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**"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.
1 Corinthians 6:14**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Spring Term has been full of joy, hard work and shining examples of children at their very best. We have been very proud of how the children have made a difference to other children who are experiencing challenges in their lives. We would like to thank you for your support with all the extra activities that have happened this term; the children's achievements have been phenomenal.

We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 19th April, 2022. Please check the diary dates and look out for your child's parent meetings. These meetings will focus on your child's progress in the Spring Term and their targets for the Summer Term. Your child's class teacher will also let you know if your child is receiving any interventions or taking part in small group/ individual tutor sessions. All this teaching and learning support is planned for during the school day and not as an additional after school session.

A reminder that children in year 2 and year 6 sit their Statutory Assessment Tests during the month of May. This is concentrated in the week beginning Monday 9th May for year 6 and is spread out throughout the month of May for year 2. Parents are invited to an information evening – please see diary dates. Please ensure that attendance is as high as it can be during the Summer Term.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who supported the school book fair. It made us £179 in commission, which we have spent by choosing new books to add to our growing library. We are very pleased to be able to stock our library shelves with new and exciting stories, aimed at all year groups to enjoy. Thank you for your continued support with reading at Braunston School.

Fundraising Totals

Ukraine - total £885.52 Wear 'Blue for a Loo' – total £218.35 **Comic Relief** – total **£139.27**

Thank you for your contributions.

DANCE CLUB

I am so proud of the children in dance club. They performed to parents/carers and the whole school with such enthusiasm! The way the group have worked together, supported and encouraged each other has been amazing.

There are even more clubs running in the summer term, including Cross Country and Photography. Details for these clubs will be sent out in week 1 of the Summer Term.



Reception Class – Inkpen

In our maths lessons, we have begun to learn how to count in groups of tens, as well as continuing to explore the composition of teen numbers. We have also been learning the meaning of mathematical words such as tessellate, rotate and used the skill of estimating, which has been quite tricky! We have created some wonderful shape pictures using our imaginations and even managed to tessellate some shapes and make shapes within shapes.

Art has been about continuing with colour mixing and making lighter and darker shades, as well as selecting different materials to make dinosaur collages from our own hand prints.

We enjoyed a range of science activities during British Science week, including planting sunflower seeds and making cress-heads. We have been watching in anticipation to see if any shoots are starting to come through! We participated with enthusiasm with our Dinosaur Wow day and was a little disappointed that we were unable to re-create an exploding volcano but learnt that Science is all about trial and error and sometimes the results are not what we expect.

It's okay to make marvellous mistakes.
That just shows we are learning.

- Kingsley.

I've done 'Fred in my head' Mrs Jorgensen! I sounded it out in my head and said the word.

-Dexter.

It can't tessellate because it's a circle. It's got curved edges... it leaves a gap.

-Seth.



Class 1 - Donaldson

Ahoy, Me Hearties!

In our English lessons we are reading 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. We had great fun re-enacting the story. In our geography topic, 'Our school', we are learning lots of skills that we would need to become an excellent pirate. We have learnt all about the points of a compass and used these skills to navigate a map. We practised hiding and finding treasure using directional language such as near, far, left and right.

We are becoming fantastic mathematicians and can now count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We know numbers up to and beyond 50. We can add and subtract. Next term we are looking forward to learning more about multiplication.

Our sunflowers have been planted and are germinating. Once we see the green shoots coming through, we will bring them home. I wonder who will grow the biggest sunflower.



I liked it when the pirates hid the treasure. Blake F

I am looking forward to writing my own story. Freya

I learnt what physical geography is.
Darcie

I liked finding the treasure.
Bertie

Class 2 – Ahlberg

We have been so busy in Year 2. We are learning all about micro-habitats in science, creating amazing sculptures in art, becoming fraction superstars in maths and superb readers and writers in English. On top of all that, the children have shown themselves to be fantastic global citizens, raising money for the children who have sadly become refugees in Ukraine.

We are so proud of Ahlberg class. They are the embodiment of our school logo 'WE CARE'. A superb term, well done!

