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Proverbs 27:19 *As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We at Braunston, have seen some things return that we have not experienced for a while. This week, we saw our Year 5 children attend their residential – an experience that they have yet had at Braunston School. The whole school also had some maypole dancing lessons. This was so very well received and so enjoyed by the children that we are now looking at sourcing our own maypole for use throughout the year.

The summer terms brings its share of sports for Braunston Children. As a school, we look forward to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Mrs Sawyer is volunteering and is very keen to share her experiences after the event! There are many county sporting activities that we are taking part in as a result of this. Yesterday, our year 3 and 6 teams took part in the Commonwealth Quadkids and were presented with 'Perry' the Commonwealth Games 2022 mascot. On Wednesday we entered a team of 20 children into a cross country competition. We are extremely proud of every child who took part and did their very best.

We have also seen children for our newest reception intake start to come into school for stay and play sessions. These have proved very popular in allowing the children to see what their new learning environment is like and for them to meet the staff who will become their constant school adults from September.

Some of you may have noticed our latest addition – a new, accessible outdoor learning space on the KS1 playground. We must give a huge thank you to Cummins who supplied us not only with this amazing structure but also with a fantastic team who gave up their time to clear the site, lay the base and build this structure. This will give our children an additional outdoor learning space that provides protection from the elements and will make a big impact. The children were very excited to see it when they returned after the half term break.

PARKING ISSUES

As you are aware, the school has continual challenges surrounding parking during pick up and drop off times. We have been informed that a small minority of parents have been parking in the private carpark belonging to the residents of the flats on Church Road. Please do not park in the private carpark. The school is working with the Parish Council and other agencies to apply for the extension of double yellow lines on Church Road, Barby Road and Greenway. Please let me know if you are in support of this measure or if you oppose it. Please do not leave engines running as children and the school community are breathing in harmful fumes.

Reception Class – Inkpen

This term's topic is all about Pirates! Jump on board and get ready to sail off on an exciting learning journey. We have begun by sharing our thoughts on what a pirate is and what we know about them. We then wrote a list of things that



we would like to find out about them. We will be finding out who Blackbeard was and the reasons why he was such a fearful pirate! In maths, we read the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and had a go at trying to solve how many legs were in the boat. We worked with our talk partners, drawing pictures and symbols on whiteboards to help us work it out. We have continued to work on the composition of numbers by using smaller Numicon pieces to represent one larger piece. We found many different ways of making 9!

In our PSED lessons, we will be focusing on the last unit of work: No Way Through, Isn't True! In our first lesson, we considered ways how Boris the Robot could have responded to his mistakes in his story. We then thought of times that we have made mistakes and what we did to try and fix them.

This feels like a rectangle with 1 piece missing. I think it's 9 because it's got a 2 and a 2 and a 2 and a 2 with a 1 added on the end. $2+2+2+2$ is 8 and plus 1 is 9 so it's 9.

Finlay.

When I was younger, I ran away from Mummy and Daddy because I wasn't listening. I listened to them calling me and then I came back to them.

Mary.

A pirate says words like "Arggh Me Hearties!" and "Ship Ahoy!" They look through a telescope and use a map to find the treasure.

Minnie.



This boat managed to hold 46 marbles without sinking!



Theo is measuring the liquid into two equal parts – he kept tipping the liquid from one container to another, using his sight to get an equal measure.

Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have had a fantastic last few weeks. We enjoyed taking part in maypole dancing (see our video on Google Classroom).

Year 1 learnt how to play bocchia ball. We all had to roll small balls at different targets to practice. We then divided into red or blue teams to have a practice match, throwing our coloured ball at the Jack ball. It was fun to try to knock the other team's balls out of the way.

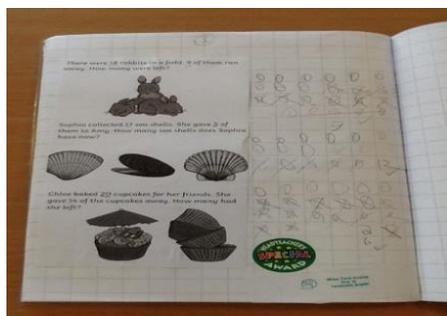
We have finally completed our seasons display. We have carefully observed each season. In autumn, winter, spring and summer we placed a hoop on the ground in the same spot so we could compare what the ground looked like over time. We named our silver birch tree, Sidney and watched how it changed over the months. We also observed the weather and recorded it on our daily weather chart.

We are really enjoying our maths topics this term. We have learnt all about money and loved sorting and counting the coins. We used our knowledge of counting in twos, fives and tens to work out the total value. We are becoming experts at solving word problems and can prove our answers by drawing the story.

