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Brill Church Of England School

With the Wind in our Sails

Half Termly Round Up Spring Term 2 2023

Another wonderfully full and enriched half term completed for us all. Thank you for your continued support, engagement and commitment towards supporting our school. Have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return for Summer term 1.

Loose Play and Den Building

Loose Play is in full swing now and the children love it! One child quoted that 'this is the BEST playtime ever!' Thank you to parents for your many donations of loose parts, all children have benefitted from them. We are looking to increase our amount of tarpaulin, cargo nets and bungee loops which we can use for loose play. If anyone has any of these items, please do let us know.



International Schools Award

Madame Tate visited the Houses of Parliament on the 20th March 2023, to be awarded with Brill School's International Award. Madame Tate has coordinated incredible initiatives at Brill School such as an International week, music workshops from other cultures, she has supported the teachers to embed international threads through the teaching of the whole curriculum and made links with local and international schools. All of these wonderful enrichment opportunities have given the staff and children in our school exposure to the diverse and varied communities and cultures there are in our world. We are incredibly grateful of Madame Tate's energy, passion and drive in this area of the curriculum and our pupils have, and will continue to, benefit from the wonderful opportunities we offer them. Local MP, Greg Smith, posted on social media 'A pleasure to attend the British Council International School Awards this evening in Parliament, especially to congratulate Emma Tate and all at Brill Church of England School who received a certificate commending their outstanding development of the international dimension in the curriculum. Well done to all of Brill CofE School.' What this space, he now wants to visit our special school on the hill!



Fire Safety for Year 2

The whole school joined Year 2 to watch their recreation of The Great Fire of London on the playground this week. Year 2 had created incredible Tudor houses for this term's homework and some pupils agreed to the fireman setting them alight to experience what it would have been like. The Year 2 pupils then took part in a fire safety session with the fire brigade; explored the fire engine, used the water hose and received an engaging and informative talk from the firemen. A Big thank you to the firemen that ran this for our children—they loved it!



An Amazing Author Visit!

On the 14th March Brill School had a visit from an inspirational children's Author, Maz Evans. She delivered workshops to all year groups and captured their interest and engagement immediately. Our Year 6 cohort have been reading one of her books, Who Let The Gods Out and were lucky to have their books signed by her. A HUGE thank you to the PTA who covered the cost for this enrichment opportunity for our children—it was brilliant!



World Religion Day

From Noah's Ark to Japanese fried rice offerings, from beautiful mosque inspired Islamic tiles to Tibetan dancing, from Buddhist forest school art to Jewish Kosher food, from reimagined Khanda mosaics to Hindu Gods and SO much more..... All this has opened our eyes to how religions link us together across the world. We have learnt to celebrate our differences and respect each other's beliefs while still having lots of fun. Brill School's World Religion Day has been a brilliant success thanks to the impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm of all the children and the hard work of all the staff. What a fantastic way to end the half term! [Click here](#) to see photos from this special day on our Whole School News Blog.



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

Rushbed

News continued...

Science Week

During the week of the 13th March Children and staff focussed on Science. Children explored a range of diverse Scientists each day, carried out practical investigations, engaged in a planetarium workshop (funded by the PTA - a BIG thank you!) took part in fun and engaging science experiments with parents on our Science showcase day! This was certainly a week to remember and I know both children and staff loved every moment of it.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the Science experience day on Friday 17th March and a big well done to our Year 6 pupils who led the experiments in the hall, each and every one of you showed great leadership skills and looked like real scientists with your coats and visors.



Sport

This half term our Year 5/6 Girls and Mixed Football teams have played various league and cup matches. Both teams have continued to win all their matches and with only a few matches left to play, the results are looking good. The current standings are the mixed team placed at the top of their league, with only one match left to play. They are also unbeaten in the cup and through to the quarter finals. The girls football team are currently top of their league as well, with only two matches left to play. Well done to both football squads. We are looking forward to supporting you at the final matches of the season.

The Year 5/6 Netball team have been out in force at the league competition, which was set across two dates. The team have been battling hard and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the final competition by a goal difference of 2 goals! Mrs Tuffley and Miss Cruikshank have been very impressed with the determination and skills shown by the whole team in these matches.

