



# Braunston C.E. Primary School

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## **Thessalonian 5:11 Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term 1 has been full of hard work, friendships, achievements and kindness. Thank you for attending the parents'/teacher meetings this week and finding out about how your child has settled into their new year group. You can't help but be impressed with the amount of new knowledge that the children have learned and the efforts that they are putting into their presentation.

Please note, that the calendar on Weduc has the most up to date information as it is updated daily and diary dates will accompany the newsletter every three weeks.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 1st November.

There is an opportunity for our students to play organised basketball.

There is a club, Daventry Swifts, based at The Parker Academy. It is run by Mr Pearl, who most of our students will know, and he is very keen for us to be involved. There are teams at both under 9 and under 11 levels and matches are played against other clubs.

Training sessions are on Friday evenings between 3.15 and 5 pm and on Saturday mornings between 9.30 and 10.30 and are held in the sports hall at the Randolph Building (NN11 0QE).

There are also sessions on the Wednesday and Thursday of half term between 10 am and 11 am

*Steve Pearl*

Teacher of maths  
Basketball coach



## Reception Class – Inkpen

We have been very busy in class. Reception have been learning all about Harvest and listened to the Creation story from the Bible. We then thought about how we could care for the World and look after each other. We have been finishing off our work on rhyme in Literacy this term, however will still keep re-capping on this throughout the year in our class story times.

In mathematics, we have been learning to create repeating patterns and completing missing elements within trickier patterns. The children have enjoyed playing outdoors on our climbing wall and ropes, as well as playing ring games in PE.

“It’s getting a bit more harder and squishy now, it’s nearly done, can you help me roll it out?”

**Roman (making play dough)**

“Look the moon is out! We are on the Earth and it spins all the time.”

**Axelle**

What could Percy the Park Keeper do to help the rabbit get to sleep?

Get him a blanket **(Riley)**

Give him a pillow **(Erin)**

Sing him a song **(Theo)**



## Class 1 - Donaldson

It is almost the end of the first term in Donaldson class and the children have settled in beautifully. They are all trying their best with the Year 1 curriculum and have tackled any challenges they have faced. The children are clear on the routines and expectations in the classroom and on the playground and we are very proud of the Year 1 learners they have become.

In our science topic, we are learning about trees and looking at the seasons.

We have learnt about autumn, recorded the weather and looked at the changes that happen outside. We will compare all of the data we have collected about autumn when we discover what happens in winter, spring and summer.

When learning about trees we searched the school grounds for leaves that had fallen. We then took them back to the classroom to identify and classify them. We learnt that some trees are evergreen, which means they are forever green, and some trees are deciduous, which means their leaves change colour and fall off in autumn. We learnt about the main parts of a plant and made our own trees which we labelled.

We discussed what clothes we might wear in the autumn and also what outside activities we might do. We decided going for an autumn walk to collect acorns and conkers was our favourite outdoor activity. We then agreed, going home to a warm house, hot chocolate and a biscuit would make the perfect autumn day.

Leah:  
Leaves change colour then fall off the trees in autumn.

Kingsley – Evergreen trees stay green; the leaves do not fall off or change colour.

Polly – Some trees grow fruit.





## **Class 2 – Ahlberg**

In Ahlberg class we have transformed into mini scientists in the past 2 weeks - testing materials and suggesting ways to solve our scientific problems. The children have solved problems such as holes letting in rain in jousting tents, Henry VIII's spillages at feasts, a princess woken up by the light through her window and the problem with the castle archery team always getting ripped knees in their trousers!

They have learned and used specific scientific vocabulary such as absorbency, durability, flexibility and transparency. In art we have been studying Paul Klee and we are using his strong shapes and colour ideas to create our own works of art.

In English we have written an account of a castle siege using all the knowledge we learned in our history work and we have finished the 'Paper Bag Princess' story, which had a rather unexpected but brilliant ending! An utterly FANTASIC first term in Year 2 and I can't wait to see how the children continue to progress next term. Well done Ahlbergs!





