

Brays School Newsletter

Summer Term 21-22

Message from our Head Teacher

Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, Mr Tonge had great fun putting it together.

The staff and pupils have worked hard this year and I am sure you will find some really interesting things to read about.

It feels like another year has flown by and we have taken part in some very exciting things this term. The Queens Jubilee celebration was fantastic and the ice- cream van was a huge hit with the pupils. Our 'Africa' experience was joyful and it was lovely to watch the pupils joining in, singing, signing, dancing and having fun.

Some of you have come into school to chat to your child's class teacher about progress and school work. The staff were delighted that many of you attended and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support.

We were able to have our morning sports day and it went very well. Thank you to all parents who attended. We will re-arrange the afternoon sports day and it will take place in September.

We will be saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils who will be joining their new schools in September. From all of the staff I would like to wish them good luck for the future. It is such a privilege to be part of a child's educational journey and we are very proud of all of them.

We will also be welcoming new children to Brays in September and our numbers will be increasing as we will be adding a new class to our school.

On behalf of the staff at Brays I want to wish you all a good summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Take care

Nova Harvey



This summer term parents of pupils in class 2E attended sessions in school and took part in a sensory story with the children, we are very happy to have parents back in school after the past years of restrictions!



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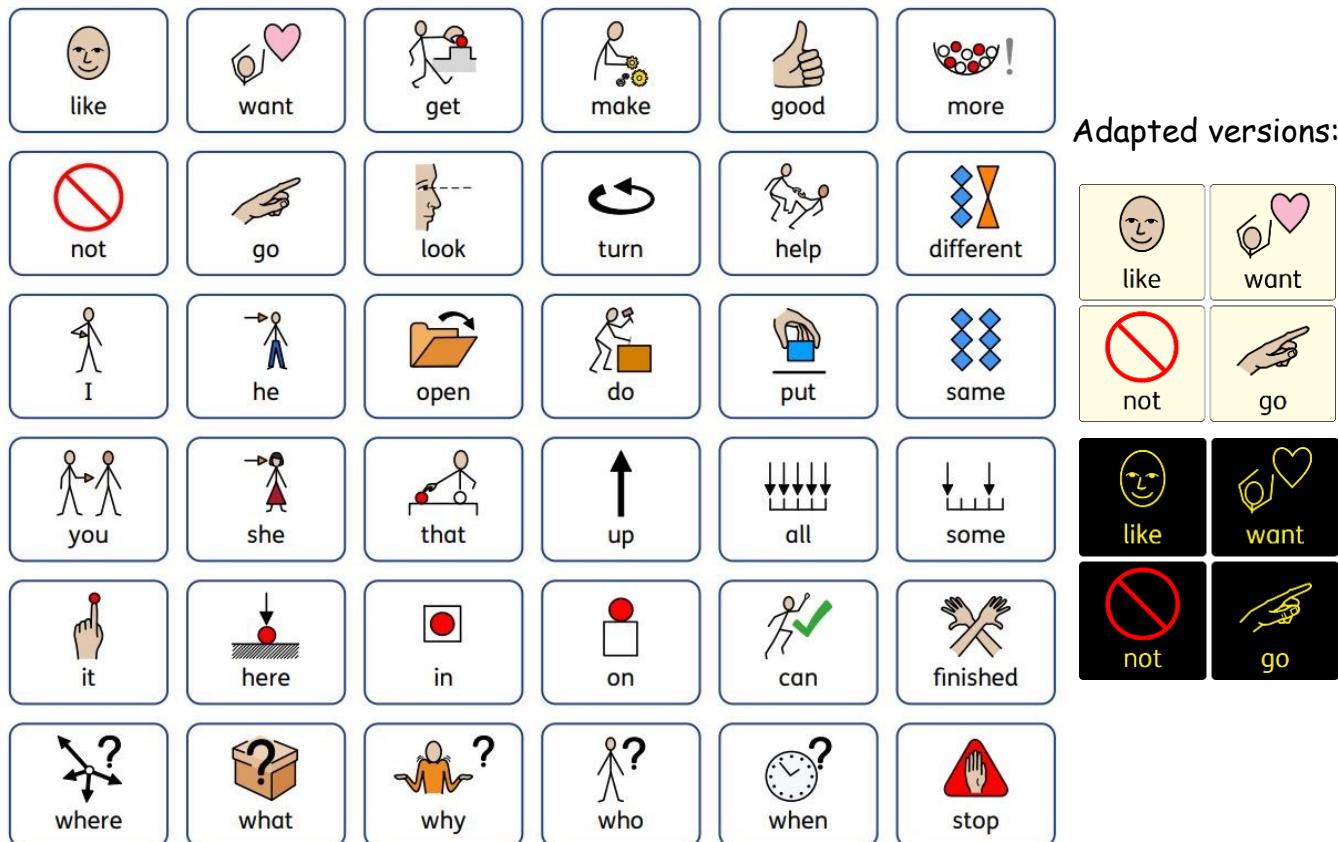
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Communication Update

We are excited to have started working collaboratively with the Ace centre. The Ace Centre is a registered charity providing Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) services for people with complex needs. Staff at Brays School have begun to receive training to implement new strategies and the use of resources that give every child the opportunity and tools they need to fulfil their potential

All classes have begun using a core vocabulary boards which look like this:



If you would like a copy and guidance of how to use these at home, please ask your child's teachers.

