



GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been very impressed with the effort that all of the children have been putting into their learning.

As a whole school, we have been researching and exploring important historical events during Black History Month. Each year group have focussed on different influential people. Some of the famous people they have focussed on are: Martin Luther King, Sir Lenny Henry, Rosa Parks and Usain Bolt.

Year 4 recently enjoyed Roman Day where they took part in designing and making Roman style purses, invented modern day mosaics in the Computer Suite and enjoyed learning about marching too. It was an action-packed day!

Just this week Year 3 had a successful Stone Age Day. It was fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed up for the day. Our visitors were experts and the children learned many new skills such as hunting and gathering food!

On Wednesday, Year 5 were visited by Zoo4U linked to their current Science learning. The children were visited by a range of unusual animals. I was even lucky enough to hold a very long python! The children also spent time with a chinchilla, a frog, and a cockroach.

I also visited our Year 6 children at Bawdsey Manor this week. They are all having a fantastic time. While I was with them, the children were enjoying The Leap of Faith, Fencing, Problem Solving and a sensory trail. I was very proud to be approached by their Group Leader who commended them for their behaviour and enthusiasm during the week.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 5th November.

Best wishes,

Justin Wrench
Headteacher

Secondary School Applications for September 2020 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2020) is **31st October 2019**.

Applications can be made via our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Cerrage Laaouad who won our competition to design a new dessert for the kitchen. The recipes from runners up will be kept and may be tried out in the future.



Attendance

I am very pleased that our current attendance is standing at 96.68% which is above the Government target of 95%.

However, I am becoming increasingly concerned at the number of children that are late in the mornings. Already we have 22 children that have missed over 1 hour of school. Some of those children have missed more than 6 hours!

We all oversleep or are late occasionally for a variety of reasons but to be late regularly is not acceptable. May I remind you that the doors open at 8:35a.m. and registers are taken promptly at 8:45a.m.

FIREWORK THEME MENU

5th November 2019

Sausage

Or

Vegetarian Sausage

½ Jacket Potato

Baked Beans

Sweetcorn

Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard

Or

Yogurt and Fresh Fruit



We have a meeting for parents on 6th November at 2:30 to consult on our Positive Behaviour Policy.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2019: Tuesday 3rd September - Thursday 19th December

Half Term: Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November

Non-Pupil days 3rd and 4th September, 4th November



5th November	Firework Lunch
	Yr 6 Greek Day
	Yr 4 Parents Evening
6th November	Positive Behaviour Policy Consultation with Parents
	Yrs 3, 5, and 6 Parents Evening
7th November	All years Parents Evening
25th - 29th November	Last week of clubs
10th December	Yr 3 Christmas Performance - Afternoon and Evening
11th December	Yr 3 Christmas Performance - Evening
13th December	Discos
18th December	Christmas Dinner

Spring Term 2020: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April

Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Non-Pupil Day 24th February