I was proud when I got a passion sticker. I liked trying to hit the cone. Blake O

I tried my hardest and finally beat the red ball. Georgia

I am proud of my independent maths work. Harvey-Jack



Class 2 – Ahlberg

Year 2 have been measuring lengths, heights and mass in the past two weeks. We have learned about how to add metres and centimetres together and how lighter objects are measured in grams and heavier ones in kilograms. We have even measured our runner beans to see how much they grow in a week!

In English we have been learning about the grammar rule that even gets some adults confused – the possessive apostrophe. We will be trying to use it in our story writing next week alongside all the other spelling and grammar rules we have learned.

In science we have been finding out which exercises are the most useful to keep our whole bodies fit and next week we will be exploring the different food groups we need to eat to keep our bodies at their optimum.

In R.E. we visited All Saint's Church. Huge thanks to the parents who helped make our trip possible.

The Altar is like the table that Jesus had his last supper with his friends.
Primrose

I can find out exactly how much something weighs using the scales.
Archie



Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have come back from half term ready to complete their last few weeks as Year 3's.

In maths the children have been exploring 2d and 3d shapes and finding out about parallel and perpendicular lines. They have explored right angles and acute and obtuse angles. In English, our text has been Hansel and Gretel and the children are currently in the middle of writing their own versions of the traditional tale.

In science, we have started our new topic about nutrients and staying healthy. We have learnt about the different food groups and planned a healthy meal that has a variety of each. We will use this knowledge later in our DT project to help us plan a healthy pasta salad.

I enjoyed labelling the shapes
with their properties.

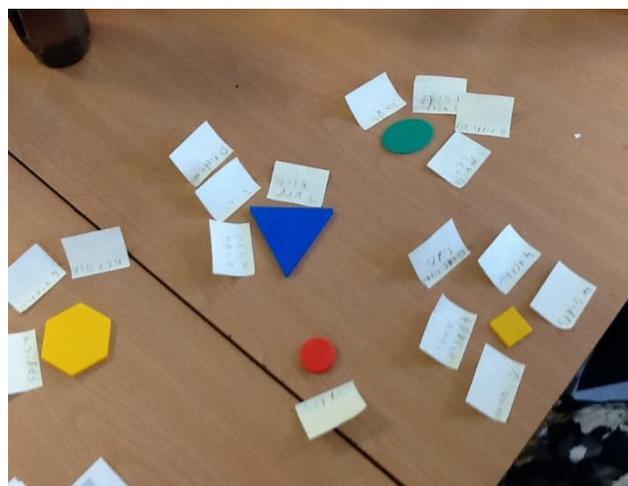
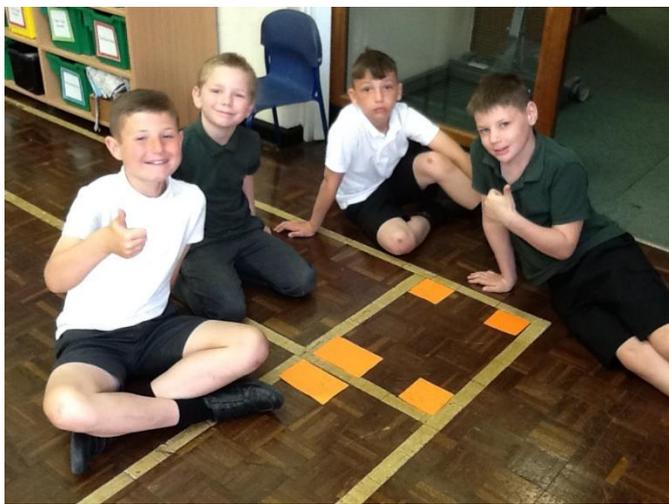
Lily

I enjoyed using the maps to
find the capital cities in
Europe.

James

I liked the Hansel and Gretel
story.

Faith



Class 4 – Morpurgo

We have had a busy few weeks in Year 4 already this term.

Year 4 enjoyed learning how to do maypole dancing. We had a dance teacher visit us in school and teach us how to do some traditional maypole dancing. It required a lot of concentration and coordination. The class were excellent and even managed to do a 'spider's web' move, very complicated! Some of the class stood still whilst their partner went under or over the ribbon. It was a great experience and the class thoroughly enjoyed it.

The other week, a few of the class were able to take part in a Tri-golf competition. This was an after-school activity and although we were not able to take a full team the children competed to a really high standard and improved during the competition. The competition involved several different golf activities, each one needing to use either a putting or chipping skill. We had been doing golf in PE lessons last term and so the children did really well.



