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**And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9**

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the wet and windy weather, children and staff have made the most of each day and risen to all challenges set. Each day is varied and I am always delighted to see the teaching and learning happening in and out of the classrooms. The quality of work produced is improving all the time and Year 6 children were overjoyed to discover that their work had been placed in the top five schools for presentation in the Queen Mother's Handwriting Competition.

COVID restrictions, routines and systems remain in place with **NO** changes following government guidance received earlier in the week. Please continue supporting us with the measures that have been in place as we work collectively to protect the children in our care, and each other. After half term, we are looking to adjust our bubbles within school. This means that we will look to pair bubbles during playtimes so that children can extend their social group and connections. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will also experience eating their lunch in the hall, however, unfortunately, at this stage, we are unable to offer this to key stage 2 children. **All other existing systems and measures remain the same.**

This week, we have had a couple of issues with dogs not being on a lead around the school entrances and inconsiderate parking. Please ensure that dogs are kept away from the gates and are on a lead as we do have children who are frightened of dogs and this makes their start to the school day troubling. The roads around Braunston are not ideal to cope with school traffic so try to walk wherever possible. Please do not park on the zig zag lines and turn off your car engine so that children and adults do not need to breathe in exhaust fumes. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with you via Zoom next week to discuss your child's progress. If you have not made a booking, please do so over the weekend. Bookings close the day before the meeting.

Class Inkpen - Reception Class

Reception have been very busy during the last couple of weeks, using techniques such as pinching, rolling and prodding clay when making models of the Big Bad Wolf. We have continued our maths work of sharing quantities / objects such as halving a length of ribbon and halving liquid from a bottle into two equal amounts. The children thought of some interesting concepts of how they could ensure an equal amount.

We have also been completing non-fiction writing about wolves, as well as learning how to tell o'clock and half past times on an analogue clock. We finished off last week by enjoying 'The Three Little Pigs' yoga!



I can't halve them (2p, 5p and a 1p). There's 3 coins. I have 5p and you've got 3p, that's not fair. You need 2 more pennies.

Lincoln.

We need to learn how to tell the time so that we're not late for football practice.

Sophia.



It is Big Bad wolf.
Hanna speaking about her clay wolf.

Class 1 - Donaldson

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week and to help us to focus on being calm and mindful we practiced yoga in the mornings to help us get ready for a day of learning. We loved learning lots of new moves! We have also been showing off our best writing skills. We have written some brilliant character descriptions about the Troll and Big Billy Goat Gruff using lots of descriptive vocabulary.

On Friday, we started our new DT topic and we investigated which materials we could build a bridge from to help the Billy Goats Gruff cross the river. We explored using Lego, paper and cardboard.

This week we have started our new topic, the Great Fire of London! We have learnt all about the causes of the fire and we have looked at the differences in the houses from 1666 to now!



I really enjoyed yoga because it was fun and it made me feel energetic!
Oliver



The Great Fire of London happened in 1666. There was a big fire in London and the wind made the fire spread
Alfie



I liked building a bridge because it was fun to make with cardboard.
Max

Class Ahlberg -Class 2

Class 2 have amazed me with their extended character descriptions about the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk. We have also been reading an alternative version of this traditional tale called 'Jim and the Beanstalk' which we have all loved!

