



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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## Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolutely amazing end to our year – with fantastic performances of our summer production in liaison with Alarum, successful transitions both, in school and in all six of the secondary schools, a summer fete and dances that were not dampened by the rain and happy, healthy children and staff.

Special thanks go to Mrs Wright, Miss Tant and Mrs Goodridge who leave Braunston Primary School today with our very best wishes. You all know the difference that they have made to the school community.

We say farewell to our Year 6 class and parents today, but not goodbye. They know that they will always be a big part of Braunston and we wish them all a very happy future. We have no doubt that they will continue to make so very many positive contributions to the world in which we live.

Thank you to you all for continuing to work in partnership with us. We wish you a very happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at our new opening time of 8.45am.

The school is having considerable accessibility and insulation works during the summer and we hope that this does not cause any disruption for you but look forward to sharing all the improvements with you in September.

My thanks to all of the staff and children for working so hard and showing that school values. I am proud to be Headteacher of Braunston Primary School.

## Reception Class – Inkpen

Reception have had a busy end to the year! With creating our pirate portraits using collage, re-enforcing our number bonds to 10 and finding the difference between amounts, Reception are showing that they are ready for Year 1.



We had a lovely couple of days visiting our new classroom and completing some activities based around the author, whose class name we are named after. Zog came to visit us and took turns sitting on each table and was very impressed with the castle designs that we created for Sir Gadabout, Princess Pearl and Zog. We also collected stickmen from outside and measured them with multi-link cubes, after ordering them in height.

I want to get better at counting and count to a really high number!

Luna B

There's 4 more to make 10. 6 and 4 make 10. You can make it other ways too.

Stanley S

I have enjoyed reading lots of books and talking about all of the pictures.

Sam

### Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have been learning all about time. We have used the words 'before' and 'after' to describe instructions and have made up our own stories using the vocabulary 'first', 'then' and 'now'. We have learnt to order and spell the months of the year and the days of the week. We can now tell the time to the hour and half hour using o'clock and half past.

In English we have been asking questions. We imagined that an octopus was in our kitchen sink when we woke up in the morning. We used lots of questions words.

We wondered - Where did you come from? How did you get there? Why have you come?

Finlay – You need to know the time so you know when to go to bed.

William – I go to lunch at 12 o' clock.

Mary – It's important to know the time so you don't be late.



## **Class 2 – Ahlberg**

Well, it has been an utterly wonderful and unforgettable year working with Year 2. I have enjoyed teaching the Ahlbergs so much and it has been a privilege to watch them all grow and succeed through the year.

The last few weeks have been a whirl! We have become mini chefs as well as superb historians. In D.T. our challenge was to create an attractive, healthy salad that was cut using the claw and bridge cutting techniques. Well, I have never seen such creativity or watched salad consumed with such relish before!

In history, we have learned about WW1 and found out about life in the trenches and life at home in Braunston for the men, women and children who stayed behind. They have been really fascinated by this topic. Well done Ahlbergs!

I will look forward to seeing year 2 become year 3 next year and I will keep up to date with the progress and achievements of this lovely class. Thank you to all the children and families for making this year so special.

My favourite thing was  
learning about the  
continents in geography.  
Harvey-Jack

I loved making my salad. I  
thought the grapes and  
the tomatoes were nice.  
Hanna

My favourite subjects are  
science, history and  
geography. I love doing  
experiments in science.  
Avery





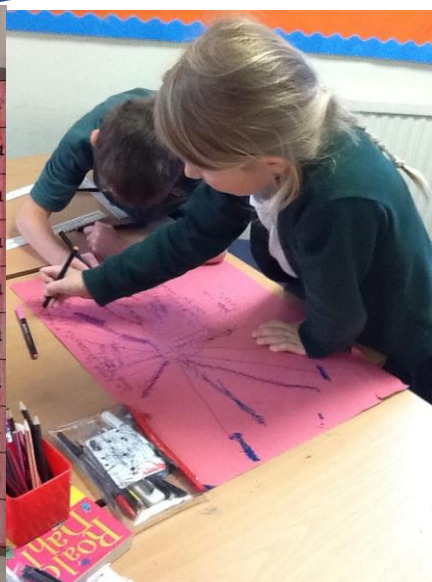
### Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have been learning about festivals in RE this term. We have been looking at what Easter and Christmas mean to Christians in Britain today and the similarities and differences between the two celebrations. In PSHE, we have been thinking about our dreams and aspirations for the future and looking at how our attitude can make a difference to our dreams coming true. We have been thinking about our move to our next class and how excited we are!

