# Brundall Primary School



June edition

### **Head of School welcome**

This is such a busy yet exciting half term. I am really beginning to feel that I am part of the Brundall community and would like to say thank you to all the families who have made me feel so welcome. I am very lucky to be part of such a happy school and am looking forward to building on the success of our recent Ofsted as we move towards a new academic year.

The school has been filled with wonderful singing as we prepare for the Singalong on the 30th June and the enthusiasm and gusto of the children and adults has been a fantastic. I think you will be in for a real treat.

I have also been so impressed with the amount of writing and drawings that children have been bringing in from home. I have been sharing some of these in Celebration assembly on Friday and it has been great to see the reaction of the other children. We are currently reviewing our homework approach and I will be sending out details in September. We have included a poem that Sophie in 3/4S has written about the school. It really made us feel positive.

### **Julie Cornish**

### What is this type of poem called?

### **Brundall Primary**

Brilliant school Precious memories

Respect each other Running out to play

Unbelievably cool Intelligence growing

Nice teachers Making a difference

Amazing art Really fun

**L**ove our Library **Y**es, it's Brundall Primary

Learning lots

We are really proud of Isabel who has chosen to do something wonderful.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as alopecia.

Isabel is passionate about supporting this charity and helping these children. She will donate her hair but in addition to this she knows the charity rely on donations for the creation of the wigs and this is why she has chosen to do a piano-athon to fundraise for this. Please support Isabel.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-rovira-1687277191190?utm\_term=3XkKwENW8

# What we've been learning...

# Reception



On return our to school after the half term to some exciting news. Our butterflies had hatched; the children were mesmerized by the magic, awe and wonder! "Why are they one colour in one side and different on the top side?" "That's what makes them beautiful you know."



We were delighted to receive a donation from one of our families, who donated some wildflower bee bombs. The children loved planting them and we are looking forward to seeing them grow over the coming weeks.

"We will need to water them to help them grow"



Our next adventures in learning has taken us under the sea. We have been celebrating the author Julia Donaldson and have used her books to inspire our writing about life under the sea. The children have particularly enjoyed listening out for rhyming words in the Tiddler and The Snail and the Whale stories and have been able to add rhyming words to their independent writing.

# Year 1/2













This week in year 1/2 our maths has all been about measurement. We have been thinking about ordering from least value to greatest value and recording using the correct unit of measure. We have loved reading our new story, The Paper Bag Princess, all about Princess Elizabeth who is brave and courageous. We created a story map to learn the tale and we are now re-writing our own versions. This week we are looking for to learning about 3D art, exploring the work of Charles McGee.

# Year 3/4









Many of our children are loving reading. These children have chosen a book they would recommend to their classmates. It's been lovely to see and hear lots of book talk around school.



# Year 5/6









Year 5/6 have had another busy week working hard. We have been writing warning tales in English and have really enjoyed packing them full of action and danger. Year 6s have been taking part in Bikeability to help keep them safe on the roads. In the afternoons, we have been continuing our study of evolution





On the 15th/16th of June we had an assembly and the children had the opportunity to join a live lesson as part of Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary Day of Welcome. This project aims to increase children's understanding of what it means to be a refugee or asylum seeker and how we can show support to newcomers to our school. We are proud to build a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers in Norfolk Schools and beyond.

### Welcome to our Eco-Heroes

As part of our drive to develop pupil leadership within school we have created an Eco-Hero committee. These are some of the reasons why children want to join this committee.

'I want to help the environment and our school community and inspire others to do the same 'Lily.

'I am an Eco Hero because I care about the planet and it is our home' Lois

'I am an eco hero because I look after the planet and I pick up rubbish' Serenity

'I am an Eco hero because I want to raise awareness that if we do not take action now our world will crumble' Isabel



### **Junior Librarians**

We are also busy recruiting Junior Librarians from year 5 but also ensuring that our current librarians are still very much involved with celebrating reading across the school. These children help to keep the library tidy and beautiful and help develop a love of reading across all year groups. One of their jobs this term is to join the ks1 playground and read stories to the younger children.

### Sun cream and sun hats

Please could we remind everyone to send in sun cream ( to be self applied ) or for long wear sun cream to be applied before school.

Also for sun hats to be brought in – with this weeks warmer weather and the next few weeks hopefully being the same it is important that the children have sun cream on and hats to wear

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day – this is extremely important to ensure the children stay hydrated throughout the day.