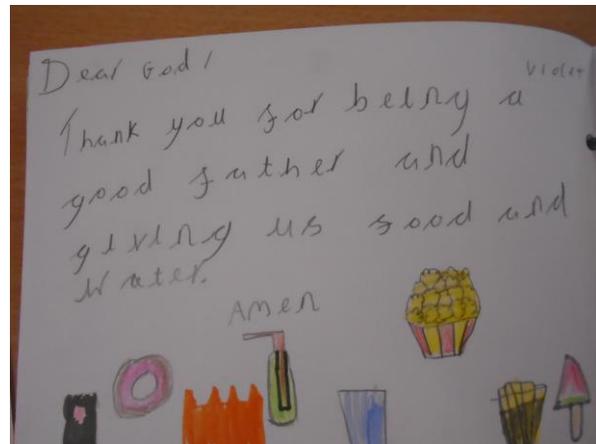
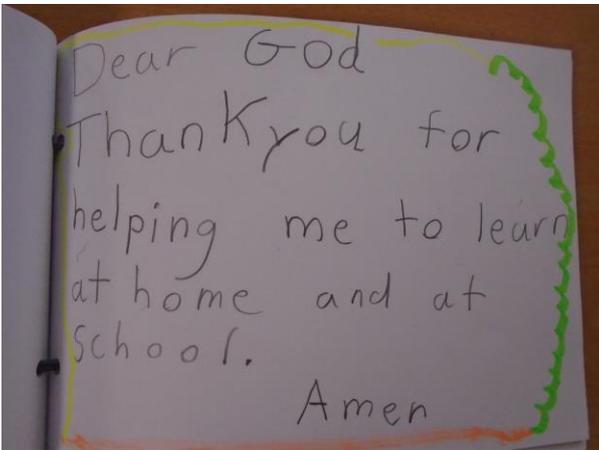
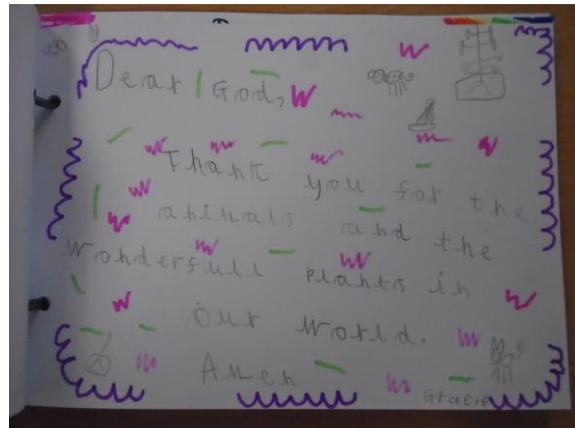
In DT we have been designing a moving picture using a pivot and a lever – we will finish them next week and I am so looking forward to seeing the designs come to life.

In RE we have been writing prayers of thanks and gratitude. The children came up with wonderful ideas and the prayers have been made into a beautiful book. Well done class 2. You are totally awesome!

Saying thank you makes people feel happy and shows that you care. Sadie

'My character description had lots of disgusting details about the giant and I used really good words'.
Alice

I can do division really easily now. I really get it. Isaac



Class Jamila -Class 3

Year 3 have had a very busy couple of weeks both inside the classroom and out. The children enjoyed taking part in the orienteering session led by Northants Sport. We were very lucky that the weather stayed dry for our session outside and the children became experts at compass directions.

Each Friday the children have been taking part in their swimming sessions and for the last two weeks, they have also enjoyed the Forest Schools experience. The children have really enjoying these sessions and have benefitted from the expertise of Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Allinson. The children who have not been doing Forest School have been in

school making their Canopic jars out of clay. We think the children have worked really hard with these and think they look amazing.

It was fun making the God's eyes at Forest School.
Aerinnwen

I liked the hot chocolate that I got at Forest School.
Grace

I liked when we were the human compass points and played the games in orienteering.
Billy.



Class Morpurgo – Class 4

Year 4 have been getting to grips with Design Technology this week. We had a whole morning working on our mechanisms project, making a movable toy by using cams.

Previously, the children had designed what sort of movement their toy would have. Then they were able to start making their model using a pre-prepared structure so that they were able to focus on the cam system itself. They all used safe cutting skills, working with saws and bench hooks to cut the dowel to size.

There were some amazing models and the pictures show some of the careful work that they all put into their moveable toys.

I made a giraffe it was pretty hard to make the model. We had to get cams and a box. We put on a background and we made it work.
Charlotte

I really enjoyed making the models, it was so much fun.
Alex

It was one of the best things I've ever done in school.
Noah



Class Rowling - Class 5

Two more weeks on and we have done even more exciting activities. In maths, we have furthered our knowledge in the area of shape and space. We have identified and ordered angles, used protractors to measure and draw them, calculated missing angles using our knowledge of facts and have then used them to help us name and identify properties of shapes.

