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Romans 12:10: "Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honouring each other.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our term draws to a close, I reflect on everything that Braunston Primary School have achieved since September as part of our community. What a busy yet wonderful time and, as we enter the Christmas countdown, so magical to see the excitement on our children's faces.

At the very start of December, we welcomed Rev Katherine into school, and she shared with us the meaning and representation of the Christingle. We were each then able to create our own Christingles in class thanks to the generosity of the church in providing all the components.

On the following afternoon, the entire school walked to church and led a Christingle service with the support of Rev Katherine. It was wonderful to see how the oldest children supported the youngest. During the singing of 'This little light of mine', Year 6 Christingles were lit and they were held aloft whilst the lights dimmed. It was indeed an awe-inspiring moment.

Chocolate is a word often synonymous with advent and the countdown to the celebration of the very first nativity. However, at Braunston School, it is not just about the receiving but also about the giving. Families have donated to the Daventry Foodbank in a reverse advent where we think about those not so fortunate as ourselves. The Foodbank were thrilled with our donations and about the impact this would have on so many families at Christmas time.

Christmas is not complete without a school nativity. Our performances this year did not disappoint. Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 shared their nativity production of 'Prickly Hay'. This wonderful musical performance showcased such great talents of our younger children. Our dress rehearsal was performed in front of the whole school and the Friendly Club – who gave us a 10 out of 10. They then stayed to share mince pies and a cup of tea whilst chatting to our oldest children.

During our celebrations we also enjoyed Christmas dinner whilst wearing our bright, colourful Christmas jumpers! What a wonderful way to end the term and to celebrate this very special time of the year. Thank you to everyone who joined in with our Carols Around the Tree, our children sang beautifully and, we celebrated their many talents.

We have enjoyed many events ran by FOBS this term and have already raised an amazing £2000 for our pond and sensory garden. Please read the message from Mrs Taffs on behalf of the FOBS team.

*We can share we have raised over **£2000.00** this first term, as a result of the brilliant support from across the school community!*

It's been a busy first term for the new FOBS team - starting off with a village garage sale raising funds for school, followed by a very well attended school disco, a seasonal Autumn trail around the village kindly supported by the village shop and many Braunston residences. We had a record-breaking present room, a well-supported fun Christmas glass workshop as well the Christmas fair.



Thank you to all of you who have been able to give up some spare time this term, without you we simply could not put on these events.

From all at FOBS we wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to more fun in the new year!

I wish you the happiness of Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

Reception Class – Inkpen

In Reception we have been looking at different four-sided shapes. The children have been finding different four-sided shapes in the environment and have been making their own.

We've been enjoying reading the Jolly Postman, this inspired us to make our own post box and write letters to Santa.

We can put the water on and it will go down.
Oliver

These are shapes, a circle and a square.
Arthur



Look I've made a pattern. Ben





Class 1 - Donaldson

Congratulations to all of the children for putting on a wonderful Christmas show. They all worked really hard with learning their lines, practising their dances and knowing when to come on and off stage. We were very proud of them.

This term has been a very busy term. We have worked extremely hard and loved seeing Father Christmas on Monday, who took a quick break from the North Pole to deliver some early presents to our children. We hope you all have a lovely break from school and look forward to welcoming you back with our new topic – The Great Fire of London.

I am looking forward to getting lots of presents and eating chocolate.

Roman

I like spending time with my family.

George

Christmas time is fun and I feel excited. I like the lights and decorations. It makes me feel happy!

Theo

Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have had a superb second term and really do deserve a lovely holiday now!

Apart from the amazing nativity play, where all the Ahlbergs performed at their very best, we have also been hard at work finishing our topic on Australia. The children have written reports on koalas and possums as well as compared the habitats of many different animals to find out why some animals are suited to a habitat whilst others are not.

In maths we have been working with money and any opportunities to count money or make amounts in different ways would be of great benefit over the Christmas break.

Ahlberg class also collected all their marbles for excellent behaviours at work and play.

Well done everyone and have a very happy Christmas.

See you in 2024 for more hard work!

I really liked learning about Australia, especially the koalas and possums.

Noah

I have learned so many facts about animals and their habitats.