### **Absence Procedures**

Parents must inform the school office by 8.30am on 01603 712597. If leaving a message please state the following:

- Child's name
- Class and year group
- Detailed reason for absence, for example Matt has been sick in the night rather than Matt is unwell.

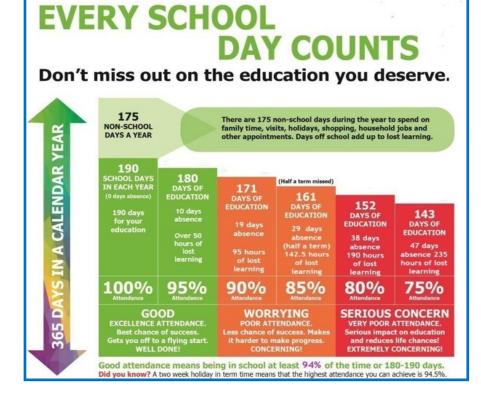
If a child is absent from school without a reason being provided, the office staff will contact parents to ascertain the reason for absence, by leaving a detailed message it will save us having to make this contact call. We really want to code all absences correctly and need your help to do this accurately.

### Persistent absence

Persistent absence is defined by the government as attendance below 90%. This equates to 19 days or more of absence a year or 100+ lessons missed. Research clearly shows that poor attendance leads to poor educational outcomes .

### **Punctuality**

We have a soft start at Brundall which means that the gates are opened at 8:40 giving children plenty of time to arrive in their classroom before the register close at 8:55. During this time adults read with different children and there is the opportunity to chat about events at home or share some home learning. A soft start enables all children to feel safe and secure in their classroom. We really see the benefit both academically and emotionally of children who arrive before 8:55.



### Did you know?

That by being just 5 minutes late each day means that you lose 3.5 days a year learning

5 minutes = 3.5 days lost learning

10 minutes = 7 days lost learning

15 minutes = 10.5 days lost learning

20 minutes = 14 days lost learning

30 minutes = 21 days lost learning

### See and Snap Safari

Thank you to all the families that took part in the See and Snap Safari Trail. Here are some of the pictures we have received.

Isn't Brundall an amazing place!







# Brundall Primary School \*\*: 'Sing-a-long'

\* Friday 30th June
Gates open 2.20pm
Musical Performances from 2.30pm

Glee Club Ukulele Club and Music from each Year Group.





Fri 30th Jyne 3.20-6pm

STALLS & GAMES
TOMBOLA & RAFFLE
ARTS & CRAFTS
POLICE CAR
BBQ & ICECREAM
SPORTS ACTIVITIES
CAKES & REFRESHMENTS
FESTIVAL GLITTER, TATTOOS
AND MORE!

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## **Upcoming Dates**

Monday June 19th—	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday June 22nd	
Friday June 23rd	Reception visit Time and Tide Museum
Wednesday 28th June	Year 6 Royal Norfolk Show visit
Friday 30th June	Singalong starting at 2:30 and Summer Fete
Tuesday July 4th	Reception Sports Day 9.15am—10.15am
·	Year 3/4 Sports Day 1.45pm—3.15pm.
Wednesday July 12th	Year 1/2 Sports Day 9.15am—10.15am
	Year 5/6 Sports Day 1.45pm—3.15pm
Friday July 7th	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Monday July 17th	Year 1/2 visit Hickling Broad
Wednesday July 19th	Year 1/2 visit Hickling Broad
Friday July 21st	School finishes for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 6th September	School returns



### **2023-2024 Term Dates**

### Autumn term

Wednesday 6 September - Friday 20 October 2023

- Half-term holiday: Monday 23 Friday 27 October 2023
- Monday 30 October Wednesday 20 December 2023

Christmas holiday: Thursday 21 December - Wednesday 3 January 2024

### **Spring term**

- Thursday 4 January Friday 16 February 2024
- Half-term holiday: Monday 19 Friday 23 February 2024
- Monday 26 February Wednesday 27 March 2024

Easter holiday: Thursday 28 March - Friday 12 April 2024

### Summer term

- Monday 15 April Friday 24 May 2024 (Monday 6 May is a Bank Holiday)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 27 Friday 31 May 2024
   Monday 3 June Friday 19 July 2024