



BRABIN'S ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Brabin's Newsletter 13th May 2024



Our Y6 children will begin their SAT tests this week. As always, we only ever expect our pupils to try their best. These exams are only one way of showing how much progress they have made.

We just ask that the children get lots of rest as well as early nights and we will ensure that they don't feel any pressure from school. We are incredibly proud of their attitude - it's now simply a time to shine!



Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer 2

Sewing Club - delivered by Miss Holland & Mrs Peckham for pupils in Y5/6. This will take place Monday's, 3.25-4.25pm, starting 10th June until 24th June (3 weeks).

Forest School - delivered by Miss Doxey on Wednesdays for Y3/4 pupils. These sessions will run from Wednesday 5th June to 3rd July. 3.25-4.25pm.

Please email

admin@brabins.lancs.sch.uk if your child would like to attend, however, places are limited.

Football Club delivered by Absolute Futbol Sports Coaches for pupils in Reception and KS1, Tuesday's from 11th June - 9th July. Please book a place and pay via their website:

www.absolutefutbol.schoolipal.co.uk



Summer Uniform

A reminder that the children can now wear burgundy gingham summer dresses - as well as yellow ones. This has been introduced this year as many parents feel that this is a more practical option.



Advanced Notice

Sports Day

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us for our Sports Day on 28th June 2024 (or 5th July as back up in case of poor weather)



SAT and test dates for

Summer 2024

Y6 SAT tests: Monday 13th May-
Thursday 16th May

Y1 Phonics Screening Check:
week commencing Monday 10th
June

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check:
week commencing Monday 3rd
June 2024.

Y1-Y5 end of year assessments
will take place in June & July.

School Dinners



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From September 2024, due to rising costs, we will have to increase school lunch payments to £2.60 per day. This will be 10p below LCC catering charges. Mrs Stead will continue to offer a balanced and hearty meal on a daily basis! Please see attachment for information regarding eligibility for free school meals.

Each term one of our school committees will update parents on current projects in school. This newsletter includes a piece from our Tech Team. See overleaf.



Class Assembly and Showcase

Parents/carers are welcome to attend their child's class assembly and showcase. This is an opportunity to see some of the children's learning. The Y1/2 assembly and showcase will take place on Friday 17th May, at 3pm, in the School hall.



Please see attached feedback form.



Friends of Brabin's

Triathlon event - 14th/15th June

Please return entry forms/£5 entry fee by 20th May 2024. Please note that this is the final deadline for this event.



Star of the Week

3rd May

Reception: Lilly
Y1/2: George F
Y3/4: Lucinda
Y5/6: Harry W

Headteacher Award: Darcey S
Kindness Award: Zac T

10th May

Reception: Olaini
Y1/2: Aoife
Y3/4: Gracie D
Y5/6: Oscar H

Headteacher Award: Alissa W
Kindness Award: Georgie S

What's going on this half term...

Tuesday 14 th - Friday 17 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Friday 17 th May	Y1/2 Class Assembly
Monday 20 th - 22 nd May	PGL - Newby Wiske Hall Year 5/6
Tuesday 21 st May	Gymnastic Year 1/2 - Separate letter to follow
Saturday 25 th - Monday 27 th May	Chipping Steam Fair
Tuesday 4 th June	Class photos
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Friday 24th May - Friday 31st May INSET DAY 3rd June	
Pupils return to school on Tuesday 4 th June 2024	



Tech Team Update

In our recent Tech team meeting, the children were very keen to plan and lead their own lunchtime clubs with key stage 1 and reception classes. During these clubs the Tech team will model how to use different types of technology safely and responsibly. They will show the children how to use different apps such as scratch and paint to promote their understanding.



CHIPPING STEAM FAIR

ART COMPETITION - Please use the attached colouring sheet or a copy can be collected from the School office and must be taken to the show on Saturday 25th May 2024.

The 3 lucky winners will be awarded a Chip & Ping T-Shirt.

Many thanks for your returned Parent Questionnaire forms. We received a pleasing number of responses and all comments have been shared with school staff; these have been reflected upon and considered. It was also lovely to read so many positive responses. The main points raised are stated together with a response.

