

BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



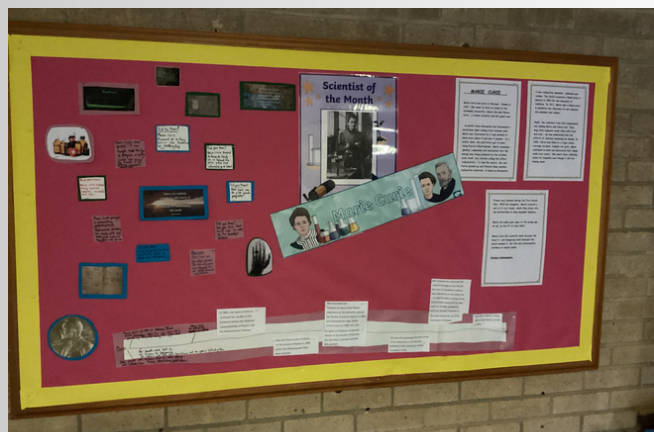
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HOS NEWS

The lighter evenings and brighter days have really put a collective spring in our step. As we come to the end of this half term, I think it is important to reflect on some of our Brundall successes. Our focus on the value of kindness is something to shout about. I think Brundall has some of the kindest children I have ever met, and it has been wonderful to focus on what being kind means as a community.

We have been catching children being kind all over school, and it makes me feel very proud to be the Head of School. The Friday assemblies have become even more joyous as we have added a kindness shout out slot. As well as the many successes in the classroom our pupil leadership teams are really beginning to take shape and the roles are becoming more defined. Many of the groups are taking an active role in our Friday celebration assemblies and our Science Ambassadors have created a wonderful display about Marie Curie.

Although the next half term is very short there is lots going on. Please take a look at the What's On section in this newsletter. I hope you have a wonderful half-term break.



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Communication

At times, things change a bit in school. We are always looking to improve our school and it would be impossible to communicate all of these changes to you. However, please always come and talk to us about something that you are unsure or concerned about.

We understand that social media can be a wonderful place, however at times it can become negative and personal. As a staff, we work hard to ensure your children feel safe and happy and we value the relationship we have with our families. We have an open-door policy. If you have a concern or issue you would like to discuss, please do contact us.

1. Talk to your child's class teacher. This can be arranged by emailing the school office or the phase email or by catching them at the end of the day.
2. Then, if you still feel it has not been resolved, raise the concern with the Phase Leader – again they can be reached by phase email or contacting the school office
3. Finally, talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. One of us is always on duty in the morning and we are around at the end of the day, or you can contact us via the school office.

On our website you can find a full list of contact details.

Just a reminder of the phase emails:

Reception@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk

Y12@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk

Y34@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk

Y56@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk

Phase emails are read daily before 8.30am and at the end of the school day.

If an urgent matter arises between these times, such as changes to collections, after school clubs etc. please contact the school office.

On our website you will find a copy of the Family Code Of Conduct.

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Reception News

During this half-term, the Reception classes have been exploring The Great Race, which is the tale behind the Chinese zodiac. We have had expert guests visiting us to share insights into the culture and the festivities associated with this event. We have also been fortunate to taste a range of Chinese delicacies, such as fortune cookies and Chinese spring rolls.



Year 1/2 News

Year 1 and 2 have had an exciting term. We have stepped back in time to discover what life was like for children in the past and have really enjoyed looking at toys that belonged to our parents and grandparents. Our 'Materials' topic gave us the opportunity to name and sort different materials as well as planning experiments to test the materials. The highlight of the term has been our Design and Technology project where we designed and made our own toy cars. I think you will agree they look amazing!



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Year 3/4 News

This half term the phase have enjoyed learning about forces and light. Thankfully, we have had some sunny days this week so that we could see our shadows move. We have enjoyed learning about how to stay safe in the dark by wearing reflective materials and how to keep ourselves safe in the sun. Next week is the Norwich Science Festival at the forum; check out their website to see what is going on. We have enjoyed looking at maps and finding landmarks within the city of Norwich. We will continue to learn about the city of Norwich next half term. The children have enjoyed using the iPads (thanks FOBS) to enhance their learning and practise TTRS



Year 5/6 News



In Years 5 and 6, we have been working hard on fractions and decimals in Maths. We are looking at numbers up to 3 decimal places now. In English, we are using quest stories like Beowulf to write a news report. We have also been doing Chinese landscape brush paintings, using only ink and water. The results are amazing!

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We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Raywood and the UEA Sportspark for their generous donation of sports equipment and games. This kind gesture will provide our pupils with access to a variety of physical activities and team games.



