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With the Wind in our Sails

Half Termly Round Up Spring Term 1 2023

This half term has been full of many enriching and engaging experiences for our pupils. I want to take this opportunity to thank the community of Brill school; staff, parents, governors, Jenny and Gemma from the church, PTA and of course our wonderful pupils for making this such an incredibly special place to work and belong. Your support, hard work and collaboration ensures that together we all move forward with *the wind in our sails, living life in all its fullness*, which is our school's vision.

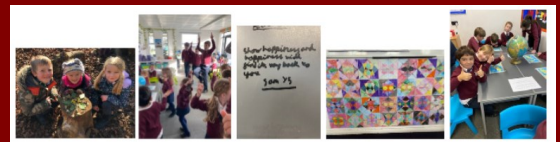
Have a wonderful half term break and we very much look forward to seeing you all in a week for another busy half term.

Story Telling Week 30th January–3rd February 2023 - *Dads and Lads*

Within this week each class had one or more sessions where a 'Dad or Lad' came in to their class to read a book to them. This opportunity raised the positive profile of reading for pleasure to our pupils and every child within our school enjoyed and benefitted from this experience. One child reports '.....'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those 'Dads and Lads' that gave up their time to support the school, giving our pupils such an enriching and enjoyable experience. We are very grateful of your time.

RE Week at Brill School Feb. 6th - 10th, 2023

RE Week and World Religion Day have been a brilliant way to end our half term at Brill School! There has been a buzz of excitement all week as each class discovered new and exciting facts about one of the seven major world religions and joined in with a huge variety of fun and creative activities. The week culminated on Friday with each class « visiting » all the other classrooms where they joined in with activities and gathered more interesting facts. Thanks to all the hard work of the Brill staff and pupils we all feel more connected to the wider world and have a new found respect for others' beliefs. [Click here](#) to visit the Whole School News Blog to see more photos.



This Half Term's Value—HOPE

Our value of this half term has been hope and we have been blown away by the creative homework that the children have shared with us on this theme. This particular poem, written by Felix A in Year 5 blew us away—we hope you enjoy!

Internet Safety Day—7th February 2023

As a school we regularly talk to our pupils about how to remain safe online. We believe this is incredibly important to ensure the safety of our pupils.

[Click here](#) to visit **UK Safer Internet Centre** where you will find a wealth of supportive resources and activities for parents and children.

Parent Resource

<https://www.lego.com/en-us/aboutus/news/2023/february/safer-internet-day-2023>

Child Resource

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/playsmartonline>

Attendance - A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all parents for supporting the school in improving our school attendance. Our whole school attendance is now 96% which is above the National Average at 93%. This is as a result of pupils arriving promptly and on time for start of the school day and the continuing effort from our parent body in getting your children into school regularly. The impact that this is, and will continue to have on your children's learning is significant. So on behalf of the team and our governing body, I wanted to share our thanks for your ongoing drive and support in improving our schools' attendance for the benefit of our pupils.

Junior Journalists

Our Junior Journalists continue to impress us with their creative flare, leadership skills and enthusiasm and commitment to the task. Mrs Ardley and a team of children from Year 1 through to Year 6 have created a Spring 1 edition of our Brill School's Bulletin. It is a great read and is developed entirely by the children's ideas and they feel you would like to hear all about. We hope you were able to purchase one today after school but if not, [click here](#) to view it on our school website. It is definitely worth a read, we are very proud of the children involved in creating this!

Loose Play

One of our school's priorities this year is maximising the effective use of our outdoor space. We are very excited to be implementing loose play and den building sessions after half term for all year groups within our break and lunchtime sessions. Providing this opportunity for our pupils is one of the simplest ways that we can promote creative play in our school grounds and we feel that all children will benefit from this. Thank you to those of you who have already donated equipment and resources to us, we are hugely grateful—the more the merrier! However, we are finding storing this equipment challenging, so if anyone has any outdoor storage units that they'd be willing to donate to the school we'd be hugely appreciative. Please contact the office directly office@brillschool.org.uk if you think you can help with this.

House Point Winners

Children get house points for showing House Points - Each child is allocated to a school house and earns house points for displaying the school values. House point running totals are announced at our Star of the Week Collective Worship each week, and each half term the winning house is given a reward. Congratulations to

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Children's Mental Health Week

6th –10th February 2023



For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways—this year's theme is Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections - to family, friends and others - this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely - which can have a negative impact

on our mental health.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out the **Place2Be**, an organised charity website, which has **free resources** for families by [clicking here](#).

Yoga with Charlie Stockford

Our pupils have focussed on their sense of wellbeing through tailored yoga session led by a parent of ours, Charlie Stockford. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and were able to take time to reflect on how they were feeling within that moment.

Mindfulness with Mrs McKay

Each class has also received a short session this week from Mrs McKay, our Year R teacher, on techniques and strategies to support our pupils in recognising how to connect with their own bodies and minds. Ask the children to show you what they've been up to!

[Click here](#) to see pictures of the children enjoying these sessions on our website.

Sport

Due to being in the colder months, the sports fixtures and festivals have slowed down. This doesn't mean there was no sport happening. The Year 5/6 basketball team took part in a league held at Stoke Mandeville School, in which we came 2nd place. We battled hard across the 4 weeks of matches and we loved every minute of it. As a school we also took part in a Netball league where we won our first 2 games. This was also held at the Stoke Mandeville School, in the freezing cold. We pushed through and worked as a team!

The Year 4's took part in a football Festival which was held at the Royal Latin School. It was some of the children's first matches and lots of goals were scored. A very proud Mr Dickson and Mr Backhouse and thank you to Mr Chanel for helping with the coaching.

We are looking forward to next half term and the summer terms, where the sun comes out and we will all be taking part in many different sporting opportunities.

As a year 6 class, we have got into groups and each morning we set up sporting equipment for the rest of the school to use and practise with at breaktimes and lunchtimes. We really enjoy this and we like to help the younger children.

Written by Lara & Benedict (Yr 6 pupils)

Art on the Hill

The Art on the Hill committee are busy putting the final touches to the event which will take place at Brill School on 25th–26th March.

For more than twenty years this event has been welcoming over 70 local artists and hundreds of visitors. It is guaranteed to be a wonderful weekend, offering the chance to buy affordable art, with unique pieces for sale, creative workshops for children and adults, a enticing marketplace and more. Artists exhibit in a variety of media including watercolours, acrylics, textiles, sculpture, photography and ceramics.

For more information please visit the Art on the Hill [website](#)

Brill School PTA

To raise money for Brill School PTA, Tom Vincent, father of Bella and Joseph who attend Brill school, will be undertaking two physical challenges which we hope you can support.

We have been made aware that the school are looking at buying guided reading books for all children in KS2. This will benefit all our children as they move up through the school. These texts are used to enrich and support the literacy curriculum on a daily basis and these funds raised will then help to provide each child with their own copy of these texts. The school are currently having to photocopy passages and pages from books, but new guidance and research suggests that to promote a love for reading and to enrich writing outcomes, pupils should have their own copy of the book wherever possible.

Therefore, Tom will be carrying out 2 challenges in 2023 to raise money for Brill School resources.

The first event, starting on the 17th March 2023, is a self-induced challenge centred in Oakley. He will be running 4.17 miles (6.7km) every hour for 24 hours a total of 100miles. However long the run each hour takes, he will have the remaining time to rest, eat and recover. During the dead of night, he might even be able to get the odd 5-minute power nap! The furthest he has ever ran in one go is 64 miles, so this is a step into the unknown and is going to be extremely physically and mentally demanding.

The second challenge is an Ironman Triathlon in Cork, Ireland on the 20th August 2023. The Ironman distance triathlon involves swimming 2.4 miles (3.8km), cycling 112 miles (180km) before running 26.2 miles (42km). The swim takes place off the south coast of Ireland in the Atlantic Sea, before riding around undulating coastal roads and fishing villages. The 112miles will include over 6,000ft of elevation. The event finishes with a marathon in the ancient 5th century town of Youghal.

Tom has set a fundraising target of £1,000 and, through the PTA, we have set up a Just Giving page to accept donations towards the cause: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tomrunsforbooks>

We understand that these are challenging financial times so appreciate any form of support you able to offer for this incredible achievement.

Warm Wishes,

The PTA Committee



Brill Benefice

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

Small Saints baby & toddler group

MONDAYS 9-10.30am
Term time
All Saints, Brill, HP18 9RT

All welcome from bumps to school age
No need to book, just turn up!
Suggested donation £2 per family

Stories Snacks Singing Songs

For more information contact Rev Gemma 01844 238325 rector@bernwodebenefice.com
Rev Jenny 01844 237855
jenny.edmans@bernwodebenefice.com

Tuesday Teatime Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday 21st Feb
3-5pm Brill church

All welcome to drop in on pancake day to share some pancakes and good company!

www.bernwodebenefice.com

What's on
For children and families in church

First Sunday	4pm	Lego Church followed by pizza tea	Ashendon Village Hall
Second Sunday	4pm	All age worship	Brill
Third Sunday	11.15am	Informal worship	Ludgershall
	4pm	All age Communion	Dorton

* Mondays 9am -10.30am
Small Saints baby and toddler group
Brill church

All welcome to any of these family friendly activities and services. No need to book, just turn up. Contact Rev Gemma for more info 01844 238325 rector@bernwodebenefice.com

With the wind in our sails,
'we shall live life to the fullest' John

Wrap Around Care

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.

Term Dates 2022/23

Spring Term 2
Mon 20th February – Friday 31st March

Summer Term 1
Tues 18th April – Fri 26th May

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

S4A Holiday Club

We will be open at Brill CE School from 8.00am - 6.00pm on Monday to Thursday from 13th–16th February. To book your child a place on any of the days 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 and change every half term.

For all clubs taking place in Spring Term 2, please visit our [clubs page](#) on our website clubs page for a timetable and booking window information.

Menus for Spring Term 2

Menu A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mild Beef Chilli, rice and carrots	Jacket Potato, Cheese and beans	Roast chicken and gravy, roast pota- toes and peas	Breaded fish, roast pota- toes and sweetcorn	Hot Dog and baked beans
Mild Quorn Chilli, rice and carrots	As above	Quorn roast and gravy, roast pota- toes and peas	Breaded Quorn fingers, roast pota- toes and sweetcorn	Quorn Hot Dog and baked beans
Fruit Yogurt	Flapjack	Mousse Cake	Jelly	Sponge Cake

Menu B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Bolo- gnese, rice and peas	Tomato & Basil Pasta, sweetcorn	Roast chicken and gravy, roast pota- toes and peas	Pork meat- balls & gravy, pasta and carrots	Beef burger, roll and baked beans
Quorn Bolo- gnese, rice and peas	As above	As Quorn roast and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Quorn meat- balls & gravy, pasta and carrots	Veggie burg- er, 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 7 days in advance.

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](#).