

Community Newsletter

19th 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](mailto:Mrs.Ferguson@forestschool@branfil.havering.sch.uk) 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.

Raring2go!

Please follow the link to find out what is available for you and your child in Havering this spring:
<https://raring2go.co.uk/>

BBC news on Family and Education

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

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

Friends of Branfil news: March/April 2024

Your newsletter about our PTA!

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

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

Highlights:

March was a busy month for fundraising with several events:

- Mothers day sale
- Easter Egg Roll Games
- Pre-love Uniform sale
- Tuck shop after school
- Adventure island ticket sale (still online for £18 online, RRP £30) Pick up from Pin Ups during half term after ordering online

Thank you to everyone who participated in raising funds for these events and our helpers for running them!



Upcoming Events

Summer Discos -
2nd July and 4th July

Year 6 leavers Disco -
Tuesday 23rd July

Summer Fayre -
Saturday 8th June

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.

Thames Chase Fun Run



Sunday, 12 May 2024
10am – 3pm

Arrive from 10am - Fun Run begins at 11am - Distance 1.8miles

Walk, run, jog or dance your way around! Come and take part in the Thames Chase Community Forest Fun Run. Walk around Thames Chase and help raise money for the charity. Enjoy the beautiful landscape, dress up in your best fancy dress costume and receive a medal at the end of the event.

Entries are a £4 donation each

Please book via the Thames Chase Visitor Centre: 01708 642970 or via Ticket Tailor
We will also have a variety of stalls to enjoy, as well as the Forest Centre Tearoom being open for refreshments.

This event is suitable for all ages and abilities and is taking place on the accessible Forestry England paths suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, dogs on leads are welcome.



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.
Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk
Website: www.thameschase.org.uk
Thames Chase: Charity no. 1115627 Company no. 5687558.



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.

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





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



Soil



Sticks



Stones



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

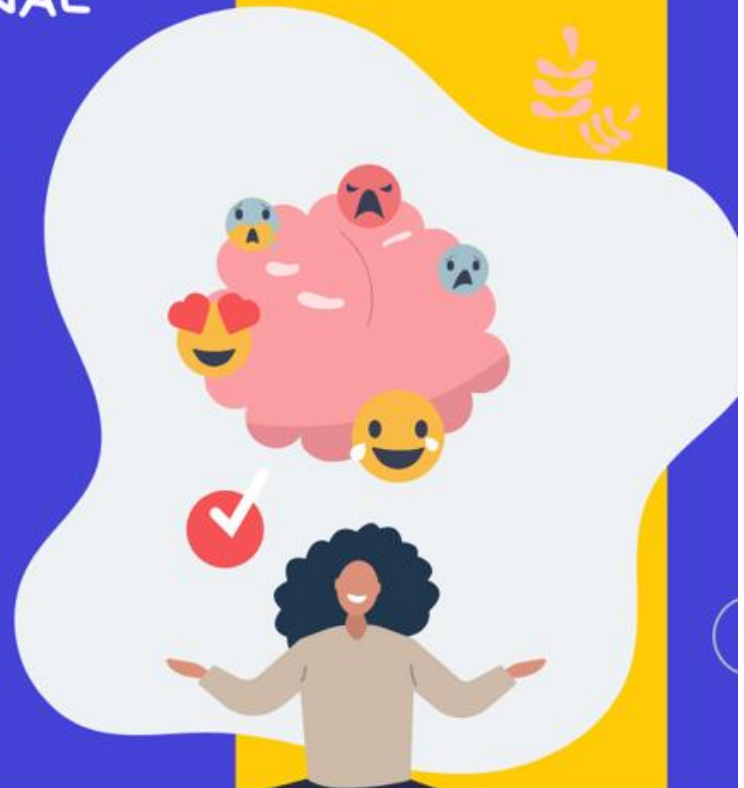
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Urgent help needed for Girlguiding

Have you got an hour or two a week to spare in an evening?

Would you like to help build girls' social skills, self-confidence and knowledge and understanding of the world?

Do you enjoy craft activities and can you plan interesting games and experiences for young people? Do you have lots of ideas and energy to share with young girls?

If this appeals to you, - Your local Guiding units need you!

Our groups accommodate girls from 5-7yrs, 7- 10 yrs, 10- 18yrs. We desperately need extra helpers and leaders to keep all our current units open, as so many units have already closed and we have lots of girls waiting to join.

Please get in touch with Josie on 07835418914 or email josieandsharon6thub@gmail.com to find out more.

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

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musicschool@havering.gov.uk

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| <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 -

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| BRONZE £33.67 per month <input type="checkbox"/> | SILVER £56 per month <input type="checkbox"/> | GOLD £89.50 per month <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Single ensemble £16.50 per month |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlimited ensemble £30.40 per month |

Not available at Centre

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)
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Account Number
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Branch Sort Code
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Originator's Identification Number
9 5 4 2 7 8

Originator's Account Number
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Signature(s)
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This section is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. **LBH use only**

Customer name
Address

Date
Actioned by
FWD to Bank



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