We are thrilled to share that two of our fantastic students have received a Blue Peter Book Badge! This esteemed badge is awarded to children between the ages of 5 and 15. Congratulations!

If your child participates in an extracurricular club or activity outside of school, please let us know!

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Contact details

The majority of our communication is electronic so it is really important that we maintain accurate records of parental contacts. If you change your email address or phone number, please inform the school office so that we can ensure you receive important information.

Administering Medicine to Pupils

Please remember that should your child require any medicine to be administered during school time, then a Parental Agreement Form must be filled in and signed before any medication or pain relief can be given. The forms are available for completion from the office. Children should not be carrying any medication, pain relief, lozenges etc. in their bags and it should all be directed by parents via the office. Thank you.

Absence Procedures

Parents must inform the school office of a child's absence 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.



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Dates for Your Diary

- 16.02.24 Year1/2 Toy Museum
- 07.03.24 World Book Day
- 11.03.24 Rosen Class Visit to Norwich City Centre
- 13.03.24 Coelho Class visit to Norwich city Centre
- 14.03.24 Bloom Class visit to Norwich city Centre
- 14.03.23 Thorpe St Andrew Science Bus visiting Year 5
- 20.03.24 Year 5/6 visit to West Stow
- 21.03.24 Year 3 Performance to Parents 9.00am
- 21.03.24 Year 4 Performance to Parents 2.30pm
- 26.03.24 Parents evening until 5.30pm
- 27.03.24 Parents evening until 7.00pm
- 27.03.24 End of Term
- 15.04.24 Summer Term begins



Norwich Science Week Norwich Science Festival runs from 17th – 24th February. Look at the website, [Norwich Science Festival](#), to see the variety of activities that you can book to take part in. There are lots of events available and some of them are free!

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World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Although every day is WBD, this year we will be celebrating it in style!

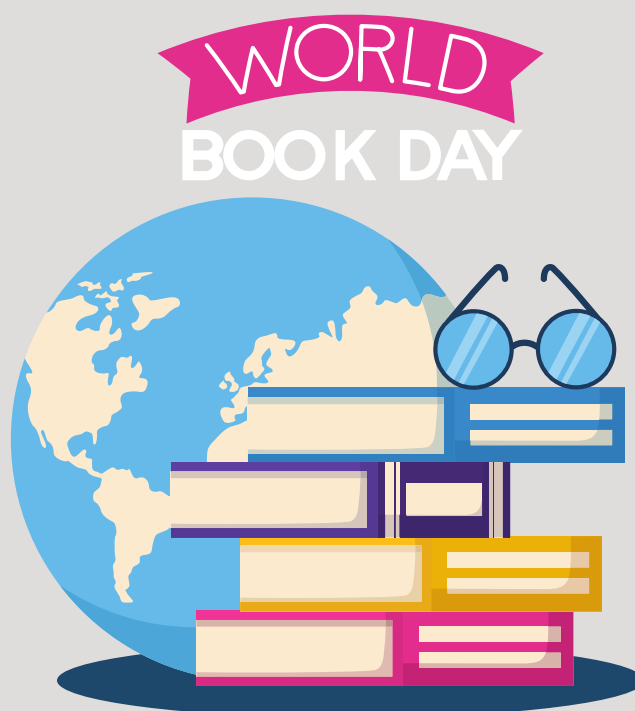
Come to school to share a book with your child and have a snack (kindly donated by FOBS) 8.40am - 9.10am

Children can come dressed as a favourite character from a book or dressed in their pjs /comfy wear.

Enter the 'Book in a Jar' competition. Fill a jar with items from a book. Best jars will win a prize. These will be displayed in the library at the end of the day
Come and take a look.

After school, there will be a cake sale and a book swap run by the Reading Champions. Bring money to buy a cake, or bring a book to see if there is one you would like to swap it with.

Come and meet the new reading dragon



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DOUGHNUT SALE

50P OR
DONATION



FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Delicious doughnuts will be on sale at usual pickup times, wishing all the children a very Happy Valentines

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BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Are you cleaning up after Christmas and wondering what to do with your children's used, unwanted toys? Consider donating them to our Early Years classes, where they will be much appreciated. Here are some items that we need:

UN-USED LEGO OR OTHER
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

SMALL WORLD TOYS,
PEOPLE, ANIMALS ETC

DOLLS,
DOLLS CLOTHING, PRAMS ETC

SIEVES, COLANDERS,
SAUCEPANS, LADLES, SLOTTED SPOONS
OR

ANY MUD KITCHEN ACCESSORIES

GAMES AND PUZZLES
(PLEASE ENSURE ALL THE BITS ARE THERE)

TOY CARS

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT MRS CHAMBERS