



Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Children, Parents and Staff

### Year 6

We are all very proud of our amazing Year 6 children who have approached their SATs week so positively and calmly. We know how fantastic you all are for your very many different talents. Thank you for approaching this week so well and for supporting each other as a group. We are all looking forward to all the other events and experiences we have planned for the rest of the Summer term. I hope you will all have a well-deserved break this weekend.

### University of Bradley

The children received their brochures this week and made their choices for their Summer term module. This term we have;

- Fun & Games, Mrs Maker Crafting, Wellbeing Wonders and Gardening and Planting for Key Stage 1
- Woodland Warriors, Cooking, Tri-Golf, Mini Athletics and Calligraphy for Key Stage 2

The children were once again really excited to work with children from other classes and have started their first session of University this afternoon. University of Bradley is definitely the best part of our week and reinforces our positive behaviour approach to school.

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

I met with David from the Village Hall committee this morning about the village celebrations planned by the different groups in Bradley. The Platinum Jubilee is providing a great opportunity for the different groups including our school to join forces in the village. While our school will be marking the Platinum Jubilee in the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May, some of the children's work and experiences will be being shared in a display at the Village Hall. We are also hoping to have some visitors in school to talk about their memories of the Coronation and life back in the 1950s.

I understand from David that there is a whole series of village events being organised including an early evening family screening of the 1953 Walt Disney Peter Pan film. Tickets for the film are limited and need to be purchased prior to the event from [www.bradleyvillage.org.uk](http://www.bradleyvillage.org.uk)

We are looking forward to learning about the reign of Her Majesty the Queen and taking part in a range of celebration activities over the week before half term.

### Book Fair

Don't forget the Book Fair is arriving in school next week and will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons for different groups of children's families to visit.

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| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May | - 3.30pm Class 1 & Class 2          |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May  | - 3.30pm Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5 |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May    | - 3.30pm Class 1 & Class 2          |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May    | - 3.30pm Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5 |

**Payment for any books and items bought at the book fair can be made by scanning a QR code and paying online. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash or cheque for any items bought.**

Thank you in advance for supporting this event for our school.

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

See you on Monday!

Regards

Mr B Rogers

### Affirmation of the week:

This week our affirmation was 'I can do hard things'. Sometimes tasks may be hard, and we may not be sure if we can do them, but the most important thing is that we try and do the best we can. I know all our children will have tried their very best to complete new tasks this week which may have been hard - particularly our year 6 children who have taken their SATs papers - You did it! A huge well done to you all! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Midgley



### CALLING ALL PAST PUPILS AND PARENTS OF OTLEY STREET NURSERY SCHOOL!

This year Otley Street Nursery School is 80 years old! To celebrate we are holding a community party event at the nursery on Saturday May 21st, between 10am-2pm. We would love as many past pupils/staff and families to attend as possible to share in our celebration of 80 years of outstanding nursery education! There will be activities for children (free bouncy castle, face painting and a commemorative art project), refreshments and, of course, the opportunity for a trip down memory lane! Please come along to celebrate with us!

### BAGS2SCHOOL FUNDRAISER 24TH MAY 2022

If you are having a clear out please support this fundraiser by setting aside unwanted clothing and other textile items for the Bag2School collection on 24th May. They collect children and adult clothes which are suitable for re-use (not school uniform), as well as paired shoes, handbags and household linen. Visit the website for a full list of items: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> A donation bag has been sent home to be returned on the morning of May 24th.

### BELL CLASS

We have had lots of fun in our class this week. In our maths lessons, we have been learning how to multiply numbers together. We know that we can also say 'how many groups/sets of' when we see the symbol for multiplication. Please have a look on IXL for tasks to consolidate your learning this week. In English this week, we have finished our cress seed diaries because they are now ready to eat! Next week, we will be moving onto traditional tales. We carried out an investigation in science; predicting where and how plants grow best. We planted bean seeds in different pots and put them in different environments to see if they will grow. Watch this space! We enjoyed finding out about Yayoi Kusama's obsession with pumpkins in our art lesson and looked at her mirrored infinity rooms! It was great fun to paint our own polka dot pumpkin. With Mrs Daniell today, we have been learning about how to solve length and height measuring problems and in PSHE, we have been finding out how to solve problems in a friendship. This is a really great skill to have! \*Please can we remind you that playtime snacks should be a healthy option. Thank you for your help with this. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Pupil of the Week - Esme for being a responsible, caring member of our class.**

