

Branfil Newsletter 14th June 2024

Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Summer Fair last Saturday. Parents, carers, staff, pupils and family members had fun on the games stalls, loved watching the entertainment, enjoyed refreshments, supervised the event and helped on stalls. It really was a relaxed community event, bringing everyone together for their own pleasure, whilst helping the school raise much needed funds to buy additional resources to enhance our outdoor play areas for the children still further, with a focus on providing more, much needed, shade outside.



A huge 'thank you' goes to the Friends of Branfil who put so much time and energy into organising such a large, successful event. Weeks of preparation, which is especially intense in the days leading up to it, ensure everything has been thought through and every eventuality prepared for. It amazes me to see such fantastic organisation from a relatively small number of devoted members. Thank you all so much.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Summer Fayre - Sponsor Griffin

We are very grateful to Griffin who sponsored our summer fayre. Today, they presented the Friends of Branfil with a cheque for £1531.00 for all the advertising boards and the money made on their stall on the day. Thank you to all our families who supported this event by having a board outside their house.



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.

Ears being pierced

If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, please ensure this is done at the beginning of the school holidays. This enables the earrings to remain in for the recommended six weeks initially then the earrings can be removed for PE from the beginning of the school year.

Please see the extract from our uniform policy regarding earrings:

Children cannot wear earrings or a watch for PE lessons and earrings cannot be taped so, if pupils are not able to remove their earrings, they will be found alternative involvement, such as a PE theory sheet.

Year 6

Before half-term, year 6 had a fantastic time either at Gilwell Park or enjoying activities in school and going on some day trips.

The children at Gilwell took part in a range of activities, which included: archery, climbing, crate staking, fencing and a very muddy hike!

The day trips included going to Pink Parachute in Hornchurch and the Natural History Museum in London.

All the year 6 children had a fun-packed week and the year 6 team are incredibly proud of them all - they behaved impeccably and gave everything a go; they are a credit to their parents/carers and Branfil.

Well done to 6 Hornbeam, 6 Acacia and 6 Chestnut.

Miss Bain 😊



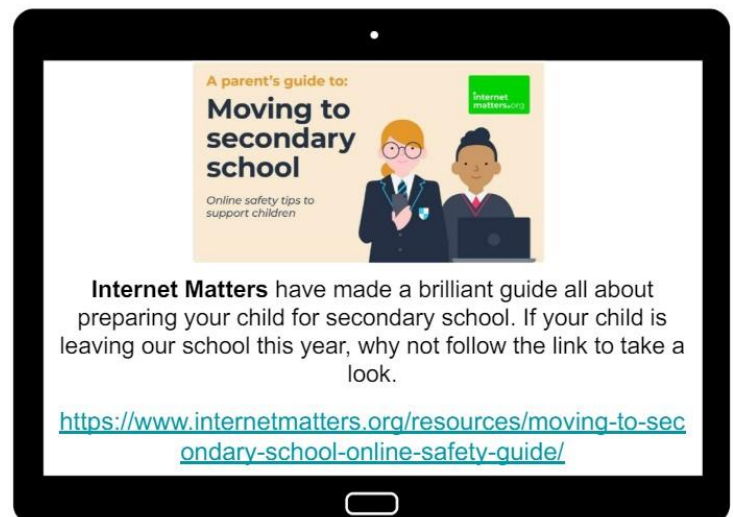


Thank you Friends of Branfil!

Year 6 LOVE their Leavers' Hoodies! Thank you so much to the Friends of Branfil 😊

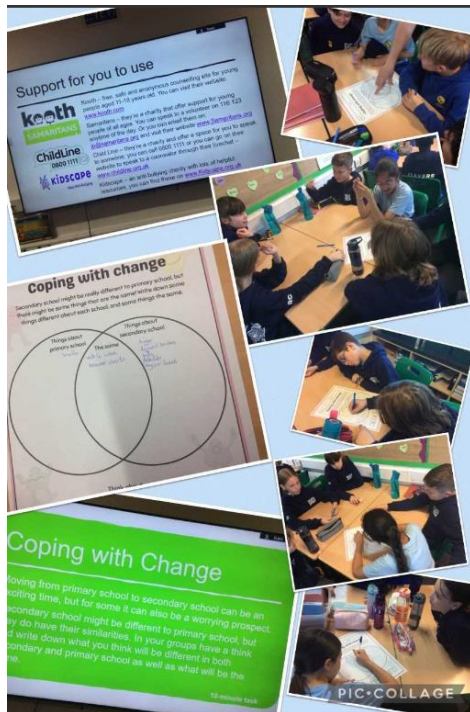


Internet Safety



Thank you to CAMHS

Thank you to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) for delivering a workshop to our Year 6 pupils about Transition to Secondary School.



Year 5 to the Windmill

Year 5 were lucky to visit the Upminster windmill this week. We had an exciting tour of the iconic piece of industrial heritage and saw cogs, levers and pulleys in action. Thank you to all the adult helpers who supported us on this trip; we had a great time.



Year 4 to Rainham Marshes

Last week, year 4 visited Rainham Marshes as part of their Science (living things and their habitats) and Geography (rivers) learning. They took a wildlife walk to search for clues of animals that call the marshes home, investigated how lizards use estivation and completed a fieldwork drawing overlooking the Thames to Kent. A brilliant day, lots of learning and wonderful weather!



Excellence in the Arts

This week Mrs Hanson has nominated Betty in 4 Rowan for her layered sculpture of a turtle. Betty had to design each layer and cut them to her design and then glue them together to create the sculpture. Once the sculpture was formed, she decorated it using felt tip pens.