I found an invertebrate called a woodlice under the plant pot near the pond.
Primrose

I saw the biggest slug I have ever seen under the logs.
Lottie

We all worked together to raise money for children who are just like us in Ukraine.
Alfie





Class 3 - Jamila

Over the last few weeks Year 3 have been looking at diary writing in English and in maths they have been completing work on measurement. They can now work out the perimeter of a shape.

In history, they have started to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. The children found out what an ancient civilisation was and where the Ancient Egyptians came amongst other ancient civilisations. They found out about the hierarchy of Egyptian civilisation and decided they would like to be at the top of the pyramid! The children then explored the whole mummification process and used dolls to role play the procedure. Some children liked this ... some others found it a little too gory!

Finally, on Tuesday 22nd March the children enjoyed taking part in activities to raise money for the children in Ukraine. In class, they explored what it was to be a global citizen.



The mummification process was gross!
Sophia

It was slightly disgusting but fun finding out about mummification.
Joshua B

I loved taking part and seeing everyone else's faces.
Ben



Class 4 – Morpurgo

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about rivers this term. They have been learning about the source, mouth, channels, tributaries and the water cycle. We then took this knowledge to write our very own Haiku poem. Year 4 really impressed their teachers with their creative writing skills, using beautiful vocabulary to describe how a river travels. We enjoyed counting syllables and working with our friends to share ideas. Times tables have been a big focus this term in Year 4. Each week, they work really hard to improve a specific table. Their knowledge and speed is improving all of the time. Keep up the hard work Year 4! This week, the teachers in Year 4 were blown away by the generosity and kindness the children showed towards the families of Ukraine. What an amazing, thoughtful class.



I loved listening to poems and writing one. We listened to washing up, boogy woogy buggie, chocolate cake. We did a hot write about don't and said don't put toastie in my cossie and don't put mustard in the custard and more and more crazy things not to do.
Fearne



I loved the Haiku and I found it very interesting. I also found out that it has 5-7-5 syllables and it only has three lines. Aerinnwen



I loved learning about the geography of rivers. I liked learning about the source of the river and the mouth of the river. The river is interesting with banks, beds, flow and everything It was all really interesting
George

Class 5 – Rowling

Team Rowling have been extremely busy learning lots of new things and also embedding previous learnt skills. In English, we wrote about our imaginary animals that would inhabit the rainforest – we had some weird and wonderful creatures: some that were two creatures merged into one; some that could fly at extraordinary speeds; and some that ran extremely fast. We have now moved onto writing biographies and are currently looking at the national treasure – David Attenborough. In maths, we have extended our knowledge of fractions and decimals and have been learning about tenths, hundredths and thousandths; we decided it would not even be worth a thousandth of a chocolate bar!

We have furthered our knowledge of the Mayans through finding out about hierarchy in their society, their beliefs and ideas about Gods and religion, as well as also finding out what foods they ate and why. We all enjoyed tasting the Papaya, but were not so keen on the Cassava. Andy Warhol has inspired us with our art work this half term; we hope the Mums all like their Pop-Art inspired cards! We have been drawing outlines of everyday objects that we will use in our final masterpieces. During Science Week, we all planted our own sunflowers and are looking forward to seeing how much everyone’s grows.

It was fun! I enjoyed tasting both of the foods. It was good to try new things even though personally I did not like them.
Iszy

I enjoy learning new things in maths. It has been hard but I like a challenge and finding out about thousandths has certainly been that. I’ve nearly got it!
Bella

It is nice to be growing my own flower. I hope my sunflower grows and that everyone else’s does too. We will see who gets the tallest one.
Dylan



Class 6 – Horowitz

During the last few weeks, Year 6 have been designing their own Viking sculpture. The children have been studying the artist Anthony Gormley, who famously designed the Angel of the North, and they then took to paper to use his style to compose their Viking. With great care and attention, they spent an afternoon sculpting their Viking from clay. The results were fabulous! Year 6 will be bringing their work home for you to see before the Easter holidays. In our music sessions, the children have been listening to and appraising various pieces of pop music from the 1960's and they have been learning to play and sing 'You've got a friend', by Carole King. Year 6 all have tremendous voices and sound wonderful when singing together. We are hoping to perform for one of the Key Stage 1 classes before the end of term.