**Resilience Award - Delphine for perseverance and not giving up when solving number problems.**

### FRANKLIN CLASS

We've had another busy week in Franklin Class. We received an email from Esther and Martha this week, it was lovely to hear how they are getting on. We used this opportunity of real, purposeful learning to write letters back to them as they were saying that their new teachers would like to know what life is like in England. In Maths we have recapped our knowledge of time. We refreshed our memories of time to the nearest 15 minutes and moved onto learning the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Year 2 children enjoyed their second swimming session this week, some of us are swimming lengths of the pool while others are gaining confidence and ability in the smaller, teaching pool. We learned about different animal groups in Science - mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects, fish and birds. We discovered how the animals are grouped and wrote down facts about each group. In History we learned more about Nelson Mandela's life and sequenced significant events. Yesterday in art we created sunset pictures with silhouettes of African animals.

**Pupil of the week: Joe for developing his knowledge of time to the nearest 5 minutes.**

**Resilience Award: Max for showing great resilience when learning time, even though he had been poorly for part of the week.**

### EDISON CLASS

Happy Friday all! I hope you have enjoyed the week, let us hope for some sunshine this weekend! In Edison class this week, I've been so pleased to see the children really showing their passion to learn. Their enthusiasm has really shone through in our English lessons this week; we have been continuing to learn about fairy tales, alternative fairy tales and mixed up fairy tales. The week we read 'Snow white in New York', 'The Wolf's Story' and created story outlines using 'Mixed up Fairy Tales'. When reading various fairy tales we have been learning to correctly punctuate speech and dialog, as well as learning about perfect form. The children have really enjoyed this unit and I look forward to reading some of the stories the class write next week. In maths we really had to work hard to learn about decimals, this week we have covered hundredths, dividing by 100, comparing and ordering decimals with 2 decimal places and we finished off the week by converting a half, a quarter and three quarters into decimals. We got the watercolours out in art and used various methods such as blending and layering to paint the layers of the earth and the earth itself from the outside, we used our knowledge that we learnt in geography to do this. In science, we conducted an experiment to test the reflectivity of various materials around the school. This was a super fun experiment that produced some interesting results. In French this week, we learnt how to say many different actions. In PE we focused on the challenging skill of bowling in cricket, practice makes perfect became the common phrase we used. A little reminder to practice times tables and spelling at home each week, I'd love to see the children progress and achieve. We now complete a 3-minute times table challenge focusing on fluency and speed.

Enjoy your weekend!

**Pupil of the Week: Henry for contributing and working hard not to be distracted.**

**Resilience Award: Alfie for working extremely hard in Maths.**

### NEWTON CLASS

Another busy week in Class 4, we also enjoyed having the Year 5s from Class 5 with us for some of the week whilst the year 6s had their SATS tests. In maths we continued to improve our calculations with time, some children are finding the analogue clock difficult to read, any help at home would be appreciated. We progressed to the 24 hour clock, converting between analogue and digital and began to calculate time differences. In mental maths we reviewed square numbers and cubed numbers.

In English we continued to improve our persuasive skills, learning how to use different strategies to make someone agree with us. We also investigated forceful and emotional vocabulary to make the reader feel sorry for us. We learnt how to ask rhetorical questions for effect and the role of experts.

This week we have continued to learn about Andy Warhol and his repeated images, we drew the images found on tin cans in the same style, the children really enjoyed this.

As part of our forces learning, we investigated upthrust, a force created in water. We suspended weights in water and observed the change in Newtons.

**Pupil of the week: Emme for good observational art skills**

**Resilience Award: Lottie for her positive attitude to tricky times tables tests**

### DARWIN CLASS

Exam week done. Phew! The children have taken it all in their strides and impressed us with their attitudes and composure throughout the week - well done Year 6! Having breakfast together each morning definitely proved to be a popular start to the day... got a bunch of food-lovers in our class! Whilst observing them doing their tests, I was suddenly aware of just how much each of them seem to have matured since the start of the school year - getting ready to spread their wings... Meanwhile, Year 5s have been working with Class 4, and I have had nothing but praise from Mrs Hitchen regarding their behaviour and attitude; I am equally impressed by how the children have adapted to changes this week without any fuss and been just fab! A great week all-round.

**Pupil of the Week: Oliver for pushing himself to work at a fast pace all week - giving it his absolute all!**

**Resilience Award: George for showing determination and not letting worry get the better of him!**