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With the Wind in our Sails

Half Termly Round Up Autumn Term 2 2022

Welcome to your newsletter. Christmas has definitely arrived at Brill School! So many events and activities have already taken place and we're not finished yet! The children and staff looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and our Christmas lunch has been a highlight for many. As this is our final newsletter of 2022, We would all like to wish you and your families and friends a Happy Christmas and our very best wishes for 2023!

Junior Journalists

Our Junior Journalists, a group of children from Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have written this half term's edition of the 'Brill School Bulletin'. They have worked incredibly hard with the support and guidance of Heloise Ardley, a governor, who has been running this group. [Click here](#) to view this edition on our 'Half Termly Round Up' page of the website. The children say that they 'love being involved in this creative opportunity and love writing and editing something professional.'

Tree Planting

As part of the Queen's Green Canopy planting initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, children across the school were involved in a community project, led by Jayne Gibson-Harris and supported by Ilona Keeping, where they planted 30 trees in the village. The trees were planted during National Tree Week which ran from 26th November to the 4th of December. The trees we planted were a mix of Silver Birch and Rowan trees. The Eco Council and Mrs Keeping were the first group to plant 5 trees near to the new park. Throughout the week each class went onto the playing field to take part until all 30 trees had been planted. The trees were provided by the Woodland Trust and had been given to the village as part of the celebrations for the Jubilee. This event was organised by Brill Environment Group and Jayne Gibson-Harris, chair of BEG and Jennifer Tuffley, Parish Councillor were on hand to help thank the children for all their hard work.



PSHE Showcase

We held our PSHE Showcase on the 13th December and invited parents in for a tour of our PSHE doors and a special showcase from their child's year group. Our topic in PSHE this term has been 'Celebrating Differences'. Every year group celebrated these differences in a multitude of ways, including investigating how to be a good friend, exploring stereo-types and exploring seen and hidden difficulties.

During the tour, which was presented mostly by a brilliant team of Year 6's, each year group explained the work presented on the door and what they had learnt. The tour then finished with a showcase in the year groups classroom, where we had a range of songs, debates, challenging questions and spoken word poems! It was lovely to see all the hard work they have put in to PSHE this term!

[Click here](#) to visit our PSHE curriculum page to see more photos from this event.



KS1 Nativity

Year 1 and 2 performed their KS1 Nativity on the 8th and 9th December. It was a truly spectacular performance, which highlighted some incredibly raw talent from many pupils across both year groups. It was a pleasure to see all children fully immersed in, and enjoying this performance experience. Thank you to the team behind the scenes who made it happen, what a success! We were incredibly proud of all pupils and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA, who ran refreshments for both performances, raising money to support the school.



Year 6 Nativity

Year 6 pupils excelled themselves with their rendition of the Nativity in French this year. They all delivered their lines perfectly, with great confidence and an impressive level of pronunciation. Aply assisted by the Year 5 choir, they all sang the carol beautifully. All the children showed great courage, especially as 3 main parts were ill on the day. Special mention to Hal for volunteering to take the part of Joseph with only a few hour's notice. Madame Tate and all the staff are extremely proud of a brilliant performance! "Bravo" indeed! [Click here](#) to see the MFL blog on our website.

Year R Nativity

Year R performed 'Humph the Camel' this year. Mrs Salt and the reception team were so proud of all the children who shone in the performance [Click here](#) to see the Year R page of the website.



Jingle and Mingle

On Friday 16th December we invited all those who have supported us this term to our annual Jingle and Mingle event, it was great to have you all in and hope you enjoyed the mince pies and festive performances as much as the children enjoyed performing. I certainly felt the festive spirit and enjoyed welcoming many of you in to enjoy performances from across the school. A big thank you Sarah Harding for organising the decorations and making the hall feel sparkly and festive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have volunteered at the school this term, your support is invaluable and we are all very grateful of your time, we have loved having you all in school.

School News Continued

Year 4 Monarch Topic Day

Yr 4 had a great topic day celebrating the monarchs they have been studying in history. We had some King Johns, King Henrys, Queen Victoria's, Queen Elizabeth's, plus a King Edward! Mrs Barlow and I were so impressed with the outfits! The children did some roleplay as their monarchs. They also explored life in schools under Queen Victoria's reign - they experimented writing on slates and using inkwells and pens. We also thought about if we were a king or queen for the day, how we would help the world. Overall, a lovely day was had by all.