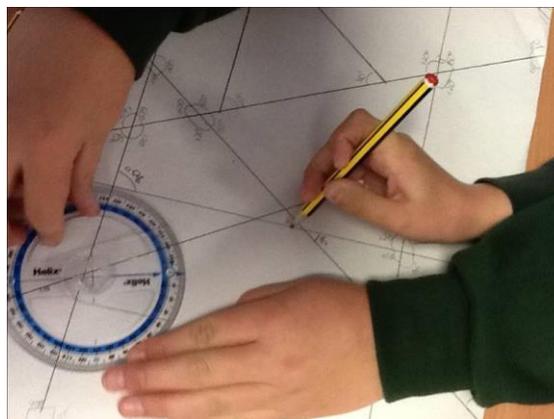
In English, we have been looking at the structure and purpose of a balanced report. Although, most of the children would prefer not to wear school uniform, we have considered both the pros and cons of such a situation and throughout the week have written a balanced report on this issue too. Next week, we will be considering a new issue to use our skills to independently write a report.

Rowling Class was transformed to McRowling recently. After researching and designing burgers, everyone made their own. Not only did we get to eat tasty burgers, we had yummy chips, fizzy lemonade and cakes for lunch in our class restaurant. Thank you to McDonalds for providing us with cups and boxes that we personalised using our netted design.

I couldn't use a protractor before but now I can. I enjoyed the challenge on paper where we had to calculate as many angles as possible after measuring just one.
Abby

I loved turning our classroom into McRowling. My burger shrunk a bit, but it was tasty anyway.
Calen

My burger box looked great! It was called Bob the Burger! On my box I wrote 'Can you EAT it?' and 'Yes, you CAN!'
Charlie B



Class Horowitz - Class 6

Great news! Year 6 entered the 'Queen Mother's Handwriting Award' in April; they had to work really hard to refine their presentation when they returned to school following all the computer/online work that had taken place in 'lockdown'. We are so excited to share that Braunston received the 'Good Overall Standard' award alongside only 4 other schools. Well done Year 6; you really deserve it and we can see this amazing presentation in your books everyday.

Last week Horowitz Class took part in a fantastic orienteering lesson. They had to work together in their house teams to gain tokens to add to their already huge scores. The children learnt to use the points of the compass, angle degrees and estimating length to find where each of the different sports were located. Their teamwork skills were incredible and they showed superb encouragement to the other teams when they needed it.

In music, we have started to compose our own melody to the backing track of 'You've got a friend' by Carole King. We are using the staff, bar lines, note length and pitch. The children will be sharing their compositions with each other. In addition, as part of the unit, we have learned to sign the song, which the children will also perform at the end of term.

I enjoyed orienteering because I liked the active side of it and doing it in our houses was fun as I have got to know my team better.
Jacob C

Sergeant Brown's Parrot

Many pelicans were upon their shoulders
Carrying little redies, for pass away the time
They talk about the tresses to their kites to the news,
And it helps them to keep Down Crose.

But Sergeant Brown, he writes upon his shoulder
A full green parrot as he's walking up and down
'Tis all the parrot says is "Who's-a-petty-bog-they?"
Larg) says Sergeant Brown.

By Kit Wright

Doing a sign language performance in music was great to learn and fun to perform; it also took some skill.
Tom

I loved orienteering because I found out some new skills and why a map is important!
Daisy



QUEEN MOTHER'S HANDWRITING AWARDS
WINNERS - 2021

Class 1

- 1st Veronica Sammal Kings Hedges Primary School, Cambridge
- 2nd Henry Skippes Great Ouse Primary Academy, Bedford
- 3rd Carys Armstrong Old Buckenham Primary School, Attleborough
- 3rd Maryam Katamba Hampton Vale Primary Academy, Peterborough

725 entries received

Class 2

- 1st Anu Fujisawa Measham Church of England Primary School, Swadincote
- 2nd Dietya Acharya Danemill Primary School, Leicester
- 3rd Ojavi Bartakke Kings Hedges Primary School, Cambridge

2300 entries received

Class 3

- 1st Tamsin Moore Long Field Academy, Melton Mowbray
- 2nd Isabel Clare Simon Ball School, Hertford
- 3rd Laurel Smith Simon Ball School, Hertford

720 entries received

Class 4

- 1st Sophie Franks Park Lane Primary School, Whittlesey
- 2nd Crystal Williams Asfordby Hill Primary School, Melton Mowbray
- 3rd Jacob McLaughly Samuel Papps School, Eynesbury

33 entries received

Late/Disqualified

60 entries received



School's awarded 'Good Overall Standard'

Class 2

- Bozeat Community Primary School
- Braunston Church of England Primary School
- Mansfield Primary School
- Stanground St John's CE Primary School
- Warrington Primary School



| Pupil of the Week | | Our School Values – Respect & Reverence | | Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards |
|-------------------|-------------|---|-----------|---|
| | 14.5.21 | 21.5.21 | 14.5.21 | 21.5.21 |
| R | Olivia | Oliver | Lucas | Whole Class |
| 1 | Tiffany | Lana | Mya-Poppy | Aston |
| 2 | Joshua | James | Joshua | Ayla |
| 3 | Sophie | Zack | Peter | Pippa |
| 4 | Lacey-Leigh | Aimee | Christoph | Alex |
| 5 | Abby | Romah | Oscar | Calen |
| 6 | Jacob | Evie | Olly | Jacob |

Best Attendance 1 & 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for Always Being In School)

With best wishes
Lianna Willis
Headteacher



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| 24.5.21 | Donation of toiletries (if you are able to) for Braunston's Food Bank | |
| 26.5.21 (Wednesday) | Reception Parent/Teacher consultation | Booking will be available via ParentMail from 14.05.21. Meetings will be held via zoom between 12.00pm until 6.00pm. We do not expect to offer separate meetings to parents unless we have already been made aware of this requirement. |
| 25.5.21 (Tuesday) | Year 1 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 25.5.21 (Tuesday) | Year 2 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 24.5.21 (Monday) | Year 3 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 24.5.21 (Monday) | Year 4 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 26.5.21 (Wednesday) | Year 5 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 26.5.21 (Wednesday) | Year 6 Parent/Teacher consultation | |
| 27.5.21 | Non school uniform for the winning house only | |
| 28.5.21 | Pyjamas/onesie/lounge wear day | |
| Summer 2 | | |
| 8.6.21 – 6.7.21 | Year 5 African Drums (Tuesdays) | |
| 21.6.21 – 23.6.21 | Year 6 Bikeability | |
| 24 & 25.6.21 | Year 6 In School residential with sleepover | |

Forest School

Hello from Forest School.

It was super having Year 3 visit Forest School again. We had a very creative time and enjoyed a mindful activity making a 'God's Eye'. Some parents may recall making these when they were younger. We started by using a Clove Hitch to secure the sticks and then we weaved using coloured wool creating a rainbow of colours. The children enjoyed it so much they chose to continue making more this afternoon! We followed this with games, hot chocolate and biscuits.





SPORTS UPDATES:

TREK TO TOKYO – WEEK 5

Well done to everyone for logging your miles at home. We have now arrived in Moscow. Please continue to log your miles. We are nearly there!

We remain in 7th position on the school leader board.

<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/trek-to-tokyo-school-challenge>

The class winners last week were Year 3 with an amazing 86.4 miles! Well done!

In total we have reached 4084 miles.

Don't forget to log your activity at home - <https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/log-your-home-based-activities>

KS2 ORIENTEERING

The children learnt navigation skills; compass skills (compass points and taking a bearing,) pacing and some teamwork challenges.

We were very lucky with the weather.

It was fun working as a team and getting points for my house. Lilly K

It was great to use our Maths skills that we learnt last week about angles and degrees - Abby



I loved doing it and had lots of fun. Merin

I enjoyed the cloudo game. Albert

I enjoyed working together. Madison



Transition Days for Year 6

We have 9 feeder schools this year and will add dates as we are informed.

Parker EACT – 14th, 15th & 16th July 2021

Princethorpe – 30th June 2021

Southam – 7th, 8th & 9th July 2021

Children are encouraged to do a COVID test if they return to school the next day.

Braunston has been so lucky to have worked alongside Lilly and we have lots of amazing artwork to show this. We will miss Lilly and wish her all the very best.

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with sadness and excitement that I have to let you know that I will be leaving your fabulous school and moving south to Newhaven to live closer to our daughter and be near the sea which we miss having grown up in Cape Town.

I can't believe that over nine years of being at your school has simply flown by. I started there in January 2012! So many children have been to my classes and hopefully they will have learnt much in producing beautiful, amazing artwork. You have all been simply incredible and I've loved being there, teaching you the joy of producing a good piece of art which sometimes took many lessons to complete.

Keep it up, I will miss you and treasure the time spent at Braunston. Thank you parents for allowing me to teach your children, I have learnt so much from them. Remember children, stand back, look carefully, fill your space and draw BIG!!.

God bless you all....
Lilly Gardner