Kingsley



I like maths because we were learning about counting coins.
Leah

Class 3 - Jamila

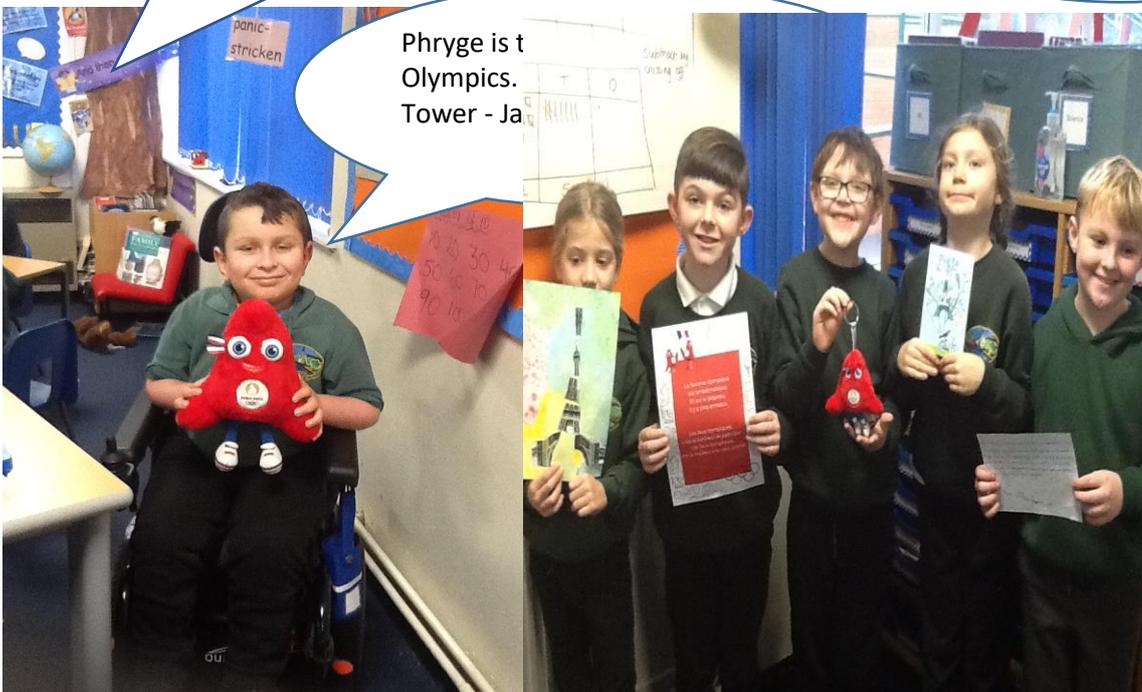
In Year 3, we have been designing and creating our own shelters for a lego figure. We evaluated various types of shelters and used what we thought about their strengths and weaknesses to design our own. We had a go at making some initial designs before creating our final pieces. Our brief was that it had to be waterproof, wind proof and be able to take a 50g weight.

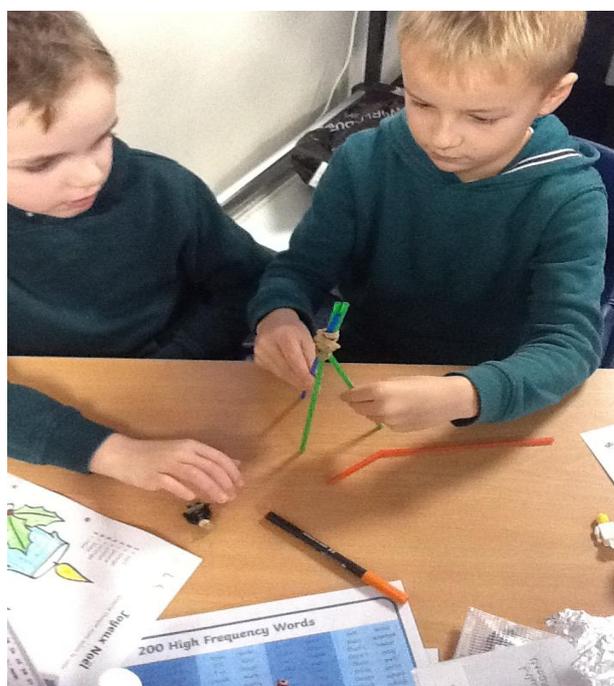
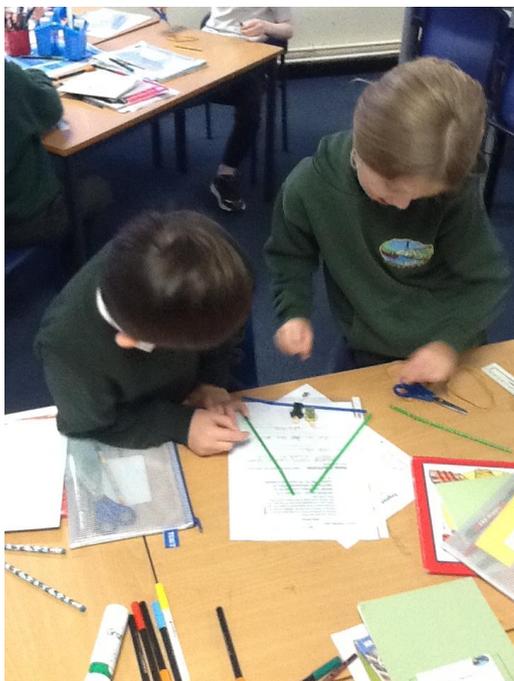
We learnt about the Eiffel Tower and how it used triangles in its design as this is a strong shape. We found out that the Eiffel Tower was built in 1889 for the World Fair and was never meant to be a permanent structure. However, it became one of the most visited sites in the world and next year will be central in the Paris Olympic Games. Our twin school in France, Ecole Sainte-Marie, have sent us our own 'Phryge' mascot for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. He is based on the Phrygian cap, a symbol of freedom and revolution and the Eiffel Tower in the style of the French artist Delaunay. Avery has visited France recently and has a big Phryge of his very own!

I am making a shelter out of different materials to protect a lego figure -
Oliver

I think tin foil will keep the wind and water out - Isaac B

Phryge is t
Olympics.
Tower - Ja





Class 4 – Morpurgo

In English, Year 4 have loved reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We have enjoyed following the different characters and exploring the land of Narnia. The children's enthusiasm and resilience to read a challenging text has been very impressive! This term, the children have continued to improve their writing skills including: speech, fronted adverbials, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. As a class, they are becoming more confident with these skills and their writing has been fantastic! In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. The children are working hard to improve their times table knowledge and are enjoying TTRockstars. In PE, we have learnt to play golf with Mr Webb and in music we have continued to play notes on the Glockenspiels. The children have worked really hard this term and Mrs Oliver is super proud of everyone!

I like playing on the glockenspiels and following the music. I get to play with my friends and we take turns.
Jacob

I love reading *The lion, the witch and the wardrobe*. I like Lucy but I am not keen on Edmund because he has betrayed his family to be friends with The White Witch. Freya

I like PE with Mr Webb. Golf has been really fun and I have been really good at the putting games. You get to work in teams and score points. Lana



Class 5 – Rowling

We have had a busy, busy few weeks... Whilst group 2 were out enjoying forest school the time, the rest of us all managed to complete our Saxon houses. We now have a Saxon village erected in our classroom which looks fabulous. Some of use even made gardens and people! After finding out about the movement of our planet within our huge solar system and researching other planets, our science topic was drawn to a close with a jam-packed trip to the National Space Centre. Some of use drove space rovers, we moved diagrams and models, watched videos and saw lots of amazing exhibits. Our knowledge of the universe has grown immensely, yet is tiny in comparison to what we could still find out about space! In English, we have used our knowledge of balanced arguments to write reports about whether or not aliens / UFOs exist and whether or not we should travel to space as tourists. It was a half and half decision in class – would you want to go? In PE, we have had so much fun being allowed to throw balls at each other! Dodgeball was a success with all improving our throwing, catching and dodging skills – but most importantly developing our co-operation with others and being respectful to others. After developing our indoor athletics skills, we put them to the test at the local area competition. Maths has been a challenge through which we have developed our skills to add and subtract fractions. Our value of resilience has certainly been shown and now we can all calculate using our equivalent fractions to help us.

The space centre was cool! I had a great time – the best part was the planetarium and we got to see a rocket. It was fun! Stanley

I enjoyed getting out lots of art materials and being creative with the different mediums. Faith

I am very proud of my Saxon house. I really enjoyed making the structures and measured the wood carefully. Pippa





Class 6 – Horowitz

Class Horowitz have been hard at work right up to the very last day of term. In history, we definitely saw some budding future lawyers during the 'Braunston Witch trials' – when past members of Braunston Village were put on



trial for using witchcraft to cause crop failures, cattle deaths and other misdemeanours. The judges were not at all lenient and there were some harsh penalties given to those proven guilty. This week they have enjoyed finding out about life during the time of Oliver Cromwell, when Britain became a Republic for a short while: we created some really persuasive broadcasts to either 'Bring Back the Monarchy and with it Christmas celebrations' or 'Keep the Puritans in Power and ban these sinful celebrations'. In English, after completing our incredible explanations based on capturing the Yellow-spotted Lizard from 'Holes', we've enjoyed performing some Christmas poetry – thinking carefully about creating rhythm and expression. In maths, as well as problem solving using our understanding of measure, we have also been polishing our mental arithmetic skills: ensuring we know our timestables and related facts with speed and accuracy.



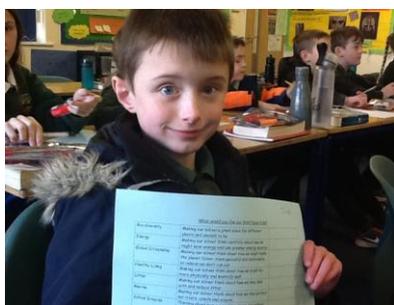
I enjoyed learning about the witch trials because I liked being in a team and performing it.
Aerinn

I enjoyed doing witch trials because we got to work as a team and coming up with ideas.
Pippa

I enjoyed doing the debate broadcast about bringing the monarchy back.
Bert

Eco-Club

Eco-Club have been busy planning out how they would like to make our school an even better place to be. They've decided together that they would like to reduce the amount of energy we are using within school and have already been on an energy inspection around the school. After discovering that there would be many ways we could reduce energy use in the school, they are now planning action – so watch this space



Football Follow-Up

Tuesday 7th November v The Grange



The girls team headed over to The Grange Primary School and had a goal scoring evening. Tilly, our goalie, had a quiet time, whilst the others were on their toes knocking goals into the back of the net. Well done to the goal scorers: Charlie, Carlene, Jessie and Faith . The goals were flooding in! Iris and Darcie both had a great first match. Well done to all players who played with a supportive and fair attitude. This gave us a 9-0 winning result to enter to the Daventry School's League. Thanks to Nick Hunter for helping Mrs Fisher coach from the sidelines.

Thursday 9th November v Kilsby

We had a few new players having a chance to play in a friendly match against local school, Kilsby. Our opposition got off to a quick start with a goal, then we replied hastily with a goal from Freddie. On slippery ground, we unfortunately went a few goals down. Toby played well in defence and was definitely Player of the Match, with his desire to fend off what he could. Jenson played out of his usual position and did well covering ground. The final result was 6-1 to Kilsby. Well done to all the team who played well and maintained our school values. Cruz, George, Albert, Franklin, Francisco and all did well. Thank you also to Bruce Wortley for setting up and refereeing down at the playing fields for us.



Wednesday 14th November v The Grange

A group of boys then headed over to The Grange Primary for their game within the league. With Jenson and James sharing the goalie position, they saved numerous goals and played their part with confidence. Defence Ben and Toby was solid as usual. Freddie, Cruz, Clayton and Sonny all played roles up front and mid-field and passed the ball well creating many chances and each scoring a goal . Isaac had his first appearance for the team and showed some good passing, as did team-mate Francisco. As per usual, sporting talents were shown but most importantly our school values were also on display, between our team and to our opposition. Congratulations on the final winning result of 4-3 to a well-deserved team.

A number of matches have been played, with a number of different players - some new and some regular - and with mixed results. Over the term, more than the usual 7 girls and 7 boys have been able to play and we are pleased with how regular team members have helped new team players develop the confidence to try. Over the academic year, more fixtures will be arranged and more opportunities may arise. Maybe even in tag-rugby!!



Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics

Thursday 30th November



We had a great time at the annual indoor athletics event at Daventry Leisure Centre, with a team of 18 year 5 & 6 boys and girls. The children ran, jumped, bounced and threw themselves to success. This is a team event and every single score from every single event from every single person gets totalled. Every child took part in 4 events: 2 track and 2 field. As a team, we secured second spot out of ten schools. A huge well done Team Braunston.



I'm ready for take-off!



I've taken off!!



I'm concentrating on success!

FOBS Glass Workshop





Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	1.12.23	8.12.23	1.12.23	8.12.23	1.12.23	8.12.23
R	Isla	Emily	Reuben	Lucas	150	150
1	Cleo		Louis		150	130
2	Rory	Abigail	Emily	Gracie-May	207	130
3	Lucas	Madalina	Elliot	Lincoln	143	173
4	Freya	Archie	Jacob	Honey	123	128
5	Violet	Francisco	Amelia	Scarlet	197	187
6	Noah	Bella	Ryan	PJ	99	135
Best Attendance 2 & 2 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	15.12.23		15.12.23		15.12.23	
R	Grayson		Oliver		160	
1	All Class 1		Ellis		180	
2	Bertie		Grace		250	
3	Lucas & Freya		Blake		247	
4	Alfie		Johannes		118	
5	Leo		James		178	
6	Alicia		Henry		179	
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Lianna Willis
Headteacher

Christmas at Braunston 2023