Super sculpting Betty, well done!

Book Look – Thursday, 27th June

Our book look for years 1-6 is after school on Thursday 27th June. This is an opportunity for you to come into school, visit your child's classroom and look at their books to see the work that they have been completing this term.



Please enter and exit the school via the blue doors at the Main Hall. The main front and back gates will be closed at 3.30pm.

We are pleased to announce that our school library will be open until 4pm on that day, so if you would like to come to the library with your child to share a book then please feel free.

Hand Held Fans

Children are allowed hand held fans during the hot weather (please only send these in when the weather is truly hot!). The fans must be no larger than 20cm in height and there must be a cover over the blades. Any children with a hand held fan who have long hair must have their hair tied back to prevent hair getting caught in the fan blades. The fans are only for use in the classroom and must not be taken into the corridor or playgrounds.

Lightweight Coat, Sun Hats and Sun cream



We would also like to remind parents and carers to ensure your child comes to school with a lightweight coat even on sunny days, for unscheduled downpours. Please also ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen applied before school in the morning (this must not be brought into school due to potential allergies) and brings a named sunhat too.

SchoolComms Payments

Please remember to check your SchoolComms account regularly for any contribution requests for school trips.

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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
year1@branfil.havering.sch.uk
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

Happy Birthday!

Harry, Gino, Olivia, James, Summer, Freddy, Amelia-Rose, Faye, Alexander, Cara, Isobelle, Margot, Arthur, Vinny, Peculiar and Lily-May.



Weekly Attendance Awards!

03.06.2024 – 07.06.2024

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



1 Pine, 3 Maple, 4 Rowan, 5 Alder and 6 Chestnut.

Weekly Attendance Awards!

20-05.2024 – 24.05.2024

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



1 Lime, 1 Pine, 2 Cedar, 3 Hazel, 3 Oak, 4 Birch, 4 Rowan, 5 Hawthorn and 6 Chestnut.

Pupil of the week



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

7th June 2024

Lyla - Acorns
George - Conkers
Marnie - 1 Pine
Maigon - 1 Lime
Elsie-Rose and Minna - 1 Willow
Sam - 2 Cedar
Olivia - 2 Beech
Humda - 2 Holly
Essie - 3 Hazel
Harley - 3 Oak
Miles - 3 Maple
All of 4 Birch
All of 4 Rowan
All of 4 Larch
Raffe- 5 Alder
Samuel - 5 Aspen
Alex - 5 Hawthorn
Ruby - 6 Hornbeam
Jakob - 6 Acacia
Simona - 6 Chestnut



Pupil of the week

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Archie - Acorns
Tillie - Conkers
Amelia - 1 Pine
Adesuwa - 1 Lime
Charlie - 1 Willow
Donnie - 2 Cedar
Albert and Maisy - 2 Beech
Poppy - 2 Holly
Esme - 3 Hazel
Joshua - 3 Oak
Brodie - 3 Maple
Hattie - 4 Birch
Ronnie - 4 Rowan
Dolcie - 4 Larch
Lily-May - 5 Alder
Brooke - 5 Aspen
Lexie - 5 Hawthorn
Rebekah - 6 Hornbeam
Victor - 6 Acacia
Henry - 6 Chestnut



Star Writers for Summer Term 1

Remy - Acorns
Mia - Conkers
Addison - 1 Pine
Ranveer - 1 Lime
Isabelle - 1 Willow
Albie - 2 Cedar
Louie - 2 Beech
Belle - 2 Holly
Grace - 3 Hazel
Jamie - 3 Oak
Violet - 3 Maple
Joseph - 4 Birch
Aidan - 4 Rowan
David - 4 Larch
Evie - 5 Alder
Skylar - 5 Aspen
Matilda - 5 Hawthorn
Nicole - 6 Hornbeam
Logan - 6 Acacia
Henry - 6 Chestnut



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
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	
Monday, 24 th June 2024	New Intake Reception Child Stay and Play and parent/carer meeting	
Wednesday, 26 th June 2024	Naomi Joslyn, Patron of Reading, in school for book signing and parental workshop	
Thursday, 27 th June 2024	Book Look for years 1-6 - 3:15-4:00pm	
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	
Tuesday, 16 th July 2024	6 Acacia Production 1:45pm	
Wednesday, 17 th July 2024	6 Chestnut Production 1:45pm	
Thursday, 18 th July 2024	6 Hornbeam Production 1:45pm	
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

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



Patron of Reading Newsletter 3

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Hi Branfil! It was great to meet with the Reading Ambassadors online before Easter. They asked me some great questions about being an author and are very excited about the new reading shed that will arrive in school very soon! If there are any books you'd like to see inside the shed or if you have any seating ideas, let them know.

I'm really looking forward to coming to Branfil in June to meet with some year 2 children, meet with the Reading Ambassadors in person and sign some copies of my new book, **Max McDrew's Magic Soldiers**.



The reading shed will be open at lunchtimes.



In the next edition, I will give you some book recommendations for the summer holiday. If there are any you would like to suggest, please let me know:

Follow this link to find some great audio books for EYFS, KS1 and KS2:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/cchs/1l-vapio/articles/219wvoww>

What is a Summer's Day Made of?

A sprinkle of sunshine,
A clear, blue sky,

A fluffy white cloud
Floating way up high,

Some soft, green grass
To tickle my feet,

A bed of bright flowers,
To smell so sweet,

A bucket to fill a paddling pool,
To splash, have fun and keep me cool,

A flurry of bubbles that I can blow,
A rope to skip, a ball to throw,

Sunglasses, flip flops and cold ice cream,
A Summer's day is like a dream.

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