

Branfil Newsletter 10th May 2024

Dear parents and carers

I am really delighted to be able to share with you the news that Branfil have just been awarded the Platinum accreditation for our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) provision. This is the highest award possible, recognising our complete commitment to providing valuable learning experiences for our children during their lunch times. For those of you who have been able to join our open OPAL sessions, you will be aware of the amazing range of activities that our children can access outside now, leading to our OPAL assessor stating that: "your playtime is joyful for children and staff, and your systems feel really tight and sustainable."



What fabulous news! I would like to extend an enormous thank you to our whole team of Lunchtime Assistants/Play Leaders who really impressed the assessor with their enthusiasm, commitment and drive to ensure that our children have the best lunchtimes possible. I must also wholeheartedly thank Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Mead who have led our OPAL development tirelessly over the last 2+ years; their vision and determination has really paid off. And lastly, a big thank you to our OPAL working party and everyone who has contributed to developing our OPAL provision, through volunteering time, making donations and sharing ideas – we could not have done it without you.



We will now be planning a big celebration awards event towards the end of the term to share the news with our local community and mark this fantastic achievement. Then it is onwards with the next steps to improve still further!

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Vision for 2021-2026

EVERYONE LEARNING TOGETHER

Branfil is a vibrant learning community where we nurture lifelong learners who embody our school values and make a positive contribution to the world.

Adults and children feel valued and love learning together. Everyone thrives and achieves personal success through being happy, safe and confident learners, who ask questions, take appropriate risks, learn from their mistakes and seek help when needed.

Nurture the nature for a beautiful future

-Devakumar G

Our value this term is **NURTURE**.

In our learning community we develop children's understanding of mental, spiritual and physical health, including strategies to employ when facing challenges in these areas.

SATs

Wishing all our Year 6 children good luck for next week - you have worked extremely hard so all we ask now is that you... Do Your Best! AND have a lovely weekend - you deserve it! 😊🙏



Miss Bain, Miss Philpot, Mrs White, Mrs Teleki, Mrs Guttridge, Mrs Reed and Mrs Elsworth

Excellence in the Arts

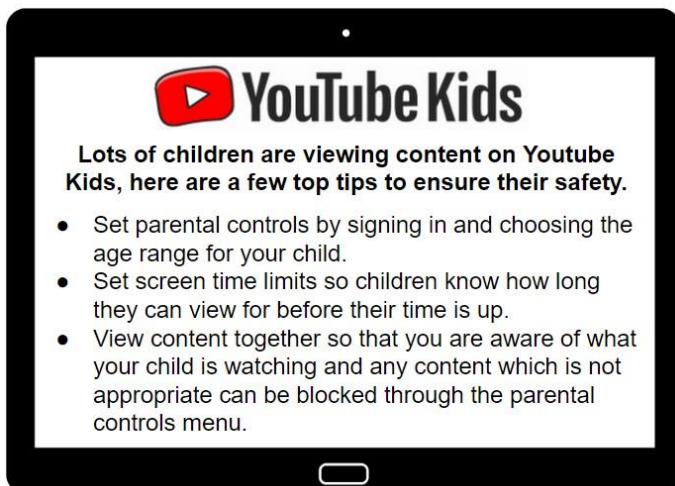
Last week's award goes to Pearls in 3 Maple. Pearls has been inspired by her art lessons with Mrs Hanson where Year 3 have been learning about the Dutch Post-Impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh. She has recreated his very famous painting 'The Starry Night' and added her own fantastic touches. Pearls' use of a range of brushstrokes and a mix of vivid colours makes this a wonderful reimagining of the iconic painting. Amazing art, Pearls!



This week the award goes to Izzy in 4 Larch. Izzy has been getting creative with a 3D printing pen and has created this amazing mini sculpture of herself visiting the

Eiffel Tower, as she said this is something she hopes to do in the future. Izzy worked very carefully to build up the layers on her model and has added intricate details to make this a fantastic piece of art. Well done, Izzy!

Internet Safety



Year 1 Nature Walk

Year 1 had a great time going on a nature walk to look at the different types of trees we have in our school environment. We looked for clues to decide if they were evergreen or deciduous trees. We then collected some of the leaves and did some leaf rubbings.



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Please follow us @BranfilPrimary to see life at Branfil.



Contact with teachers

A reminder to parents/carers that they can contact their child's class teacher by using the following emails:

acorns@branfil.havering.sch.uk
conkers@branfil.havering.sch.uk
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year2@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year3@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year4@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year5@branfil.havering.sch.uk
Year6@branfil.havering.sch.uk

Health and Safety Notice

If your child suffers a serious injury or other medical emergency which requires a hospital visit please ensure that you speak with Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Gunthorpe or Mrs Ancora before they return to school. We may need to take advice from medical professionals and prepare risk assessments and/or health care plans to make sure that your child remains safe and well while on site.

Happy Birthday!

Poppy, Blake, Cruz, Jacob, Eva, Brooke, Meghan, Amelia, Jayan, Harper, Matilda, Darcy, Damon, Ginevra, Louie, Felix, Mimi, Halia, Charlie, Louie, Rajan, Archie, Valentina, Billy and William.



