



Braeburn Bulletin

Friday 24th October

Edition: 3

Reception

The children in Reception have settled in quickly to life at Braeburn. We have established strong routines and the children know how to show high energy and respect to adults and peers. The children have worked hard to learn to identify, read and some are starting to write their own names. We have learnt most Phase 2 sounds and many of us can orally blend words, some of us are even reading books with words in! We have been learning all about the numbers 1 to 5 and we know everything there is to know about them. We have finished the term with a visit from our friend Helen from The National Literacy Trust, we are learning to love reading and treat books with respect and care.



A message from Mr Willson

It's hard to believe we have come to the end of the first half term, well done to all of the children for settling into their classes and working hard. Please have a read of all the amazing learning happening across school!

Next half term will be busy no doubt, but we look forward to all of the exciting opportunities we will have in school and the fun and excitement of Christmas.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Year 2

We have had a very busy start to Year 2. We loved visiting White Lodge Farm and wrote brilliant recounts about our trip. In geography, we have explored London, and in science, we have learnt about different materials. In DT, we have thought about what makes a stable structure and have made our own structures based on landmarks.



Year 1

We have had a wonderful half term with the Year one children in Team seals and Team Starfish. We have loved our story about the Naughty Bus and are relieved to report the bus has been found after we put our WANTED posters up around school. We have explored our local area in Geography and materials and their properties in Science. We were inspired to create our own black and white art after exploring the work of artists Hans Hartung and Charles McGee. We have been working hard to write our numbers and letters with the correct formation. In the PSHE / wellbeing 'My happy mind' programme we have explored Team HAP and how we can help our brain by doing happy breathing.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to the year. We started by making caves, cave people and making cave drawings to introduce our history topic Stone Age. We have read The First Drawings and Stone Age Boy which have helped us to write a non-chronological report on woolly mammoths and our very own Stone Age stories. In Science we have been learning about bones, muscles, tendons and nutrition. We also learned about endoskeletons and exoskeletons. In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract two 3 digit numbers using the column method. We have ended the term with a D.T day making fruit kebabs and some delicious seasonal vegetable soup, although not everyone agreed.

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their studies this half-term, focusing on the ancient Maya civilisation - we have them to thank for chocolate!

Our WOW! Day included mask making, as the Maya were accomplished artists and used masks to represent some of the hundreds of gods they worshipped. They even had a god of chocolate! We studied their written language and used hieroglyphs to send each other messages. Following that, we had a maths lesson in Mayan! Yes, in Mayan. In art, we designed Mayan stelae and used them to print.

Science has been great with investigations identifying the properties of materials, separating different and similar materials, identifying soluble and insoluble materials! We've been very busy! Next half-term, we leave the Maya behind and our focus will be on a geography topic - biomes! We'll share with you what we learn!

Year 4

What a fantastic, activity-packed start to Year 4 we've had! We kicked off the term with an exciting WOW Day featuring fort building and hands-on mini archaeology, followed by high-energy dance workshops with Drew from York Dance Group and a gorgeous, sunny trip to Scarborough Castle to bring history to life. In the classroom, we've focused on Literacy by writing engaging diary entries for Willow the naughty school dog and crafting explanation texts detailing how our digestive system works, which linked directly to our Science experiments where we tested the effects of liquids on teeth and built a very gross, but informative, model of the digestive process using tights and plastic bags. Finally, in Maths, we've worked hard on column addition and subtraction and place value, while Art saw the children create wonderful pieces inspired by the unique style of Pablo Picasso.



Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredible half-term. In our Ancient Greek Topic: children took part in our very own 'Mini Ancient Greek Olympics'; explored and investigated a range of Greek artefacts; made our very own messy maps of Greece; and created beautiful Ancient Greek inspired masks.

We have truly loved our topic and our text- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - this half-term. We have learned all about the Greek Gods and have written amazing reports about them. In our History, we have enjoyed learning about the legendary empire of Alexander the Great, some of the amazing architecture of the 'Golden Age of Greece' and had great discussions around what we felt was the most important legacy of the Ancient Greeks - we could not decide between their influence on language or medicine.

Finally, we must mention our amazing workshop with the Royal Navy: ending with making and launching our very own flare!



Safeguarding support

Childline

With thousands of children turning to Childline for anger issues support each year it's understandable to worry about what's happening and why. This page is here to help you, as parents to find ideas that could support your child and family

Anger Management in Children - How Parents Can help- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/arguments-conflict-family-tension/?utm_old=arguments

In our place

Inourplace - this new family centered platform offers advice and support for families covering a range of issues inc sleep advice, counselling for parents, mental health and well being and so much more. This site signpost parents, teenagers and other family members to free training and webinars <https://inourplace.co.uk/north-yorkshire/>



Support for Families with a Loved One in Prison

Sussex Prisoners' Families is a charity that supports families affected by imprisonment. They help at court during trials and sentencing, work with prisons to make visits and family days more positive, and offer community support through advice, one-to-one help, groups, and creative projects that give families a voice.

Having a parent or family member in prison can be very difficult for children and young people, bringing feelings of worry, stigma, and changes to daily life. Challenges can also continue when a parent is released.

Although Sussex Prisoners' Families mainly supports people in Sussex, their website offers useful information and resources that can help any family — as well as professionals — understand and support children with a loved one in prison.

Sussex Prisoners Family Support- <https://www.sussexprisonersfamilies.org.uk/professionals/resources/>

Community news



School Run Club

After the school run, why not join us for a Bacon Butty and Hot Drink for £1.

This is available to **everyone** so come down and give us a visit after you've dropped the kids off!

Every weekday morning from 9:30am

Community Kitchen

OPEN for more

NEW BOOK CLUB!

Community Shop Eastfield



Starting: Monday 20th October

Time: 2:00 PM

Location for stories, snacks & community!



FREE FOR EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS!



Blind Date With A Book Pack



Cafe Meal Voucher



Dads Behaving Madly

A peer to peer support group for Dads & Carers of children with disabilities - sharing the journey, the laughs, and the real talk.



*Breakfast meet ups

*Wellbeing activities

*Dads & children activities

*Walk & talk sessions



Find us on Facebook, Instagram or email us at dadsbehavingmadly79@gmail.com

Santa Sunday Lunch

Make your're Sunday sparkle with a traditional festive carvery lunch in our Premier Dining Room! Tuck into a delicious spread with all the trimmings, then watch your little ones light up with excitement as Santa himself makes a magical visit.

Available: Sunday 21st December 2025

Prices: £15.95 per adult

£8.95 per child (aged 3 - 12 years)

FREE Children 2 years and under

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