Food Hygiene Inspection

On the 6th December we had a food hygiene spot check by the Food Standards Agency. We gained a 5 star rating for the inspection. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to Alison Cruikshank, our lunchtime supervisor and cleaner, who ensures that standards are nothing but the best. A big well done to our teaching assistants too who support in the serving and management of lunchtime sittings, the team demonstrated how strong our practice is here at Brill.

LWS Consultation

Lord Williams's School is starting a consultation on its admissions arrangements from September 2024, as one of the primary schools from whom students have transferred to us we would like you and your parents to be aware.

[Click here](#) to see their Admission Policy effective from September 2024.

[Click here](#) to see the Notice of planned changes.

School Trips / Enrichment Days

BMX Academy

A big thank you to the PTA who have funded the recent visit to school by the BMX, Skate & Scoot Academy! Mike Mullen, academy founder and BMX champion, treated all the children to a motivational assembly and trick display followed by a workshop for Yrs 5 and 6. Mike's approach is, "designed to empower children by role-modelling a growth mindset approach and encouraging children to stretch their comfort zones. Children are taught to self motivate, close the 'I Can't Door' and use positive self talk." He taught the children to keep on '**Flearning**' (to learn by failing). Mike's display wowed the children and even some of the teachers got involved with the tricks (ask your children!). The day seemed to be enjoyed by everyone an 'incredibly inspiring... phenomenal!' The BMX, Skate and Scoot Academy with hopefully be returning to school next year to work with our Yr 3 and 4 pupils... watch this space. [Click here](#) to view photos from this event on our whole school blog.

One of our Yr 6 pupil shares her experience of this enrichment opportunity,

'Everyone was buzzing, we all had heard about a BMX rider, who was coming to Brill to show us some tricks. No one knew what to expect, but we all knew it was going to be great. However, it was better than great. Everyone was being introduced to Mike Mullen, a 6 x Halfpipe World Champion, who has competed in the Olympics and many other competitions in his career. It only got better. He shared some of his tricks, even Mr Dickson (our teacher) had a go. Fortunately, for the front row, he was successful at balancing on the front wheel. Mike Mullen spoke to the school about Growth Mindset and 'Flearning', which is a combination of failing and learning then before it ended, he even jumped over two members of staff, Mrs White and Miss Stanyer. Thankfully, Mr Dickson didn't offer to give this a go.' (Lara, Year 6)

Sport

The Brill School children have thoroughly enjoyed representing the school this term across many different sports. We have entered mixed teams in netball, dodgeball, basketball and football for our mixed and girl's teams. The children have performed brilliantly, focusing on working together, showing their determination and most importantly remaining humble and showing those sporting values we learn at school.

We ended the term with an Inter-house Gymnastics competition where the children battled it out to win points for their houses. Mrs Jolley had a focus on balance, form and creativity and awarded points to individuals and groups who showed these gymnastic elements. A massive well done to all and thank you Mrs Jolley for organising. We will soon find out who came out on top.

We look forward to the new year, where we will take part in many more opportunities to work together, tackling different sports and opportunities to represent the school.

Charity Days

Children In Need

Children came dressed in their own clothes and spots to promote 'Children In Need', the school raised £260, thank you to everyone who donated.



Christmas Jumper Day

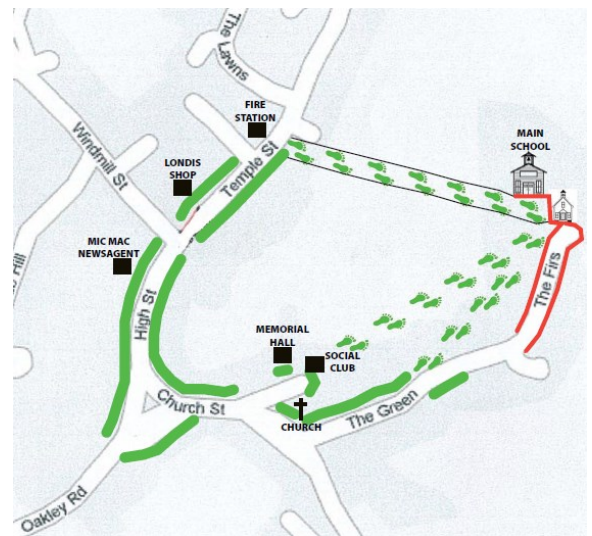


It was lovely to see all the children in their festive jumpers on Friday 9th December, Christmas joy ran through the school. The school raised a total of £155.10, which will be donated to 'Save The Children'. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Parking