Olivia:  
I liked the Paper Bag Princess and the end made me laugh!

Lincoln:  
I tested each material with my torch to see if the light would shine through. If it didn't, it was opaque.'

Tobey:  
My group scraped the materials and checked to see if they were durable. Durable means they last a long time without breaking.

### Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have amazed us all with their efforts across all subjects. Everyone is trying to be really independent and look after their learning resources and keep the classroom tidy! In maths, we have been learning how to solve addition and subtraction problems using a number line. We are also using formal addition and subtraction methods which means we have to set out our work very neatly - one number per square.

Mr Webb, from Pacesetters has been teaching year 3 hockey and the children have developed skills building up to mini matches. In French, we have been learning how to say hello, goodbye and ask each other questions such as 'How are you?'. We sent a video to our partner school in France, Ecole Saint Marie in Chaumes en Retz, and hope that they are impressed with our French.

Mrs Phipps has been super impressed with the children's work on instructions, children can use imperative verbs accurately and have written very precise instructions.

Well done to year 3 for settling so well this term.

Amanat:  
I love maths. First I struggled and now I am better at adding and subtracting.



Florence:  
I love learning lots of  
imperative verbs and  
listening to new stories.

Aston:  
Learning new words in  
French. I like counting to  
10.

#### Class 4 – Morpurgo

Another busy few weeks in year 4: we have started reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and we are all entranced by the stories the characters. We have made human sentences of dialogue with people standing in the correct positions for their punctuation or words and have enjoyed drama to build up ideas. In maths, we have continued developing our place value knowledge and have moved on to applying this to addition.

We continued with our science unit on Sound and had fun investigating using the data loggers which measured the sound in decibels; we found that year 2 were the noisiest and year 6 the quietest. We hope we didn't disturb Braunston when we investigated what effect the distance of the sound source would have on the volume! We finished the unit, by exploring pitch through trying to make different instruments. We found out that different lengthen straws made different notes and elastic bands with different tightness did too. One of us even made a recorder!!

As well as all we do for the curriculum, we enjoyed eating brioche with jam on European Languages day after we had successfully asked for it in French! On this day, we found out about some of the diverse languages spoken in London. Can you believe over 250 are spoken which makes London the most linguistically diverse country in the world? We created a wall of 'welcome' words in many different languages.



I enjoyed making the  
instruments. My recorder sort  
of worked.  
Pippa

I have enjoyed watching the film  
of *The Lion, The Witch and The  
Wardrobe*. It has helped me  
understand the story better than  
listening to the book.  
Francisco.

I could not believe how many  
different languages are spoken  
in London.  
Jenson





Harriet:  
I have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and sawing and building a house.

**Class 6 – Horowitz**

Horowitz class have continued to have a busy time in school with their learning, and also many have been involved in clubs, Young Voices rehearsals and sports matches.

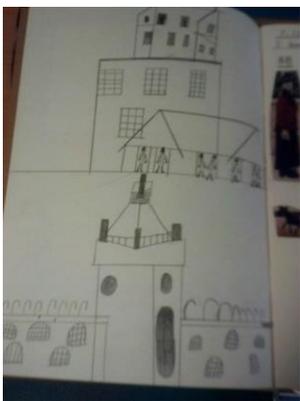
We began our new art unit last week which focuses on the work of LS Lowry. The children have been analysing his work and looking at what various pieces have in common. We discussed colour, tone, theme and medium. Following on from the analysis, they focussed on the people in Lowry’s work and experimented replicating them with various grades of pencils.

In RE, the class have been building on from what they learnt on their trip earlier this term and have been exploring how Muslims worship and the importance of commitment and peace in Islam. They have been looking at translated parts of the Qur’an and exploring the meaning of words to gain a deeper understanding of how Muslims are guided by their holy text. There have been many excellent responses to this work and parallels drawn by the children with other religions and also how they are guided and supported in their lives.

