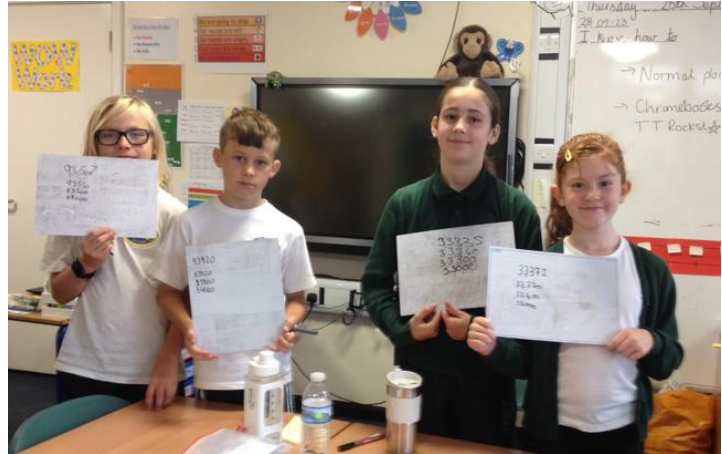


I enjoyed the maths challenge at Princethorpe and I was very brave standing at the front. Sadie



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Class 6 – Horowitz

We continue to work incredibly hard in Year 6 and we are enjoying the challenges. In English, we have been learning to write a diary entry from the viewpoint of Oliver Twist, whilst incorporating grammatical techniques. In maths, we have been introduced to long division and we have started to rise to the challenge. Lowry has been our focus artist in art. We have been trying to show perspective in our own work using the industrial style of Lowry.

We have also seen the start of our partnership with Cummins and their Engineering Club in Daventry for girls. Half of our girls attended with the remainder due to have their turn after Christmas. They were given boots, high vis vests and goggles to wear for their tour of the plant. They saw huge engines being built on long assembly lines and the test areas where the completed engines are inspected. On their first visit, they created their own assembly lines as they made paper and foam aeroplanes. They flew the planes and measured the distance travelled and the speed, creating graphs to represent their data. We are looking forward to further visits to Cummins over the next few months.

Today has been great! I have really enjoyed making aeroplanes and seeing how big the engines are. Merin

I thought it was fun and was surprised I learnt so much about engines.

Aerinn



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Girls Football v The Abbey

Tuesday 3rd October



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A group of girls had their second outing as a team to play football – this time against The Abbey School. We played well with some well-constructed passes – Charlie passed through to Carlene numerous times. Faith being out on the pitch this time, grabbed her opportunity to score and got our first goal. Tilly stepped into goal and kept a clean sheet – even saving a penalty against her. At half time, the score was 1-0 to us. The second half then approached, and their team changes made big changes. Charlie was a master on the ball, Violet was great out on the wing and Gracie stood well in defence. Jesse was super in all areas of the game – kicking out when needed and charging forward when required but a few goals got past us. Soon, Carlene hot on her feet and quick down the pitch scored us a second. We didn't win but a 5-2 defeat was a good score – we got 2 goals and are improving our play.

Braunston v Barby

Wednesday 27th September



A group of children stepped out on the pitch for our first mixed football match. All the children played well and supported their team members in their role. In defence Ben and Toby stood firm but Barby managed to get a goal past us. Cruz worked well across the whole pitch getting numerous balls through to Clayton but we just couldn't get it in the back of the net. Jenson, in goal, had some difficult saves and unfortunately we were 2-0 down. In midfield, Jessie, Charlie and Francisco strung some great passes together. Although we lost 4-0 that does not reflect the amount of possession we had and how equal the game play was in terms of tackles, possession and attempts on goal. Well done to all the players.

Small Schools' Football Tournament

October 19th

On Thursday we had an outing in our new kits. Big thanks to Bruce Wortley for organising the kit and even bigger thanks to Lisa Green and her company, AllTranz, for sponsoring the kit. We looked very smart in the kit and are very grateful for their support. It obviously brought good luck with it for we got off to a flying start in the tournament, winning all three of our group games. We won each of them 2-0! This meant we topped the group so in the afternoon we played for the three top positions. The first game was very competitive, and we lost 2-0 despite a good performance. This was to Harpole who were the deserving winners of the tournament.



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Our second game was a local derby with Barby which resulted in a 1-1 draw. The final position went down to goal difference thus we were ranked third place. Well done to all those who took part – we all had a really fabulous day! There was no sport person of the day as it was too hard to choose; instead every member of team had the credit of being sportsperson of the tournament!

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	6.10.23	13.10.23	6.10.23	13.10.23	6.10.23	13.10.23
R	Marshall	Eliza	Charlie	Jack	118	123
1	Lucy	Roman	Oleksa	Ella	160	112
2	Minnie	William	Mary	Seth	257	131
3	Leo	Georgia	Lucas	Isaac	118	219
4	Zachary	Primrose	Phoebe	Jack	185	136
5	Gacie	Sophia	Sonny	Isaac	196	188
6	Madison	Bay	Zack	Alicia	144	99
<u>Best Attendance 5 & 5 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)</u>						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	20.10.23		20.10.23		20.10.23	
R	Charlie		Daphne		120	
1	William		Emily		133	
2	Finlay		Leah		141	
3	Harvey-Jack		Olivia		174	
4	Amelie		James		113	
5	Riley		Katie		224	
6	Tilly		Tallulah		158	
<u>Best Attendance 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)</u>						

Lianna Willis
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