In view of the location of Brill School and Preschool, reducing vehicles entering The Firs is of primary importance to us, as we believe the volume of traffic down The Firs and in front of the school site is potentially placing children in danger. **There have been several 'near misses' and even an incident previously where a pupil at Brill School was hit by a car whilst walking on the pavement directly outside of the school's playground.**

We ask for your support in adhering to our 'Parking Promise' in an attempt to make the area around the School and Preschool a safer environment. The red lined areas on the attached parking map should be totally avoided when driving or parking your cars, to allow parents and children in and out of the school entrance safely and to avoid any vehicle congestion in this very restricted area. We would like to promote the car park behind the memorial hall as an alternative place to park safely at drop off and pick up times. This is regularly empty in the mornings and from here you are able to walk to school either across the field or along the path through the Firs.



Brill School PTA

Please see the [PTA webpage](#) for up to date information from the PTA

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Brill Benefice

For all the latest news from our Vicar Jemma Beesley, please visit the [Brill Church News](#) page on our website

Information Booklet

Please note that the updated information booklet for September 2022 is available to download from the [newsletters page](#) of our website.



With the wind in our sails,
'we shall live life in all its fullness' (John 10,10)

Wrap Around Care

Term Dates 2021/22

Wrap around care is available at Brill School via S4A. They provide afterschool club Mon-Fri each week and breakfast club on Thursday mornings. The clubs offers endless fun and excitement in a safe and secure environment. They aim to provide a place where children can relax and enjoy creative and stimulating activities in a friendly, disciplined, safe and relaxed atmosphere, and we feel that their ethos marries well with our own school (and sports) values. Sessions can be booked on a regular basis or on an ad hoc basis through the [S4A website](#). For further details please visit our [Wrap Around Care](#) page of our website.

Spring Term 1

Thurs 5th January – Fri 10th February

Spring Term 2

Mon 20th February – Fri 31st March

For all term dates for this academic year please visit the [calendar page](#) of our website

S4A Holiday Club

S4A run holiday clubs during the school holidays at Brill CE School from 8.00am -6.00pm. For further details on clubs operating, please [click here](#).

Don't forget all calendar dates are on our website

www.brill.bucks.sch.uk

After School Activities

We offer a wide range of sports clubs throughout the year such as: basketball, dance, gymnastics, netball, rounders, quicksticks hockey, tennis and athletics. In addition to sports clubs we offer various other creative and innovative clubs, such as: drama, music, choir, ICT, art and many more. These clubs are run by volunteers, teachers and highly qualified coaches from our local community.

Clubs running for Autumn term can be found on the [clubs page](#) on our website. For all clubs taking place on our return to school in September, please visit our [clubs page](#) for a timetable and booking window information.

Menus for Autumn Term 2

Menu A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Beef Chilli, rice and carrots	Jacket Potato, cheese and baked beans	Roast Chicken and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Fish pie with crispy potato topping and sweetcorn	Hot Dog and baked beans
Mild Quorn chilli, rice and carrots	As above	Roast Quorn and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Quorn cheesy pie with crispy potato topping and sweetcorn	Quorn Hot Dog and baked beans
Fruit Yogurt	Flapjack	Mousse Cake	Jelly	Sponge Cake

Menu B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork bolognaise with rice and peas	No nut pesto pasta with sweetcorn	Roast Chicken and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Pork meatballs and gravy, pasta and carrots	Beef burger, roll and baked beans
Quorn bolognaise, rice, and peas	As above	Roast Quorn and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Quorn meatballs and gravy, pasta and carrots	Veggie burger, roll and baked beans
Fruit Yogurt	Flapjack	Mousse Cake	Jelly	Sponge Cake

Full Allergen Advice is available on our [School Meals page](#) of our website.

Please remember to place your order on ParentPay no later than the Sunday of the week prior to the week you are booking for.

Notices

In order to comply with GDPR you will find all posters/details regarding outside companies/ holiday clubs/ activities/events on our Newsletter page of our Website under [Downloadable Documents](#).