

Community Newsletter

1st March 2024

If you have any community information that may be suitable for this newsletter, please send it in to the school office: FAO Mrs Taylor – Community Newsletter.



Forest School volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to help support us during our Forest School sessions. The support of volunteers from our school community is vital

in helping us to provide this great experience for the children at Branfil. Volunteers can include parents, carers and extended family members. Please note that all volunteers will be required to have an up to date DBS check, which can be arranged via the school office if needed.

Responsibilities for volunteers at Forest School include helping to get resources ready for the session, supporting children with activities and helping to pack away at the end. The sessions are lots of fun and it is a great opportunity to spend some time in the great outdoors, it is worth noting that Forest School goes ahead whatever the weather!

We are looking for volunteers to support us with the following sessions:

- Tuesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm
- Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm

If you or a family member would like to volunteer please email Mrs Ferguson at forestschool@branfil.havering.sch.uk and let us know if you have a current DBS check or if you would like details about how to obtain one.



Information, resources support for your families

Childcare Choices is a government-backed website that brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family and helps them juggle work and life. Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

Childcare options include Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare scheme together and get the most out of it.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check which offers you might be eligible for.

Measles cases

Measles can make your child seriously unwell - the NHS has been reporting an increase in measles and is encouraging everyone to check that they and their children have had two doses of the free MMR vaccine, for protection against measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

If children and young adults have missed these vaccinations in the past, it's important to take up the vaccine now from GPs, particularly in light of the recent cases. Check your child's Red Book to see if they've received MMR vaccinations or check with your GP surgery if you're unsure.

Most healthy adults will have developed some immunity to measles but can still receive two doses of the vaccine from their GP too.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include: high fever, sore, red, watery eyes, coughing, aching and feeling generally unwell, a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

Anyone with symptoms is also being advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice.

BBC news on Family and Education

Please follow the link for various family and education current news.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education>



WANTED

If you have any of the items listed below now or in the future, please bring them into school FAO Mrs Mead (Tue-Fri) or Mrs Guttridge (Mon). Mrs Mead and Mrs Guttridge are usually on the playground in the mornings. Alternatively, donations can be given to the school office. Our resources always need replenishing!

Thank you to everyone in school community who was able to donate items over the past so far for our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Project. Your donations help to provide the children at Branfil with a broad range of play opportunities at lunchtime.

 <p>strollers</p>	 <p>scooters</p>	 <p>Dressing up costumes or accessories</p>	 <p>Instruments</p>
 <p>Cookware (for the mud kitchen)</p>	 <p>Sand play toys</p>	 <p>Water tables and water play accessories (e.g. buckets, watering cans)</p>	 <p>Role play accessories including tills (bigger the better)</p>
 <p>Fabric for den making (e.g. duvet covers, curtains)</p>	 <p>Small outdoor slides/rocking horses</p>	 <p>Plastic/ lightweight garden chairs</p>	 <p>Wendy house (please speak to us beforehand)</p>
 <p>Lengths of guttering/ pipes for water play and dens</p>	 <p>ropes</p>	 <p>tarpaulin</p>	 <p>If you have something else that you would like to donate, please speak to us!</p>



What are LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Natural Loose Parts



Acorns



Grass



Leaves



Logs



Pine Cones



Rain & Water



Sand



Snow



Shells



Soil



Sticks



Wild Flowers



Wood Cookies

Upcycled Loose Parts



Baking Pans



Cake Moulds



Ice Cube Trays



Kitchen Tools



Measuring Spoons



Pots & Pans



Strainers



Baskets



Cable Spools



Cardboard Items



Cones



Containers



Corrugated Pipes



Dress-Up Items



Fabric



Funnels



Milk Crates



Nets



Old Electronics



Pool Noodles



PVC Pipes



Rolling Carriers



Ropes



Shovels & Spades



Sinks & Tubs



Tarps



Tires & Wheels



Wooden Planks





Thank you to all those parents, carers or grandparents who volunteered last year. Your support was really appreciated by our children and our staff.

