

Community Newsletter

17th May 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.



ESF Festival 2024 Football Tournament

Last weekend Remi, Matilda and Elizabeth from 5 Alder attended Butlins for the ESF festival 2024 football Tournament in Bognor Regis.

They played 6 matches and only lost one game, getting them through to the final, which ended in penalties following a 1-1 draw - and they won! Elizabeth, the goalie, was amazing.

This is a massive achievement for the girls and their team. Girls football is getting bigger and this is a reason why it needs to be supported and celebrated by all.

Not only did they all win a personal trophy, they also received a massive cup as a team. Please see the photos attached.

We are all super proud of them all. Because they won, they have now been invited to St George's Park (England ground) for another tournament, which is amazing.



Raring2go!

Please follow the link to find out what is available for you and your child in Havering: <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>



Pharmacy First: what you need to know

Patients can now get treatment for seven common conditions directly from their local pharmacy, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription. <https://healthmedia.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/01/pharmacy-first-what-you-need-to-know/>

The seven common conditions are:

- Sinusitis
- Sore throat
- Earache
- Infected insect bite
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection)
- Shingles
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

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.

 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



Shells



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

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.





Friends of Branfil news: May 2024

Your newsletter about our PTA!

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

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

Highlights:

Summer term will be jam packed with lots of fun and fundraising.

Plans for the summer fayre are in full motion and we have lots planned for the day. This will be our biggest and best summer fayre yet!

We are excited to announce that we have a Nintendo Switch up for grabs and loads of days out including escape rooms, 360°, paintballing and more.

We need everyone to support us in whichever way they can over the coming weeks.

The year 6 leavers hoodies have arrived and the children will get them after the SATS.

The disco's are planned for July and will be available for Reception - y5
Year 6 will have their end of year disco funded by the PTA

FROZEN FRIDAY'S COMING SOON

Ice lollies, creams on sale in playground.
Dates tbc

Sports day - lollies for children will be funded by PTA and drinks and snacks will be available at each event for parents.

Upcoming Events

- Griffin advertising boards sign up plus raffle tickets coming home with children - Friday 3rd May
- Summer theme Lucky Bags coming home - Friday 10th May
- Donations of luxurious hamper items and wine - Friday 17th May and 24th May
- Raffle books sent home with children - Friday 24th May
- Return lucky bags and raffle books and donations from Monday 3rd June
- Summer Fayre - Saturday 8th June
- Fathers day Sale - Thursday 13th June
- Summer Discos:
 - 2nd July Y1 Y3 Y4
 - 4th July Reception, Y2, Y5
- Sports day refreshments
- Year 6 leavers Disco - Tuesday 23rd July

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.



GAMES AND PRIZES | TOMBOLA | RAFFLE | PERFORMANCES

FOOD STALLS | TABLE TOP SALE | FACE PAINTING

**BRANFIL PRIMARY SCHOOL CEDAR AVENUE UPMINSTER RM14
2LW**

FOR STALL BOOKINGS CONTACT: FRIENDS@BRANFIL.COM

**NON-BUSINESS - £10 STALL
BUSINESS - £30 STALL**

MUST BRING OWN TABLES/BLANKETS TO DISPLAY YOUR ITEMS





RAFFLE TICKET BOOK INSTRUCTIONS:

Children will be given a book of raffle tickets to take home. We would like them to sell these to family, friends, neighbours, at clubs, get their parents to sell at work etc. You can sell as many as you can. You can pick up more books from the PTA or the office.

The first raffle book to come home will be for the Cash prize draw and the second will be for the Grand prize draw. The 1st prize is £200 in the cash raffle. The prizes for the Grand prize draw includes a Nintendo Switch, family days out and more.

Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. The raffle books need to be completed on each slip with name and phone number. Please don't just write on the first ticket. Please return to the pta on fridays in the playground or to the office. The child that sells the most will be given a prize in assembly. In order for us to know who sold the most please mark a sandwich bag or similar with your child's name and class and put all the stumps and money in the bag when you return them.