Points raised	Feedback and reflection
Progress	<p>In the autumn and spring terms, parents are invited to a parents evening and a detailed written report is sent home during the summer term.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss your child's progress/attainment at any other time during the school year, you are welcome to contact the class teacher to arrange an appointment that is mutually convenient. Class teachers will happily accommodate an additional opportunity to meet with parents to discuss any aspect of school life.</p>
Curriculum: 'Not always sure what is being taught'	<p>On each class page, curriculum overviews are uploaded each half term so parents can see what their child is learning at school. Please contact teachers via Seesaw if you would like further information.</p> <p>Class Showcases/Assemblies have also been introduced to allow further opportunities for children to share their learning with parents on a termly basis. These also enable parents to come into school to attend assemblies.</p>
Homework: 'prefer less homework' 'With clubs and working, homework can be a battle' "Seen a decrease in levels of homework'	<p>The issue of homework is always a controversial one! Some parents believe there is too much, whilst others believe there is not enough.</p> <p>Class teachers provide homework that consolidates the basic skills as well as for the purposes of revision/consolidation of tasks covered. We ask that parents prioritise hearing their children read regularly to an adult (minimum of 3 times per week) as we can see a positive impact and benefit on children's reading.</p> <p>If parents would like extension tasks or additional homework, class teachers will be happy to provide this. Please contact them directly, if this is the case.</p> <p>We do feel that quality family time and accessing other activities and clubs, outside school, are also crucial to the lives of our young children - we are mindful of getting the right balance.</p>
Communication	<p>There were many positive comments about communication. Teachers can be contacted via the Seesaw App and they will respond within a school day.</p> <p>In Reception Class, the class teacher (in role of key worker) has to be available to meet parents at both ends of the day. We appreciate this may not be the case as children move through school. Unfortunately, although the class teachers would like to be more accessible, they are often supervising children, returning calls, attending meeting etc. Once again, please feel free to contact teachers who will organise a mutually convenient time to discuss any aspect of school life.</p>
School meals	<p>Again, many positive comments. The school cook regularly introduces new meals and monitors the popularity of individual meals. There are many 'hidden' vegetables too within the meals which we don't advertise! The cook also ensures there are plenty of vegetable portions on offer and this will continue to be a priority.</p>

<p>FOB</p> <p>'Meetings seem to be in the afternoons straight after school which means that parents struggle to be involved.'</p>	<p>Many popular events were acknowledged i.e. Movie Nights to be continued. New events such as the recent Easter Extravaganza, have been implemented and the FOB committee will welcome further new ideas as well as continuing with popular events. This year a triathlon will take and this will alternate with the fun run.</p> <p>All the money raised is given back to the children - the new play equipment was fully funded by the FOB and school trips are also heavily subsidised. Families really do benefit from the excellent resources we have and this is partly due to the funds raised by FOB.</p> <p>Further issues raised will be shared with the FOB committee at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Charity:</p> <p>'The school does too much in terms of charity donations'</p>	<p>We do support charities throughout the year and rotate popular events such as comic relief. We are mindful that we can't be involved and support all. The children, particularly through the School Council, like to take ownership of planning these days and this offers a sense of leadership.</p>
<p>Outdoor Learning:</p> <p>'Forest Schools for older pupils'</p>	<p>It is part of our school action plan to provide further outdoor learning opportunities for all pupils. Plans are in place to further develop the school grounds and Forest School area. We are currently waiting for an installation date - but you will be seeing further exciting developments over the next few months. We will keep you updated!</p> <p>Planned curriculum opportunities for pupils beyond EYFS are being considered as well as an annual whole school Forest School Day in July; this will be supplemented with extra-curricular clubs for children in Y1-Y6. Look out for further information in future newsletters.</p> <p>Developing our outdoor learning opportunities will be part of the school development plan. We fully acknowledge this shared desire from parents - this is in our plans and very much something we value too.</p> <p>You may also have seen the notices about the re-routing of the footpath and we are hopeful that progress will be made in the very near future. This will also improve access to school and we will offer a 'Walk to School' week once these changes have been implemented.</p>
<p>Extra-curricular programme</p>	<p>This was overwhelmingly celebrated and we will endeavour to continue to offer a wide range of activities - introducing new opportunities. I thank the staff for their support in providing such enrichment for our pupils.</p> <p>The Tuesday sports club is popular. As we use an outside provider for these, we are restricted to this day but we do also offer clubs on other days and these work around staff commitments, staff meetings etc.</p>

<p>School Nativity plays:</p> <p>'Performing 2 plays is too much and the children are exhausted.'</p>	<p>From previous feedback, parents requested an additional performance so we did build in an afternoon performance. We have also listened to parents and brought the time forward to 6.30pm.</p> <p>Over recent years, the younger children now take the bigger roles, as Y5/6 children have the opportunity to take the limelight in Shakespeare and Summer productions. As the younger children take the lead, we only choose short plays (30-40 minutes' max duration) so they are more age appropriate.</p>
<p>Outdoor PE lessons</p> <p>'Add an optional PE hoodie/fleece'</p>	<p>This is something that we have considered but we are also aware of costs at such a time.</p> <p>This issue will be re-visited but class teachers do allow children to wear school jumpers when taking part in outdoor lessons during colder months.</p>
<p>Sports Competitions</p>	<p>At Brabin's, involvement in extracurricular activities is highly valued and, as a result, participation in competition is promoted.</p> <p>The ethos at the school is that ' Sport is for All' and pupils are encouraged to participate in both inter and intra school events. This may range from Preston Primary Schools sports to taking part in sports day.</p> <p>It must be noted, that activities/ participation is limited in both reception and Key Stage 1 but opportunities increase as pupils progress through the school to the extent that competition in Key Stage 2 is full and varied. As such, the vast majority of pupils, if not all of them, will have the chance to take part in extracurricular activity/ competition at some stage during their time at Brabin's. Such involvement is tailored to suit suit abilities/ interests/ strengths.</p>