We would love to welcome back our previous volunteers and welcome some new ones to our school community. If you are able to volunteer at Branfil, please e-mail the office (office@branfil.havering.sch.uk) with the following details:

- Your full name
- Your children's/ grandchildren's names (this helps us not to place you in the year group your children are in)
- Your availability and ideal days and times you would be willing to volunteer
- Any preference on what you would like to volunteer your time to do (e.g. hearing readers, supporting in the library)

I will then be in touch to complete your volunteer induction and finalise arrangements.

Mrs Metcalfe

SENCo and Assistant Headteacher



Friends of Branfil news: March 2024

Your newsletter about our PTA!

Website: <http://friends.branfil.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BranfilPrimarySchoolPTA/>

Highlights:

We have the Mothers day sale coming up on Friday 8th March and we need your help to run the sale throughout the school day.

Please buy your gift tickets on the website and if possible volunteer by going to the 'Can You help?' section on the home page:
<http://friends.branfil.com>

In other news, the Year 6 Leaver hoodies have been ORDERED.

Thank you to all year 6 parents who got in their requests in a timely manner!

ANYONE WHO HASN'T FILLED IN A REQUEST TO ORDER A HOODIE, PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT FRIENDS@BRANFIL.COM

Upcoming Events

Mothers Day Sale -
Friday 8th March

Easter Egg Roll Games
- Monday 25th March

Year 6 leavers Disco -
Tuesday 23rd July

Summer Fair - TBC

Products available:

Available to buy on our website now:

- Pre-Loved Uniform
- Adventure Island wristbands continue to be available online for collection from Pin Ups Salon, Gidea Park or school office on request.

New to Branfil:



SING Show ACT
STARS
Theatre Company Ltd.
DANCE

Come SING, ACT & DANCE with us!

BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY

 Call or WhatsApp - 07474001107

 @showstarstheatre

 @showstarstheatre

www.showstarstheatrecompany.co.uk

Tuesday Classes
3.15 - 4.15

"Building confidence simply by having FUN!"



Dear Parents,

Kids With Bricks After School Club at Branfil Primary School

We are pleased to be able to offer our Kids With Bricks after school club running from **3.15-4.15** every **Wednesday** for **5 weeks from 28th February 2024**. This club is open for **Years 1-6** and there are a maximum of 30 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs £3.99 +VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

***Ticket sales go live Wed 7th Feb at midday!**

Any problems please contact us on 01633 383211 or bookings@kidswithbricks.com

Kind regards,

John Gallacher



LIONETTES

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

LAUNCH DATE 09.03.24

New City College - Havering Sixth Form,
Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch RM11 3TB

Younger (5 to 11 years) 10am-11am

Older (11 to 16 years) 11am-12pm

**FREE
TASTER SESSION
AVAILABLE
BOOK TODAY**



EXPERIENCED FEMALE COACHES

About Us

The Lionettes Football Academy will run every Saturday at New City College - Havering Sixth Form, Wingletye Lane, Hornchurch RM11 3TB. We work with girls of all abilities from ages 4 to 16 with our focus for the sessions on ball mastery and development of technique, as being able to manipulate the ball is essential in the modern game. No session is the same with a strong emphasis on the players having fun!

TRY THE LIONETTES FOR FREE - BOOK HERE

<https://holloway-coaching-ltd.classforkids.io/>

Our Coaches

The girls will be coached by two female ex professionals players Emma Sherwood and Kim Bignall.



Emma Sherwood

Emma is an experienced UEFA qualified coach with over 14 years experience and an ex professional football player for Chelsea, West Ham and Charlton ladies. Emma has also represented England's college team for over 2 years becoming top goal scorer in her time.