CASH RAFFLE tickets are WHITE and BLUE- see example below:

00001	 Friends of Branfil CASH PRIZE RAFFLE	00001
Friends of Branfil	 First prize £200 Second prize £50 Third prize £25	
Name.....	To be drawn at Branfil Primary on the Monday after the event live on Facebook	Tickets £1 each
Address.....	<small>Registered under the Gambling Act 2005, License: Havering TNV88AG20058, Reg Charity No. 1077777 Promoter: Friends of Branfil, Cedar Avenue, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2LW Tickets are not transferable and may not be purchased by persons under 16 years of age.</small>	
Tel.....		
<small>Please return counterfoils, payment and unused tickets to the promoter.</small>		

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE tickets are YELLOW and BLUE- see example below:

00001	 Friends of Branfil Grand Prize Draw	00001
Friends of Branfil	 Amazing prizes for the whole family, please see promotional posters for more info on prizes	
Name.....	- Tickets £1 each -	
Address.....	To be drawn at Branfil Primary School on the Monday after event	
Tel.....	<small>Registered under the Gambling Act 2005, License: Havering TNV88AG20058, Reg Charity No. 1077777 Promoter: Friends of Branfil, Cedar Avenue, Upminster, Essex, RM14 2LW Tickets are not transferable and may not be purchased by persons under 16 years of age.</small>	
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Lucky Bags



The Summer Fayre is fast approaching and one of the most popular stalls is the lucky bag stall. We need your help to make it an even bigger success than ever before!

Please can your child decorate their bag and fill it with goodies. The decorated and filled bags needs to be returned to school between:

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 6th June

with their name clearly written on the bottom.



The best decorated bag gets a prize, 1 for KS1 and 1 for KS2. The class that brings back the most bags in each year group will win their teacher a box of chocolates.

Ideas for items that can go in your lucky bag:

- Summer fun items
- Sweets
- Bubbles
- Bouncy Balls
- Toy cars
- Pencils/Pens
- Hair clips/bands
- Bracelets
- Novelty gifts
- Any other small items you know your child would love to receive in a lucky bag



Thank You & Good Luck



GREAT VALUE!
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SUMMER TERM
Branfil Primary School
Before & After School Clubs



NEW AFTER-SCHOOL MULTI-SPORT CLUB

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Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Come and join us this Summer term where children will learn and develop new skills whilst engaging with other children in social and fun activities. Our clubs are suitable for children of all ages and abilities and are based around having fun and keeping active!

Our coaches are fully qualified, DBS checked, hold a first-aid certificate and have attended a child protection course.

Some term prices may change due to bank holidays and Inset days

Find a Before or After School Club that suits you! - [BOOK YOUR CLUB HERE >](#)

- > FOOTBALL
- > GYMNASTICS
- > ARCHERY
- > ARTS & CRAFTS
- > BASKETBALL
- > **NEW** MULTI-SPORT

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AGES 4 - 14

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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

HCL Activity Camps




Admission
£35
/per day

May Half Term Sports and Activity Camp

Oakfields Preparatory School

About Our Camp
Join us in the opulent experience of an excellent sports camp, providing top-tier gymnastics, tennis, and a plethora of other athletic pursuits, all complemented by luxurious coaching amenities. All of these activities are complimented with captivating themed days including, Water adventures, thrilling Euro football tournaments and unforgettable Mini Olympics.

May Half Term	28th - 30th May
Ages 4-11	9:00am - 3:15pm



Scan here to book



Oakfields Preparatory school
Harwood Hall Ln, Upminster RM14 2YG

More information
HollowayCoaching.co.uk

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TUESDAY 28 MAY STAR WARS DAY

Not too long from now, in a field not too far away... Transform your teammates into Stormtroopers, craft cosmic play-dough planets, & join Mandalorian Nerf battles where the Imperials, Mandalorian & Rebels clash in an epic battle for Baby Yoda!

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY WILD WEST NERF

Howdy partners! Grab your blasters, mount up & let's step back in time. An action-packed day of Nerf shootouts, with bank heists, stagecoach robberies & even slinging a lasso!

THURSDAY 30 MAY TRIBAL CASTAWAY SURVIVAL

Join your tribe in a day of honing bushcraft fire lighting skills, carving spears to take home, making tribal clay tiles, & working together to create a woodland camp whilst learning about tribes around the world

FRIDAY 31 MAY CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

A day of wild imagination, storytelling, chocolate & sweets! Create the chocolate factory of your dreams; search far & wide for the elusive Golden Ticket; be the team to build the most splendid marshmallow tower; & create scrumdiddlyumptious jewellery to take home



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"BETTER THAN
COMPUTER
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WILD LIFE

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



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At **Brentwood Rugby Club**

&
Family Fun Day

- Sunday 23rd June 2024
- Registration at 10.00am
Race start 11.00am
- Brentwood Rugby Club,
Ingrave Road, Brentwood,
Essex, CM13 2AQ



Register

Scan the QR code
to sign up today!!