I loved the maypole dancing because it was fun and we have never done it before. We danced with the music and all the colours made a spider web.
Alicia

I enjoyed the tri-golf competition because I was representing the school. The best thing was that it was really fun and everyone in the team cheered you on. Although we didn't get into 2nd place I am still proud of us all. Albert



Maypole dancing was fun. You got a coloured string each and a colour would go in and out and we formed a spider web.
Pippa

Class 5 – Rowing

It has been an action packed few weeks for Year 5, not only did they have the time of their lives at the residential but they've also enjoyed discovering more about the mysterious desertion of Wolfhampcote. With the sun shining on every day of the residential, the children and staff really made the most of their time at The Frontier Centre: they threw themselves into raft building, canoeing, walking and even climbing. There were laughs and smiles from the moment they arrived and they even got to enjoy birthday cake!

Back at school, they have been fascinated by how Wolfhampcote changed from a once thriving village and have been researching events in Medieval Britain that may have led to its abandonment. It was great walking down to Wolfhampcote: picturing how it may have looked in the Middle Ages and considering our theories for desertion. Nobody knows for sure so one of our theories could quite possibly be correct.



I really enjoyed considering what the church looked like in Medieval Times. I find it amazing that so many people once lived in Wolfhampcote and think it was probably deserted because crops failed and people had to move.

Harrison

I enjoyed the rock climbing and the raft building and even the sing along we had on the bus.

Bella

Building rafts was brilliant – I particularly enjoyed falling in the river and getting really muddy.

Javier

Class 6 – Horowitz

Year 6 have had an action packed week with a trip out and a visit.

Horowitz ventured out to the pocket park in Braunston this week in the glorious sunshine; led by Mr Mawer, the children spent the morning learning about how each section of the pocket park is used: the field, wooded area, gardens and allotment. We were particularly impressed with the children's knowledge of vegetables and identifying what was growing from just the leaf. After a brief relax on the village green, the children took part in a tree identification mission and we completed the morning imagining and visualising how the landscape and sounds have changed over 3000 years. We are so grateful to Bob, Richard and Alan for volunteering and running this outing for us. Now it is Year 6's turn to take over and create their masterpieces based on this experience to enter into the Gallie Prize Project...we can't wait to see the entries!

We were delighted to have a team from Cummins come to work with Year 6 on Wednesday morning. The children had to draw what they thought an engineer looked like and then we thought about the job of an engineer and what Cummins do as a company. The children then embarked on three tasks:

The bridge building task –to make a bridge from 12 pieces of paper and a sticky tape to withstand two books.

The ordering task - a number task where the children had to find the numbers in order on a page in 30secs.

The spot the difference and spot the fault task - spotting the difference between machine parts when one was broken or faulty.

The children had a great morning, which was also used to discuss International Woman in Engineering Day, which was celebrated on Thursday 23rd June.

I enjoyed when Cummins came in because all the activities that we did were great fun!
Lily S

The engineering morning was fun and I really enjoyed the bridge building.
Calen

I liked expanding my knowledge about the Pocket Park – it was fun and interesting.
McKenzie





We have been delighted by the number of Sunflower Plants still in the competition at this stage: we are thoroughly enjoying the children's updates and are astounded that the leading sunflower was 2m 30 cm at the last checkpoint. Well done, not only to Jonathan who's currently in the lead, but also all those children who have persevered with the challenge. Don't forget the penultimate checkpoint is 18th July!

Year 3 and 6 attended a special sporting event on Wednesday 23rd June. The teams all embraced the Commonwealth Values as part of their whole day programme of sport. Their attitude and sportsmanship were outstanding. Both teams were presented with their own Commonwealth Mascot 'Perry', who is the official mascot of Birmingham 2022.

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	10.6.22	17.6.22	10.6.22	17.6.22	
R	Kingsley	William	Luke	Rory	
1	Blake	Sergio	Leo	Georgia	
2	Thea	Mikey	Amanat	Ellie	
3	James	Ellie-May	Riley	Leo	
4	Fiorenzo	Noah	Madison	Fearne	
5	George	Jess	Alfie	Logan	
6	Oscar	Charlie	Lily	Jonathan	



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Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards
	24.6.22		24.6.22		
R	Abigail		Gracie-May		
1	Georgia & Oliver		Leo		
2	Tiffany		Archie		
3	Pippa		Toby		
4	Aerinnwen		Bay		
5	Javier		Logan		
6	McKenzie		Sienna		
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Best wishes,

Lianna Willis
Headteacher

