



BRAYS SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 1, 2024

Welcome to our new edition of the Brays School Family Newsletter. Along with our regular posts on social media a round up of our first half term of 2024.



Kari and one of the chickens getting into the spirit of Halloween!

IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH...

- Welcome #Braysbelonging
- Diversity Week - Black History Month
- Charitable Work - Harvest, Macmillan Coffee Morning and Show Racism the Red Card
- YesFest - The Eden Project
- Say Hello to the Chickens
- Dates for the Diary

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

This term we have welcomed two new teachers to Brays school; Tyana in Busy Bees and Dale in Jolly Jellyfish. They're looking forward to meeting families this term.

Congratulations to Miss Chowdhury who has been promoted to Assistant Head and to Ellie who also has a promotion as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

We will be welcoming more staff in Autumn 2 for roles of HLTA, TA and Personal Care Assistant, subject to pre-employment checks.

This term we bid farewell to Anne-Marie and Sameya. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well for the future.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Each class picked an icon and learned all about their achievements some of which included: Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, Mary Seacole and Lewis Hamilton.

Cool Cats learned all about Otis Reading and enjoyed their soul icon photoshoot. Wiggly Worms learned all about Mary Seacole. Harun remembered that Mary was born in Jamaica and Ismail remember that Mary worked in a hotel helping soldiers. In class, they tasted a typical Caribbean fruit punch. Ashleigh requested 'more punch'. Children made their own 'Jamaican peach punch'. They enjoyed exploring, tasting and smelling the ingredients. They cut fruits, poured liquid and blended it all together. Loveen liked the strawberries that much, she kept pinching them before they even made it to the blender!



RAISING MONEY FOR GOOD CAUSES



We raised £414 for Macmillan, a charity close to our hearts and raised as a tribute and dedication to pupil Abdul who passed away as a result of cancer.

We raised just over £100 for Show Racism the Red Card.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We collected food to work with our friends from St Thomas Church to make food parcels. During their visit to Cheeky Cheetahs they all looked at what makes a good food parcel. Children located and found items of food that could be used at breakfast, lunch, dinner times and even a pudding. They worked really hard as a team to pack up boxes of foods. These parcels have now been delivered to the local food banks that St Thomas Church use.



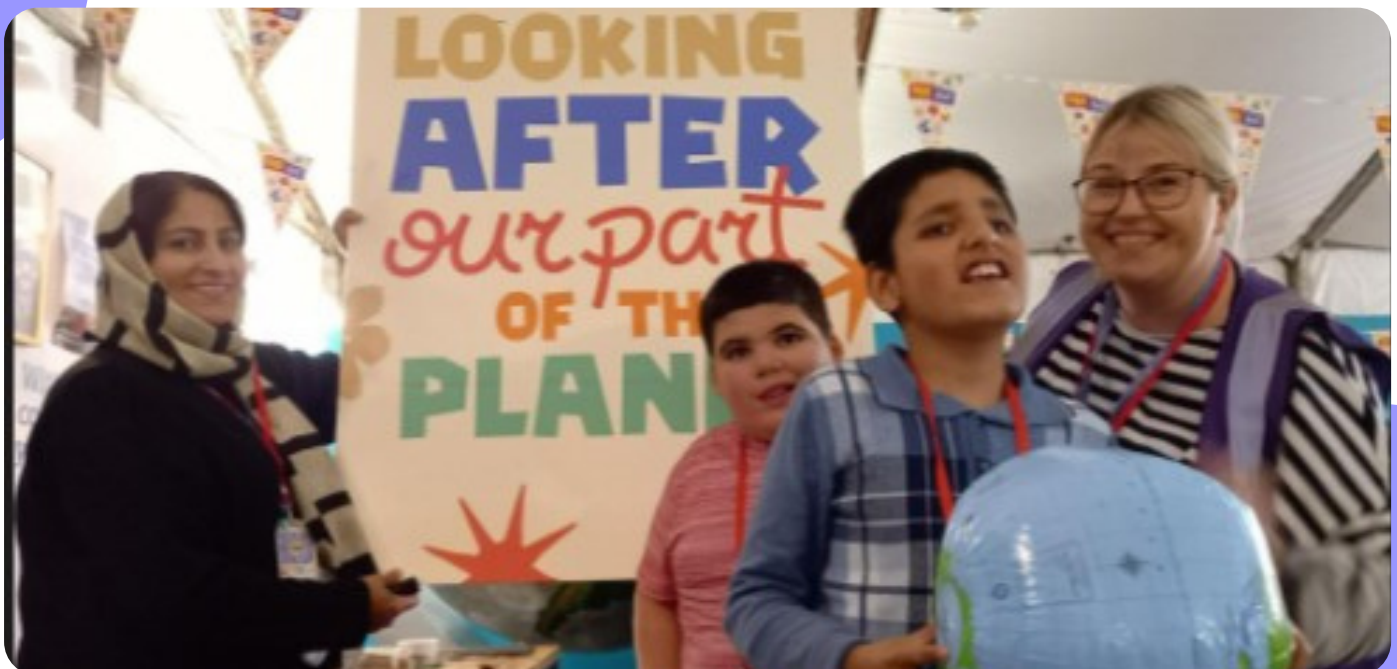
YESFEST - RESIDENTIAL TO THE EDEN PROJECT

Two pupils attended a youth eco summit in Cornwall - YesFest.

They learned all about how to look after our planet and the small changes we can make to protect the planet. They worked with children from other schools.

One of the things we're working on at Brays is recycling. Please support us by sending in your old clothing, bedding or shoes for recycling.

Congratulations to Harun and Faizan for being change makers and wonderful ambassadors for Brays School.



SAY HELLO TO THE CHICKENS

Cool Cats have visited our chicken coop. They are all very fond of them and have started to think of names for them all. The chickens give all children at Brays opportunity to experience and see first hand the life cycle of other living creatures. The chickens first came to Brays as eggs and hatched in our incubator.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th November - Diwali Celebrations

5th November - Parent Coffee Morning and 'Meet & Greet' the class team for Cool Cats, Busy Bees and Wiggly Worms

12th November - Parent Coffee Morning and 'Meet & Greet' the class team for Lively Lions, Super Swifts & Jolly Jellyfish

19th November - Parent Coffee Morning and 'Meet & Greet' the class team for Clever Cubs, Talented Turtles & Cheeky Cheetah

Christmas Celebrations - To be confirmed

6th & 7th January 2025 - INSET School Closed to Pupils