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Classic cars, craft stalls, food vendors,
inflatable activities, entertainment, local
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Sunday 23rd June 2024

10.00am - 4.00pm

Brentwood Rugby Club,
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More info

Scan the QR code
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Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Sunday 26th May 2024

Tuesday 28th May 2024

10.30am to 4.00pm

(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:

museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

Dedicated Dads

HEST would like to invite you to come along and have a chat with other Dads and our team.

When - Wednesday 5th June 6-7pm

Where - Hornchurch Fire Station, Community Room, 42, North Street, Hornchurch RM11 1SH

Theme - Social Media

Please email us if you will be attending
MHSThav@nelft.nhs.uk



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NHS Foundation Trust





TENNIS CAMPS at HYLANDS

9.30 am to 12 pm or

11.30 am to 2 pm or

9.30 am to 2 pm

Dates: May 28 and 29



Age 4 to 16 - All abilities welcome - Players will be split into age range
All equipment is provided, please arrive in appropriate sports clothing
with a non-fizzy drinks and a snack.

for more details and to book, please email: info@jwtennis.co.uk
including your child's full name and age and emergency telephone number
Venue: Hylands c/o Hornchurch High School Broadstone Rd RM12 4AJ



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Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 May 2024

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Disability Cricket Training- Summer Sessions:

When: Friday 26th April

and every Friday until early September.

Time: 6:30-8pm

**Location: Harold Wood Cricket Club, Harold Wood
Park**

Harold View, Harold Wood,
Romford, Essex, RM3 0NB.

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For any questions please contact
Bradley Donovan.

bradley.donovan@essexcricket.org.uk





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Spring Farm Park Lamba Lane North Rainham RM13 9XF

Session dates:
Thursday 16 May for 8 consecutive weeks until 11 July 2024. There will be a free taster session on Thursday 2 May 2024


Session timings:
5.15pm to 6.15pm

Ages:
5 to 8 years old

Contact:
Peter Reynolds mobile:07871-044768 email: p.j.reynolds@sky.com

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For further details contact
Tom Higgins - headcoach.gpltc@gmail.com
Mob 07885 968237

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Arrive at 9.15am for registration

PLEASE BRING A SNACKBOX & DRINK



ABOUT THE CAMP
Fun tennis camps, learning basic skills & co-ordination, rally drills and lots of games for all abilities.
*Children will be split into their age groups.

£20 member £22 non member (per camp)
(Please make payment on the day)

To confirm your place, please contact
headcoach.gpltc@gmail.com
Tom 07885 968237



All coaches are fully LTA licensed coaches and CRB checked




Raphael Park Junior Tennis



We are thrilled to announce our new Junior schedule, starting April 2024.
With a brand new coaching team licensed and qualified by the LTA, we offer a range of tennis coaching options for individuals and groups as well as tennis camps.

Our tennis coaching for 4 -16 year olds is packed full of fun games and dynamic training. We believe in encouraging kids to bring their energy to the court, so there's no need for a 'quiet please' here! Our programmes are open to boys and girls of all abilities.

Here is our Sunday schedule

- 9-10am Mini Tennis Red Ball (4-6 years old)*
- 10-11am Mini Tennis Red Ball (6-8 years old)*
- 11-12noon Junior Tennis Orange & Green Ball (9-10 years old)*
- 12-1pm Teenage Tennis (11-16 years old)*

*Please note that bookings are available for 6 week courses. To secure your child's place, please email us at - raphaeljuniortennis@gmail.com

Each
£36
for a 6 week
course

Join us at Raphael Park Junior Tennis and let your child discover and enjoy tennis!




Junior and Adult tennis timetable

MONDAY	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Adult Ladies Doubles - beginners/intermediate
TUESDAY	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Adult Club Night - improvers to advanced
WEDNESDAY	10.30am - 12.30pm	Adult Club Social Doubles - improvers to advanced
THURSDAY	10.30am - 12.30pm 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Adult Dementia Tennis Group Adult Beginner Group
FRIDAY	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Adult Handicap Singles League
SATURDAY	1.00pm - 4.00pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Adult Social Doubles - improvers to advanced Junior Prime Girls LTA Course
SUNDAY <small>JUNIOR & ADULT PROGRAMME</small>	9.00am - 10.00am 10.00am - 11.00am 10.00am - 11.00am 11.00am - 12.00pm 12.00pm - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 4.00pm	4 - 6 years 6 - 8 years Adult Beginner Group 9 - 10 years 11 - 16 years Adult Competitive Doubles

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