I am looking forward to  
doing new times tables -  
George S

I am looking forward to learning  
about London - Lana

I am looking forward to doing  
difficult activities - Florence



## Class 4 – Morpurgo

The end of the year seems to have been busier than usual: busy rehearsals; three productions; a rainy Summer fayre and craft activities just to name a few. We are sad to see our term of swimming come to an end as we have really enjoyed our time in the pool playing games and learning to swim. All of year 4 performed their classroom scene in the production extremely well and were a credit to myself and all parents – they sang beautifully, remembered when to do what and smiled their way through the alphabet! More letters got twisted and put upside down as the performances went on.

To conclude our geography unit of work, we enjoyed a walk in the sunshine over to Wolfhampcote where we did some sketching and tried some pond-dipping. We completed a study of the river to find its depth, width and speed at three different places. Linked to our maths, we then created bar charts to record our findings.

We have also been busy in class being very creative. After researching how cams work the children designed and made their own based on Greek mythology: some recreated scenes from Theseus and the Minotaur as well as Daedalus and Icarus, whereas others designed and made their own mythological characters that they brought to life. Saws were used safely and effectively to cut the doweling as needed and cams were stuck according to designs to make the required movements. Following on from our river study at Wolfhampcote, we have also completed our collages of a river scene.

I enjoyed walking to  
Wolfhampcote. Mrs Fisher  
nearly got stuck in the mud!  
Amelia

My cam toy works really  
well and is just how I  
designed it.  
Riley

I will miss Trevor. I have  
really enjoyed singing in  
the production.  
Joshua B







## Class 5 – Rowling

Year 5 have ended the academic year on a high!

We have concentrated on our school end of term production (The Day the Boats Stopped) and been involved in its creation - including music and script. Last week saw us perform two attended dress rehearsals and three full performances to our families and friends. We were a little nervous to begin with but, by the end of the week we were performing like professionals! The experience was amazing and all the school adults were so very proud of everything that we had achieved. Additionally, we also learnt a dance to ELO's Mr Blue Sky to perform on the day of the summer fete. Sadly, our dancing did not bring out the blue skies - just rain. Our sunglasses helped us to hide from the persistent downpours!

We also managed to complete the making element of our design project and on Thursday lunchtime we ate the burgers that we had created along with some chips. McDonalds would have been impressed by our designs and also by the taste and appearance of our burgers!

Mrs Carter and Mrs Sawyer are really excited to be our teachers for next year and are looking forward to seeing us in September.

The burgers we made were delicious. Thank you Mrs Odell for helping us!  
Aerinn

I loved my burger because I followed my exact design and it tasted delicious!  
Freddie



## Class 6 – Horowitz

For their final weeks at Braunston school, Year 6 have been extremely busy with their residential experience, transitions to their new schools, learning a dance for the summer fete and of course, rehearsing for our summer production.

With perfect weather and many tasks and activities ahead of them, the children were excited on the coach as to what challenges they would be facing and what they would be eating for their meals! During their time at the centre, the children took part in archery tag, problem solving, abseiling, the trapeze, zip wire and orienteering to name a few. The children had a fantastic time with many overcoming fears and showing amazing resilience when they found an activity challenging. Even our evenings were booked up with balloon burst on the first evening, where all the children enjoyed soaking each other and Mrs Oliver and then the fire pit where we told stories and toasted giant marshmallows.

Then they were then back to school and straight into rehearsals for our summer production. The children have been taking part in music sessions, technical sessions and costume rehearsals so that they were ready for their three performances. All the children were amazing and carried out their parts to their best ability.

Year 6 have also been visiting their new secondary schools to meet with their new teachers and to have a small taster of what life at secondary school will be like.

Year 6, we wish you all the very best at your new schools and for your future ahead.

I enjoyed the residential because I liked trying new skills on the rock-climbing wall and abseiling.  
Iszy

I enjoyed the residential because it gave me the courage to try new activities and afterwards, I felt a great sense of achievement.  
George

I loved taking part in the production because it built up my confidence and I loved working with the people from Alarum.  
Georgia Bullock





Pupil of the Week			Our School Value			
	14.7.23	21.7.23	14.7.23	21.7.23		
R	Julieanna	Lily	Sam	Stanley		
1	Abigail	Theodore	Finlay	Noah		
2	Isaac	Jasmine	Oliver	Blake		
3	Molly	Sofia	George	Freya		
4	Joshua	Iris	Lily	Franklin		
5	Zack	Freddie	Charlie	Cruz & Harriet		
6	Bells	Year 6	Izzy	Year 6		
Best Attendance 1 & R Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)						

Best wishes,  
Lianna Willis, Headteacher