Useful online resources:



<https://www.youtube.com/user/makatoncharity>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SingingHandsUK>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5URhkqIxO8NcXZnP3XNzbw>

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com>

Reading

Communication Update

Signs and Symbols for the Summer Holliday



Home	Holiday	Play	Family	School
Mum/Mummy	Dad/Daddy	Brother	Sister	Teacher
Car	Bus	Shops	Plane	Friend

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



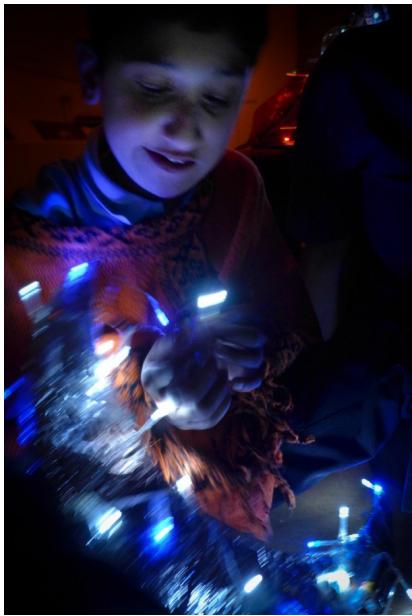
On the 8th June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Everyone dressed up in red, white and blue. During the day classes took part in activities related to the Queen's reign. At dinnertime, we all came together in the decorated hall for a party with food prepared by Annie and her team in the kitchen. The highlight of the day for many pupils and adults was the ice-cream van which Asad, one of our pupils had requested during a School Council meeting.

Sports Day



The pupils had a great morning during Sports Day, engaging in different activities stationed around the playground, including egg and spoon race, penalty shootout, target practice and a beanbag balancing race. It was great to see parents joining us and even have a go at some of the activities themselves. The pupils were thrilled to show off their sporting abilities to teachers and parents. Everyone, pupils and adults had smiles from ear to ear. To finish Sports Day the pupils showed their parents how we start the day with 'Wake-up Shake-up'. Each child received a gold medal and certificate for excellent participation in Sports Day! Well done everyone, until next year!

Creative Space Roundup



It's been a busy time this term in The Creative Space. In the first half term we were learning about allotments and in our sessions we planted seeds in the soil, then watered them to make them grow. We even visited them at night-time under a full moon. One week someone had left plastic bottles everywhere, so we learned about recycling.

After half term we were looking at different ways of travelling. First, we went out on a boat at the seaside and ended up under the water with the jellyfish! Then we visited a train station where we had to deliver the post. Finally, we ended up working in a garage where the phone kept ringing with customers wanting to know whether their car was ready.



This term we have also started doing some of the activities from The Creative Space in the classrooms. Recently we formed a cleaning gang to keep the classrooms and corridors nice and tidy.

Also, we have had some parents come into The Space to see their children working in there. We would like to continue inviting parents to attend creative arts sessions next academic year.

Diversity Week—Africa



During our African Diversity week, both children and staff embraced culture and traditions from Africa. We looked at different African countries and regions, East Africa being a popular choice.

'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Brown was our favourite story. Many of us smelt and tasted the delicious African fruits and we learnt how to sign the fruits using Makaton. One of our pupils, remembered the Makaton signs for all the fruits and helped staff to learn the signs. Well done, Inaya!

Our pupils, enjoyed creating African sunset silhouette collages, printing with fruits, cooking and tasting African foods. The aroma around school was one that certainly pleased our noses and made us all lick our lips.



Everyone enjoyed watching classes 2C, 2E and 2W take part in an African inspired performance. The event was fantastic, we have some really talented actors at Brays School. Well done to everyone that took part!

We finished celebrating Diversity week with a party, which included dancing to a range of African music and a unforgettable drumming session. Thank you to Meryum Bibi for all your help with this very musical event and we can't wait until the next Diversity Week!

Parent Sessions



For Parents Evening this term, Class 1J invited parents to come into school and see some of the exciting sessions pupils take part in during the school day. For the first activity parents attended a Creative Space session. Surrounded by lost luggage at a train station, pupils explored the luggage and then gathered around a resonance board for some singing. For the second session parents and pupils visited the Light and Sound room, used the Magic Carpet and changed the coloured lighting of the room. Pupils and parents enjoyed these sessions, it was great to show our families what we do!

Our Leavers



We are both excited and sad to see our year 6's leave Brays for their new schools. The pupils have made lots of friends along the way and we will all treasure the memories we have created with fantastic group of pupils. To celebrate the pupils' achievements, we are having a special assembly and disco. All the staff and the other pupils wish the leavers the best of luck. We can't wait to hear about the exciting adventures and things they get up to in the future!

COVID-19 Information

The government has removed remaining domestic restrictions in England.

There are still steps you can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces

Visit
www.gov.uk
for most recent guidance

Diary Dates

Summer pupils break up:
Thursday 21st July 2022

Pupils return to school:
Wednesday 7th September 2022

Staff Training Days:

Monday Sept 5th and Tuesday 6th = training days - closed to pupils

3rd January 2023 = training day - closed to pupils

5th June 2023 = training day - closed to pupils

A warm welcome to:

Rubina Akbur, Tahany Ali, Phelene Battson, Joanne Smith, Shalema Khatun, Rubina Mazhar, John Parsons, Karemjeet Singh

A sad goodbye to:

Nicky Clark

School Uniform

In line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education on the cost of school uniform, our school has a duty to ensure the uniform we require is affordable.

We understand that items with distinctive characteristics (such as branded items, or items that have to have a school logo or a unique fabric/colour/design) cannot be purchased from a wide range of retailers and that requiring many such items limits parents' ability to 'shop around' for a low price.

We therefore recommend:

Light blue or white short sleeve polo shirt. (no need for school logo)

Blue sweat shirt. (no need for logo)

Trousers or skirts but not jeans.

Please shop around to find the best value for money as parents/carers.

Please contact school if you require support.

For parents/carers wanting logos on the uniform: www.brigade.uk.com

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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.