In R.E I have learnt that Muslims say As-salaam alaikumn which means peace be with you. In reply they would say Wa-alaikum as-salaam which means peace be with you too.  
Georgia Bu

I have enjoyed art because we got to use the different grades of pencils and experiment with them; it was also a good challenge.  
Frankie

I enjoy art, as it is a calming and therapeutic subject for me. We re-created parts of Lowry’s paintings; it was really good fun.  
Jess



**Girls Football v Barby**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**



Braunston's Girls' Football team had their first match last week. It was a strong team to be up against for a first outing as a team but the girls battled hard and showed resilience in a tough situation. Although we were 1-0 down very quickly into the game, the girls kept their heads raised and their team decision-making and game-play developed massively in a short space of time. Jessie made numerous saves in goal and by half term Charlie had put a goal in the back of the net for us after a great pass from Georgia. Ayva and Tilly were great in defence along with Chloe who intercepted many balls. Lacey-Leigh was superb covering ground across the pitch and getting to the ball to pass forward which led to a second goal from Charlie. Well done to all the girls for representing Braunston proudly. The final score was 9-2.

**Small Schools' Football Tournament**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Braunston's football team really enjoyed their time at the tournament and were delighted with their result of coming third out of 16 teams. We took 7 of our players to a tournament at Daventry Sports park where schools from across the area came together to play in a tournament over the day.



In the group stages, we won our first two games then drew the third. In the first, Henry, Cruz, Logan Be and Callum scored. Playing against Kilsby, Henry, Logan Bo, Logan Bea and Javier all scored. Henry scored again in the third match and then in the final kick of the game they got a lucky freekick goal. After tying for first place, we won the group on goal difference to proceed to the next round.

Braunston v Tiffield 4-0 Braunston v Kilsby 4-0 Braunston v Overstone 1-1

In the afternoon, we played three tough games and didn't get off to the best start to the final stages. The first against Gayton, who were a very strong side, but we put a tough battle despite losing 3-0. The second was against Yardley Gobion which we won 2-1 after a last minute penalty. Then the third was a close game against Badby from which we narrowly missed out losing 1-0, again from a freekick..

Overall, we did really well and were placed **third** out of all the schools in the area.

All the boys played extremely well, finishing third, and represented their school with pride. Well done to Callum, Henry, Logan Bo, Logan Be, Louis, Harry, Cruz and Javier. Thanks also to Bruce Wortley who gave up his time to come along and help us on the day. Logan Be was awarded Bruce's Player of the Tournament; and Henry was awarded the title by Mrs Fisher.

### Football v Barby Thursday 20th October



Members of Braunston's Football team had another outing this week, over to Barby Primary. This was the first of two games as part of the schools' league. The team played with superb skill and attitude. Our players up front and midfield passed well and soon Ethan got us off to a good start scoring our first goal after an excellent cross. Logan Be, Henry and Cruz all helped with this. Harry then knocked in a second with the help of his team, especially Alfie. Just before half term Barby scored and at half term the score was 2-1. We knew this was going to be a difficult game that we needed to work hard for so we did. In the second half Barby scored their second goal drawing it level but we dug deep. Our solid defence of Louis and Logan Bo held strong for goalie, Callum, and after battling hard we got a third goal just before the final whistle thus winning 3-2.

Well done Team Braunston.



Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	7.10.22	14.10.22	7.10.22	14.10.22	7.10.22	14.10.22
R	Louis	Julieanna	George	Zachary		255
1	Rory	Emily	Gracie-May	Minnie	133	239
2	Oliver	May	Freya	Lucas	90	95
3	Adam	Tiffany	Phoebe	Lana	101	124
4	Isaac	Alice	Ayla	Sonny	122	138
5	Tilly	Bella	Alicia	Aerinn	208	175
6	Christoph	Noah	Georgia	Dylan	130	138
Best Attendance 4 & 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	21.10.22		21.10.22		21.10.22	
R	Cleo		Axelle		196	
1	Theodore		William		201	
2	Blake		Blake		110	
3	Mikey		Johannes		98	
4	Grace		Riley		149	
5	Charlie		Bay		221	
6	Javier		Jessica		50	
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Lianna Willis  
Headteacher

