

GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw close to the half term break, we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our Parent Consultation meetings, after half term. This is a good point, mid-year, to reflect on the progress that the children have made in their learning so far, and to identify their next steps for the rest of the year. This can represent a key point for many children as they reflect and often refocus and become motivated once again. Year 6 attended theirs earlier this week and it is positive to see many of the children making excellent progress.

At the same time, Winter is turning into Spring: we get rid of the cold, dull and dark weather and welcome in the warmer, brighter days. The muddy grounds are replaced with daffodils and crocuses in the front of the school and I can already see the roses beginning to grow new leaves.

After half term, we will see work commence on a brand new activity trail and outdoor learning area. Miss Gray has worked hard organising and designing these areas for the children and we hope that when the weather has improved, they all enjoy playing in these new spaces!

Mr Wrench

World Book Day Celebrations - Friday 2nd March

World Book Day is on **Thursday 2nd March** this year, and we wanted to give you as much time as possible to help your children get ready for this annual event. Every year, on World Book Day, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden.

With this in mind, the theme this year will be: Book Genres. The children can come in to school on Thursday, 2nd March, dressed as something representative of, or someone from, a specific genre of book. If they could come from one of the genres we have in our school library, this would be best. The genres in the library are: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi, Thriller, Historical, Real-Life, Sport, Once Upon a Time and Non-Fiction. The children could come in as a detective, a footballer, a child from a previous era, an adventurer or explorer, or all in black to represent a thriller!

House-points will be given to the most creative representation of a genre – the only limit is their (and your!) imagination! We are not expecting you to buy anything for your child to wear.

In addition, if they would like to, the children may bring in a favourite book from home to share during one of the reading sessions we will be hosting on the day.

As part of the celebrations, the children will be awarded with a £1 book token, which they can take to a participating bookseller to exchange for a World Book Day book, or to get a £1 discount on a book priced at £2.99 or more. The shops which support this scheme can be found at: www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

We can't wait to see what amazing and innovative costume ideas you come up with!

We return to school on **Tuesday 21st**
February 2023.

Upcoming Trips and Visits

22nd February Year 6 visit from farmer Collins
23rd February Year 4 visit to Colchester

Attendance Update.

Our attendance has improved very well since Christmas to 94.6% and we are hoping to achieve 96% by the end of the year. Well done for this improvement. We have noticed that less children are late for school, but we do tend to see the same children arriving late each day.

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance this year so far!

1	6M	97.3%
2	4B	96.3%
3	5D	96.1%

The above table shows attendance from September until today.

The following classes have the best attendance over this half-term.

1	6M	99.1%
2	3C	97.63%
3	4B	97.5%

Cross Country Team

Earlier this month we held our annual Cross Country event around the Blackwater Nature Reserve. Every child who took part completed the course and challenged themselves!

The following children have qualified for the team who visit Tabor Academy on 27th February to compete against other schools. Reserves will run in the absence of other teammates.

Year 3:

Boys: Samuel, Julian, Jack, Frankie, William H-C and Joshua Wh. Reserves: Noah and Charlie.

Girls: Sophia, Skyla-Rose, Rosie, Esme, Freya and Autumn. Reserves: Chloe and Pixie.

Year 4:

Boys: Mason, Ted, Kyan, Leon, Freddie and Callan. Reserves: Josh and Daniel.

Girls: Leila, Betsi, Mary-Kate, Sophie, Ellie and Chloe. Reserves: Pokerani and Maja.

Year 5:

Boys: Zac, Frankie, Ted, Joshua, Jude and Travis. Reserves: Ollie and Lukas.

Girls: Scarlett, Alicja, Lola-Belle, Ella, Beth and Macey. Reserves: Amelia-Jasmine and Eliza.

Year 6:

Charlie W, Leo, Jenson, Charlie M, Samuel and Jacob. Reserves: Ted and Jamie.

Girls: Isabelle, Darcy, Summer, Emily, Myley and Sienna. Reserves: Mia-Rose and Jessica.

Diary Dates:

Spring Term 2023: Thursday 5th January - Friday 31st March

Half term: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 20th February

21 st February	Year 3 Parent and Child Consultations
22 nd February	Year 6 visit from farmer Collins
23 rd February	Year 4 visit to Colchester
27 th February	Braintree Schools Cross Country event at Tabor Academy Year 5 Parent and Child Consultations
28 th February	Year 4 Parent and Child Consultations
2 nd March	World Book Day
7 th March	Parent Forum
18 th March	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
22 nd March	4V Roman Assembly for parents
23 rd March	4M Roman Assembly for parents
24 th March	4B Roman Assembly for parents Rocksteady Concert

Summer Term 2023: Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Non-Pupil Day: Friday 26th May

9th - 12th May	Yr 6 SATs weeks
5th - 9th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Test
10th - 14th July	Yr 5 and 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor

Autumn Term 2022: Thursday 1st September - Tuesday 20th December 2022

Half Term: 24th - 28th October

Non-Pupil days: 3rd October, 20th February and 26th May

“Drop In” sessions with Sharon McCormick (Family Liaison Worker)

Junior School – 12th December

Infant School – 5th December

Parents may attend Drop In sessions at either school.

Sharon is able to offer advice and support on many aspects of family life, including behaviour management strategies, home/school communication and support, or contact with other services. Alternatively, Sharon can be contacted via 01376 552393 or sharon@lyonshall.essex.sch.uk