Weekly Attendance Awards!

29.04.2024 – 03.05.2024

The following classes won the Attendance Superstar Certificate for excellent attendance of over 97%:



Conkers, 1 Pine, 2 Cedar, 2 Holly, 3 Hazel, 4 Larch and 5 Hawthorn.

Pupil of the week

3rd May 2024

Mia - Acorns
Isla - Conkers
Max - 1 Pine
Teni - 1 Lime
Betsy - 1 Willow
Tara- 2 Cedar
Reuben - 2 Beech
Olivia - 2 Holly
Ellie-Mai - 3 Hazel
Gabriel - 3 Oak
Mckenzie - 3 Maple
Joseph - 4 Birch
Goodness - 4 Rowan
Ethan - 4 Larch
Arthur - 5 Alder
Moses - 5 Aspen
Nonso - 5 Hawthorn
Freya - 6 Hornbeam
Ailish - 6 Acacia
Alexia - 6 Chestnut



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07-05.2024 – 10.05.2024

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Acorns, Conkers, 2 Holly, 2 Beech, 4 Rowan, 5 Alder, 5 Hawthorn and 6 Chestnut.



A special 'well done' to Acorns and 4 Rowan for 100% attendance.

Pupil of the week

10th May 2024

Benjamin - Acorns
Skyla-May - Conkers
Ella- 1 Pine
Joshua - 1 Lime
Hattie-Mai - 1 Willow
Ada - 2 Cedar
Teddy-Jay - 2 Beech
Reis- 2 Holly
Grace- 3 Hazel
Freddy - 3 Oak
Eva - 3 Maple
Matias- 4 Birch
Eliana - 4 Rowan
Evie- 4 Larch
Evie - 5 Alder
Ernie - 5 Aspen
Halia- 5 Hawthorn
Nicole - 6 Hornbeam
Zoe - 6 Acacia
Darcy- 6 Chestnut



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 13 th May – Thursday, 16 th May 2024	Year 6 SATs week
Monday, 20 th May – Friday, 24 th May 2024	Year 6 Residential to Gilwell Park Activity Centre
Monday, 20 th May - Friday, 24 th May 2024	Year 6 Fun Week (non Gilwell pupils)
20 th , 21 st and 22 nd May 2024	Year 1 classes visiting St Laurence Church
Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May 2024	Spring Half Term
Monday, 3 rd June 2024	Councillor Oscar Ford & Trevor Cook, Assistant Director of Education Services in Havering, to visit
Tuesday, 4 th June 2024	Whole School Photographs
Thursday, 6 th June 2024	Year 4 visit to Rainham Marshes
Saturday, 8th June 2024	Friends of Branfil Summer Fair (change of date)
Monday, 10 th June 2024	New Intake Reception parents/carers meeting 2-3pm
Tuesday, 11 th June 2024	Years 5 & 6 Girl's Puberty Talk
Thursday, 13 th June 2024	Father's Day Sale
Monday, 17 th June 2024	2 Cedar visit to Upminster Windmill
Tuesday, 18 th June 2024	Year 5 visit to Nuclear Races
Wednesday, 19 th June 2024	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event
Wednesday, 19 th June 2024	Naomi Joslyn, Patron of Reading, in school
Thursday, 20 th June 2024	2 Holly to Upminster Windmill
Thursday, 20 th June 2024	Reception visit to Barleylands
Friday 21 st June 2024	2 Beech to Upminster Windmill
Wednesday, 26 th June 2024	Naomi Joslyn, Patron of Reading, in school for book signing and parental workshop
Tuesday, 2 nd July 2024	Sports Day for years 5 and 6 - 9:30-11:00am
Tuesday, 2 nd July 2024	Sports Day for years 1 and 2 - 1:00-2:30pm
Tuesday, 2 nd July 2024	End of Year Disco - Year 1, 3 and 4
Wednesday, 3 rd July 2024	Sports Day for Reception 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday, 3 rd July 2024	Sports Day for years 3 and 4 - 1:30 -3:00pm
Thursday, 4 th July 2024	End of year Disco - Reception, Year 2 and 5
Monday, 8 th July 2024	Acorns Parents Assembly 2:30-3:00pm
Tuesday, 9 th July 2024	Year 1 & Year 4 OPAL parent event
Wednesday, 10 th July 2024	Year R, 3 & 6 OPAL parent event
Thursday, 11 th July 2024	Year 2 & 5 OPAL parent event
Monday, 15 th July 2024	Conkers Parent Assembly 2:30-3:00pm



Diary continued:

Tuesday, 16 th July 2024	6 Acacia Production
Wednesday, 17 th July 2024	6 Chestnut Production
Thursday, 18 th July 2024	6 Hornbeam Production
Friday, 19 th July 2024	Rock Steady Band concert
Tuesday, 23 rd July 2024	Year 6 Mini Market
Tuesday, 23 rd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, 24 th July 2024	Last day of school - break up for the summer holiday

Inset days for 2024-25

Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd Sept 2024

Mon 6th Jan 2025

Mon 21st & Tues 22nd July 2025