

Brays School Newsletter

Spring Term 21-22



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Message from our Head Teacher

Hello,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has gone. I have really enjoyed my time with you all. Brays is a truly remarkable place, made even more so by your amazing children and a truly fantastic team of staff.

We have welcomed lots of new staff this term and more will be starting with us after the holiday. You will see new faces in the reception and all-around school as we have been able to recruit some really good people to join our outstanding team.

We are looking forward to opening the swimming pool in the Summer term and hopefully getting out and about on some school trips.

There has been some exciting work going on all term and with the introduction of our new curriculum we are engaging all children in topic theme-based learning. Our topic this half-term has been *India* and we have lots of children's work and photos on display around the school reflecting the learning that has taken place.

We have been able to invest in new IT equipment including new iPads for every classroom and some interesting outside play equipment including two new bikes and a sound system to play loud music during playtimes and lunch times. These have been ordered at the request of our school council who meet regularly with the leadership team.

You will be aware that I am moving to another school in the Trust after Easter and so I hope you all have time with family and friends during this break and I look forward to hearing all about the pupils at Brays summer term adventures.

Kind regards and best wishes

Paul

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This term our wonderful pupils took part in special events, during world book day staff and pupils dressed up as favourite characters. Brays school danced a Zomba for Children in Need raising a fantastic £1,148.04

EYFS Roundup



Well, what a busy time we've had in Early Years over the past term! Amirah, Junaid and Sarina have come to join us and have settled well.



We've joined in with fun days that included Chinese New Year,



Valentine's Day

and World Book Day



We've all had fun exploring and making a mess!! That's what Early Years is all about, having fun and getting messy.

We hope you like our photos and can spot someone you know!

Comic Relief



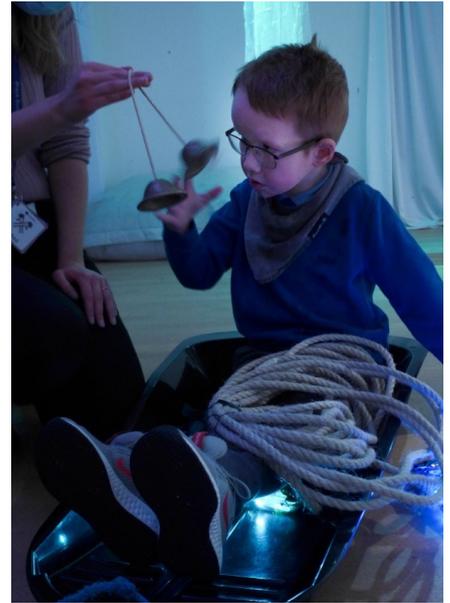
This year we had our most successful fundraising day to date for Comic Relief. With your help we managed to raise a massive £1,148.04. A special thank you to Lewis from EYFS who managed to collect over £400 in sponsor money. As part of our fundraising activities pupils and staff danced their socks off during our 40 minute non stop Zumba session, we also had lots of fun across school and played lots of games, the red nose and spoon race was a particular favourite. A big Thank you again to everyone who helped make Comic Relief a successful day! Give yourselves a pat on the back!

World Book Day



On Wednesday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day in school, pupils and staff wore fantastic costumes to celebrate our favourite characters. 1J took part in fun activities based around different books. They started the day by having a group story massage to Alice In Wonderland and in the afternoon we explored Elmer, a story about a multicoloured elephant. Pupils had face painting to look like Elmer, sensory bottles in different colours, animal puppets, thunder drums and water sprays to recreate the story which they all loved!

Creative Space



It's been a fantastic term in the Creative Space where pupils have had many different experiences travelling to The North Pole and visiting India!

In January pupils learned all about the Arctic. They explored the animals that live there, the houses that people live in and the food they eat. Pupils met wolves, built igloos, travelled through blizzards on sledges and in a boat to catch fish.



In February we started learning about India where we had lots of different adventures. First all we discovered our new house which we had to clean and keep tidy. Then during the term we found some tigers, weaved carpets, visited a market, made chapattis and had a big festival to celebrate Spring.

The pupils have had many different experiences during the last three months in the Creative Space. Pupils have played music on bells, guitar, Indian harmonium and Dholak. Pupils have played with wolves in ice palaces and helped create The Northern Lights. They have painted tiger stripes on each other, built houses with giant leaves, beaten carpets and baked bread. It's been a busy time!

COVID 19 Information

There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are:

Get vaccinated.

Let fresh air in if meeting others indoors.

Practise good hygiene:

- wash your hands
- cover your coughs and sneezes
- clean your surroundings frequently

Wear a face covering or a face mask.

Visit
www.gov.uk
for most recent guidance

Quick Diary Dates

Easter pupils break up:

8th April 2022

Pupils return to school:

26th April 2022

A warm welcome to:

Rose McFadden, Joanne Smith,
Lisa Marshall, Tahany Ali,
Karemjeet Singh, Sunayla Haque

A sad goodbye to:

Paul Donkersloot

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory, please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform. Orders for uniform are made online please visit www.brigade.uk.com or e-mail sales@brigade.uk.com Uniform is easy and comfortable for children to wear and makes it easier to manage personal care. If you find this difficult for any reason then please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

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Pupil Absence Notification

Always ring school by 9AM to let us know if your child will not be in.
On some occasions if your child has been absent for 3 days without notifying the school, a safe and well check may be carried out to the family home.