Sadly, this term we have had several sporting fixtures postponed by the organisers, including cross country, handball and hockey however we are looking forward to taking teams to these competitions when they are rearranged.

Safeguarding and Family Support

Please [click here](#) to view flyers with more details on a variety of free parenting and child courses and workshop provided by the Bucks Family Support Service and Buckinghamshire Family Learning.

Below outlines the topics covered:

- First Aid training for parents
- Early Signs of Exploitation
- Early Years Courses for Parents and Carers
- Online Schools Courses for Parents and Carers
- Parenting workshops on:
 - ⇒ Communicating positively with your child Tuesday 18 April 2023
 - ⇒ Bitesize drop-in sessions for parents of 3- to 11-year-olds
 - ⇒ Using rewards to encourage positive behaviour
 - ⇒ Establishing a routine
 - ⇒ Strengthening your relationship with your child

Charity News



This year we asked children to come to school in home clothes or wearing red in exchange for a donation to the Red Nose Day charity. Thank you for your support we raised a total of £244.70



Book Fair

It was lovely to see so many parents and children at our book fair last month. This year we took £868 in book sales which will give us over £400 to spend over the coming year on updating our library and books in school. Thank you for your support.

Art On The Hill

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the Art On The Hill committee for the time, energy and commitment towards this incredible fundraising event! You all worked incredibly hard prior to and during the event itself and we are all incredibly grateful. It was wonderful to see such a vibrant community event full of life and exceptional art work. Thank you to everyone involved.

A message from the Art On The Hill Committee to the pupils at Brill School...

To all of the wonderful children at Brill school who volunteered and helped out over the weekend, we want to thank you so much. Your invaluable help, in selling raffle tickets, setting up, and putting everything away afterwards (particularly ensuring we put the right coloured chairs back in the right classrooms!) has helped make this Art on the Hill the best yet. Your COMPASSION for helping others is a lesson to us all and we have asked Mrs White if she would award all of you with a house point by way of appreciation for all your hard work, problem solving and thoughtfulness.

*A big thank you once again,
From the Art on the Hill Team*

Brill Benefice

Memory Lane Cafe is a great way to start the week! Every Monday 11-12.30 in Brill church.

Homemade cake, good coffee, fun raffle and a warm welcome always available, plus every other week we have a fun activity. We also enjoy singing, music and quizzes, and a monthly visit from our Pets as Therapy dog Kyra. Memory Lane Cafe is free, no need to book

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

Memory Lane Cafe

All welcome

Mondays
11-12.30 pm
All Saints church
Brill, HP18 9RT

A welcoming social space for everyone. Dementia friendly.
Tea, coffee and homemade cake every week.
Occasional speakers, music and activities. See website for details.
All welcome. Free.

For more information contact Gemma 01844 238325
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'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 fur-

Term Dates 2022/23

Summer Term 1

Tues 18th April – Fri 26th May

Summer Term 2

Tues 6th June – Friday 21st July

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

S4A Holiday Club

We will be open at Brill CE School from 8.00am - 5.00pm on 3rd–6th April and 11th–14th April. 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 Summer Term 1, please visit our [clubs page](#) on our website clubs page for a

Menus for Summer Term 1

Menu A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Bolognese, rice and peas	Green Pesto Pasta (no nuts), cheese and sweetcorn	Breaded fish, roast potatoes and baked beans	Roast chicken and gravy, roast potatoes and carrots	Hot Dog and baked beans
Quorn Bolognese, rice and peas	As above	Falafel & Spinach Burger, roast potatoes and baked beans	Quorn roast and gravy, roast potatoes and carrots	Quorn Hot Dog and baked beans
Fruit Yogurt	Flapjack	Raspberry Mousse Cake	Jelly	Chocolate Sponge Cake

Menu B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Bolognese, rice and peas	Cheesy 'Pizza' Pasta, sweetcorn	Pork meatballs & gravy, pasta and carrots	Roast chicken and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Beef burger, roll and baked beans
Quorn Bolognese, rice and peas	As above	Quorn meatballs & gravy, pasta and carrots	Quorn roast and gravy, roast potatoes and peas	Veggie burger, roll and baked beans
Fruit Yogurt	Flapjack	Raspberry Mousse Cake	Jelly	Chocolate 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 14 days in advance of the day 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](#).