Coach quote: *I have a passion to help the next generation of footballers, deliver high quality sessions to maximise technical and tactical demands of players and help unlock the full potential in players.*

Kim Bignall

Kim is an experienced UEFA qualified coach who is passionate about developing individuals, opportunities for girls, creating a fun & enjoyable environment and supporting girls reach their potential. Having played football since a young age, including a spell at Wycombe Wanderers ladies and having coached a range of ages and abilities, including coaching girls' community and academy sessions at Charlton Athletic Kim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Coach quote: *Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard*

HMS Havering Music School

- Learn with Havering Music School's dedicated team of specialist teachers
- From primary school age onwards
- Personalised tuition tailored to individual needs and aspirations

MUSIC TUITION

musicschool@havering.gov.uk

<p>BRONZE £33.67 per month 20 minute lesson for group of two</p>	<p>SILVER £56 per month 15 minute individual lesson</p>	<p>GOLD £89.50 per month 30 minute individual lesson</p>
<p>ALL LESSONS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES</p>		

www.haveringmusicschool.org.uk



How to apply...

Havering Music School – Instrumental tuition request
Please complete one form per child, USING BLACK INK AND BLOCK CAPITALS.

Your child's details:

Name: Date of Birth:/...../.....M/F

I wish to apply for a place
at my child's school:(name of school)

I wish to apply for a place at the Weekday or Saturday Music Centre (tick box here)

School Year:

Please decide which instrument(s) your child would like to learn,
then enter the name(s) of the instrument(s) below

1st choice instrument

2nd choice instrument (optional)

3rd choice instrument (optional)

Current Level: BEGINNER GRADE

Now please decide which package you would like for your child -

<input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE £33.67 per month	<input type="checkbox"/> SILVER £56 per month	<input type="checkbox"/> GOLD £89.50 per month	<input type="checkbox"/> Single ensemble £16.50 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> Not available at Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited ensemble £30.40 per month

Your contact details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr:

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

Postcode:

Please send the completed form to: Havering Music School, The Walk, Hornchurch, RM11 3TL

The Council holds personal information about its customers and clients and Havering's residents. All the information about you that we hold is protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act refers to users of personal information as "Data Controllers" (such as the Council) who must work within the requirements of the Act when receiving and using information about you.

Direct Debit Instruction

Please find below an instruction to request payment by Direct Debits.
The total amount of your instrumental lessons will be collected monthly.
Please complete the form fully and return it to us by detaching this form,
folding and sealing it, and posting back to us.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the London Borough of Havering will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.
- If you request the London Borough of Havering to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by the London Borough of Havering or your Bank or Building Society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your Bank or Bank Society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The London Borough of Havering asks you to.
- You can cancel your Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your Bank or Building Society. Written confirmation may be requested. Please also notify us.

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay direct debits

Please pay the London Borough of Havering Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that the instruction may remain with the London Borough of Havering and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.



Full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To: The Manager.....

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of the Account Holder(s)
.....

Account Number
.....

Branch Sort Code
.....

Originator's Identification Number

9 5 4 2 7 8

Originator's Account Number
.....

Signature(s)
.....

This section is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. **LBH use only**

Customer name
Address

Date

Acted by
FWD to Bank



Branfil
Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs N Sansom

Cedar Avenue, Upminster, Essex. RM14 2LW
Phone: 01708 225186 Web: www.branfil.com Email: office@branfil.havering.sch.uk



Warm Coats Initiative

WE HAVE WARM WINTER COATS AVAILABLE FOR FREE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT ALL OF OUR HAVERING LIBRARIES SO COME ALONG AND PICK UP ONE FOR YOURSELF.

KEEP IN MIND WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF MORE SO IF YOU HAVE WARM, GOOD QUALITY COATS TO DONATE PLEASE RING UP YOUR NEAREST LIBRARY BEFORE DROPPING OFF.



/HavLib



@HaveringLibrary

www.havering.gov.uk/libraries



Havering

LONDON BOROUGH