Last week was British Science Week and Year 6 took part in this by planting their own sunflower seed, which they brought home to grow and to keep a record of how tall their plant grows to. We also continued our work on adaptation, when we thought what would have happened to certain animals/species if they hadn't have adapted to their environment - what would have been the consequences?

Making the Viking sculptures was really good fun because it was new and different to me. It was difficult because the details were hard to make.
Leila

I enjoyed making the Viking model in art. I did come across some difficulties because the clay was crumbling but I overcame them.
Oscar

I enjoyed playing the glockenspiel in music to the song 'You've got a friend.'
Freddie



Sports News

Football Braunston v Kilsby

Wednesday 23rd March

MOTM was hard to decide so it went to both Henry and Logan Be for playing and adapting well to a variety of positions. On the first sunny afternoon of the year, some boys from year 4 and 5 went out to represent Braunston playing football against Kilsby. It was on a small MUGA pitch, quite different from what we are used to – this did not deter us though. It was a strong start and at the end of the first third the score was 6-2 to us. During the middle third, Kilsby came and the score was 7-5 to us. At the end of the game, the score stood at 11-6 with us winning. Lots of goals were scored and the boys played with a great team spirit. Well done to Logan Bo for making some epic saves, Harry and Cruz for numerous goals, and Louis and Albert for solid defending.



KS1 Superheroes Festival

A group of children from key stage one recently enjoyed partaking in the superheroes festival.



It was great fun and they developed many new skills.





Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	11.3.22	18.3.22	11.3.22	18.3.22	
R	Bertie	Grace	Kingsley	Polly	William Jasmine Mya-Poppy Lily, Franklin Merin. Freddie, Lacie-Mai Georgia Freddie, Imogen, Charlie, Olly, Romah
1	Sophia	Leo	Elliott	Madalina	
2	Ellie	Oliver	Primrose	Molly	
3	Katie	Amelia	Isaac	Jenson	
4	Fearne	Harriet	Philippa	Tilly	
5	Charlie	Alfie	Georgia	Callum	
6	Ava	Barleen	Freddie	Brooke	
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Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	25.3.22	1.4.22	25.3.22	1.4.22	
R	Luke	Minnie	Van	Emily	Logan has received the termly Lunch Time award for displaying our school values consistently.
1	Madalina	May	George	Isaac	
2	Lana	Max	Sergio	George	
3	Faith	Leo	Scarlet	Joshua	
4	Lacie-Mai	Jessie	George	Noah	
5	Christoph	Charlotte	Lacey-Leigh	Georgia	
6	Lily	Brooke	Alexis	Romah	
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Collective Worship on 25th March with our neighbouring schools.

The children of Braunston reflected together on the situation in Ukraine and wrote a prayer together in each class. These were put together to make one prayer from Braunston School.

FEELINGS BOXES INSTALLATION

You may remember that as part of Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day activities schools were asked to create feelings boxes to encourage students to ask themselves about how they are feeling.

84 schools took part, helping to gather more than 20,000 feelings for inclusion in the 'IT'S THE INSIDE THAT MATTERS' installation. Northamptonshire libraries will be displaying this eye-catching installation of 7 Perspex boxes across our network of library locations over the next few months. The dates and places to view this is shown below:

Date	Location
7 Mar - 31 Mar	Northampton Central Library
6 Apr - 25 Apr	Wellingborough Library
28 Apr - 26 May	Towcester Library
1 Jun - 20 Jun	Corby Library
23 Jun - 24 Jul	Daventry Library
27 Jul - 15 Aug	Rushden Library
18 Aug - 11 Sep	Brackley Library
14 Sep - 10 Oct	Kettering Library
13 Oct - 6 Nov	Weston Favell Library

IT'S THE INSIDE THAT MATTERS

Sometimes how we look on the outside is not how we are feeling inside. In these boxes there are over 20,000 feelings, gathered from children and young people across Northamptonshire, and brought together to create this installation. Whilst we can see through the boxes that these feelings are there; we cannot see what they are and that is why it is important to ask people how they are feeling. Because it not the inside that matters.

It leaves me now to wish you all a healthy and restful Easter.

Best wishes

Lianna Willis
Headteacher