

Community Newsletter

21st June 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.



Tips for helping children stay safe online - IWF / PIER



‘Self-generated’ child sexual abuse material (CSAM) has been the subject of research that PIER (Policing Institute for the Eastern

Region) have just finished on behalf of the Internet Watch Foundation. ‘Self-generated’ CSAM are images and videos which are taken by children and then shared either:

- willingly, usually with a boyfriend/girlfriend, or
- unwillingly, through coercion, or
- shared by a third party without their consent.

Some of these images end up being distributed, sometimes sold, on the open and dark web by those with a sexual interest in children.

Just over 300 children took part in the research and talked about their experiences of growing up in a digital world, where they talk to their friends, game and do their schoolwork online. Many described receiving unwanted sexual images and some commented that it has become normalised and part of their lives.

The apps they use, such as Snapchat and TikTok, are also used by perpetrators to talk to children and groom them into sharing sexual images. This is a serious safeguarding

issue, with wide-reaching consequences that we all need to learn more about.

PIER and IWF have written a blog post for parents/carers about how they can better understand their children's online world and its risks. The blog post can be found here: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/blogs/tips-for-helping-children-stay-safe-online/>

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 for OPAL

Can you help us to find large wooden pallets, water drums, blue barrels, large wooden spools, pogo sticks, space hoppers, stilts and bicycles please?



If you have any of the items listed above, please bring them into school FAO Mrs Mead (Tues - 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. Thank you

Family Fest at Harrow Lodge Park 12-14th July 2024

The local mental health charity Mind in Havering, Barking and Dagenham is holding a 3 day Festival of Family Fun, entertainment and music in Harrow Lodge Park in Hornchurch – the Essex Pop, Tribute and Family Fests!

See attached poster further on in the newsletter.

As you can see there is something for everyone at these events and they raise much needed funds to support people struggling with their mental health.



You have been offered a special deal...

Your School/PTA will receive a 25% donation off every ticket you purchase!

To book:

1. Visit the website: www.essexfest.co.uk
2. Select the event that you want to book tickets for from the drop down box at the top
3. Select number of tickets
4. In the box at the bottom right, enter the code **branfil25** and press apply.
5. Then press the PAY button which will take you to the checkout
6. **Branfil Primary School** PTA will receive a 25% donation of the tickets you have booked

Friends of Branfil

The summer fayre raised an amazing £5,000. Many thanks to everybody involved in arranging the fayre, help on the day and, of course, everybody who attended. All the money raised will be used to fund a shade sail for the playground that will can be used by all the children.

Please see next page for photos of the event.

This year we have also funded the year 6 hoodies, leaver's discos and ice lollies for sports day. We have provided the amazing OPAL rickshaws and carts for OPAL, the boat repairs and a drumming workshop for year 4. We will continue to support all families at Branfil by raising money to enrich every child's experience at school.

We had JSD, Blaze of Upminster and the Scouts attend the summer fayre. If anyone would like to join any of the local community groups they are welcome to get in touch for more information.

We have a code available to use if any of our parents/carers are buying tickets to Family Fest 12-14th July at Harrow Lodge Park (see previous article). By using the code we will receive a 25% commission.

We have still got the school discos to look forward to and we might even be able to squeeze in a break the rules day before the end of term!





Friends of Branfil news: June 2024

Your newsletter about our PTA!

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

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

Highlights:

Wow wow wow, the summer fayre was an absolutely amazing day. We cannot thank you all enough for coming out in huge numbers on the day, fundraising, donations, lucky bags, raffle ticket sales, helping on the day, helping on the run up and to everyone that helped in the days after. What an amazing community we have at Branfil. We raised 5k towards a new shade sail for the playground.

A massive congratulations to everyone that won a prize in the raffle or for lucky bags and raffle ticket sale.

Father's day sale was as brilliant as ever, the children never fail to make us laugh with what they pick and the reason why!

FROZEN FRIDAY'S are in full swing and has been a huge success! Thanks for your support. WE will aim to have this EVERY FRIDAY. IF you can help, please let Sam or Alex know.

Summer Disco Tuesday 2nd July; Y1, Y3, Y4
Thursday 4th July; Reception, Y2, Y5.
Tickets are on sale now. We need helpers so if you're going to be waiting around outside then please come and help us inside 😊

Sports day - lollies for children will be funded by PTA

Upcoming Events

- Summer Discos:
 - 2nd July Y1 Y3 Y4
 - 4th July Reception, Y2, Y5
- Sports day refreshments -
 - Years 1,2,5,6 - Tuesday, 2nd July 2024
 - Years Reception, 3,4 - Wednesday, 3rd July 2024
- Year 6 leavers Disco (mostly funded by PTA) - Tuesday 23rd July
- BREAK THE RULES DAY - LAST DAY OF TERM - TBC

Volunteers Required for:

- Summer Discos
- Sports day - selling snacks and drinks



FRIENDS OF BRANFIL PRESENTS



SUMMER DISCO



TICKETS ON SALE NOW
BOOK ONLINE

TUESDAY 2ND JULY:

Year 1 3:10 pm - 3:45pm

Year 3 4pm - 4:45pm

Year 4 5pm - 5:45pm

THURSDAY 4TH JULY:

Reception 3:10pm - 3:45pm

Year 2 4pm - 4:45pm

Year 5 5pm - 5:45pm

FRIENDS OF BRANFIL

**FROZEN
FRIDAY**

**ON WEDNESDAY !
MAIN PLAYGROUND
AFTER SCHOOL**

**ROCKET LOLLY £1
STRAWBERRY/MINT CONES £1
CHOC COVERED ICE CREAM £1
JUBBLY BLUE RASPBERRY £1
ICE CUPS ORANGE £1
SPRINKLE LOLLY £1**

**CASH ONLY
(NO CARD READER
AVAILABLE ATM)**

17th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Since I joined Branfil in September 2016, I have wanted to refurbish the girls' and boys' toilets in our old building. They are very outdated and some of our children use them with great reluctance. However, we have never been able to prioritise the substantial financial input that is necessary for work of this scale.

Finally, in the summer holiday, we hope to be able to undertake this work due to some funding that the Local Authority have made available to us, for which we are very grateful. We do, however, still need to cover a substantial amount of the cost ourselves from a budget that cannot meet our everyday needs, let alone any extras like this.

I am therefore writing to ask if you can help us please. You could either make a one off donation to Branfil Primary School – Fund Account, Sort Code: 30-14-24 Account number: 00976304 - or support your child to take part in a fun fundraising activity where he/she decorates a toilet roll tube, adds a top and bottom so it is like a piggy bank then collects coins and notes in the tube.



The toilet development will involve:

- Splitting the current large girls' toilets by the playground into two parts and relocating the boys' toilets from the far end of our long main corridor to this area near the playground – this will allow easy access for all pupils during playtimes
- Replacing all toilet cubicles, toilets and sink units in this area
- Replacing all windows
- Redecoration throughout
- Changing the current boys' toilets into an area where small groups can work with support staff

I am sure you will agree that it will enhance our provision for all of our children and I know they will all be very excited by the development.

If you feel you can help us with this exciting project then we would be so grateful. Please send in the filled toilet roll tubes by Friday 21st June.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher

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



<p>ESSEX POP FEST</p> <p>12TH JULY</p> <p>Atomic Kitten Gareth Gates East 17 Big Brovaz Booty Luv</p> <p>Hosted by He Knows She Knows</p> <p>PLUS DJ & SUPPORT ACTS</p>	<p>ESSEX TRIBUTE FEST</p> <p>13TH JULY</p> <p>TOTAL BOYBANDS <small>(Performing the hits of Backstreet Boys, Westlife, Boyzone & Hore!)</small> SPICE GIRLS QUEEN JOVI <small>(Performing the hits of Queen & Bon Jovi!)</small> AMY WINEHOUSE ADELE WHITNEY HOUSTON ROBBIE WILLIAMS LITTLE MIX ALISON MOYET</p> <p>PLUS LOCAL SUPPORT ACTS</p>	<p>ESSEX FAMILY FEST</p> <p>14TH JULY</p> <p>FAMILY SHOWS KIDZ ZONE <small>(WITH SOFTPLAY, KIDS DISCO & BUBBLES)</small> TRIBUTE ACTS FITNESS & WELLBEING ZONE</p> <p>DINOSAURS, CAR SHOW, FUN FAIR, BAR, CHARACTER MEET & GREETINGS, REPTILES, PETTING ZOO, PUNCH & JUDY, BIRDS OF PREY, CIRCUS SKILLS, STALLS</p> <p>A great family day out!</p>
<p>12TH - 14TH JULY 2024 Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch RM11 1JU</p> <p>ESSEXFEST.CO.UK</p> <p><small>Artists are subject to change. Whilst the promoters make all reasonable efforts for this to be avoided they cannot be held responsible.</small></p> <p><small>Mind Havering, Barking and Dagenham CHARITY NUMBER: 1108470</small></p>		



Starts Friday
5th July

YOU are invited to **FRIDAYS AT MYPLACE**

For current Year 6 pupils in Havering

When:

Weekly 5th July - 25th October
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Register/Info:

youthservice@havering.gov.uk

Fridays At Myplace is a programme for young people currently in Year 6 who will be moving to Year 7 in September. During the 17 sessions, young people will take part in activities which help to develop skills needed to

- Enhance self-confidence
- Build emotional resilience
- Improve social skills
- Cope with stressful situations
- Resist pressure



Friends

Quizzes



Support

Food



Games

Sport

Art

myplace



Friday 5th July -
25th October
5.00pm - 7.00pm



Myplace
343 Dagnam Park Drive,
Harold Hill. RM3 9EN



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH



WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

MEGA CAMPS
KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

SUMMER CAMPS 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFERS END 1ST JULY
SUMMER PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

WALL CLIMBING
KIDS FAVOURITE

SPORTS & FUN!

ANIMAL WORKSHOP

MEGA ACTIVITY
WET N' WILD

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX, KENT & SURREY

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
VISIT WEBSITE FOR DATES & LOCATIONS

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ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED