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'We do not learn from experience, we learn from reflecting on experience' John Dewey

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I have reflected on previous months and thought about what we have achieved and how far we have come. School life has a new normality and Covid is now 'just' part of that. Teaching and learning has continued with the children experiencing an exciting curriculum that enthuses and inspires them. We have restarted key school events such as the summer fair and welcomed our community back fully into school. We are very proud of achieving Sportsmark Gold.

Thank you all for being part of our Braunston family and working in partnership with us for the benefit of your child. I also want to thank all the children and all the staff without whom, Braunston would not be the school it is. I wish you all a restful and relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming you back on 5th September, 2022.

Reception Class – Inkpen

We were so proud of our children's dancing at the school fete – we thought they did tremendously well! As well as all that dancing practise, Reception have also been very busy in class learning about Andy Warhol and thinking about what art is. We came up with some great suggestions including "making things, printing and liking /not liking something." We have been inspired by his pop art prints of famous people and are having a go with printing our own prints using the image of Queen Elizabeth II, who we learnt about in the run up to her Platinum Jubilee! We are looking forward to seeing the finished results in our final week of school.

In Literacy, we have been reading 'Here Be Monsters!' and have used our imaginations to visualise our own fiendish monsters lurking beyond the MIST! We have then been learning how to edit our work by using some adjectives to up-level our sentences. We are certainly showing that we are Year 1 ready!

You can maybe use pipe cleaners to connect together to make a piece of art.

Abigail.

Andy Warhol uses lots of bright colours and repeats the same picture in his work.

Polly.

We could use tentacles instead of legs!

Bertie.



Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have had an exciting few weeks. We all thoroughly enjoyed sports day, with perfect weather. Year 1 were fantastic sports people, trying their very best in their races and cheering not only for their house teams but also for everyone who took part. Having our families there to cheer us on made it even more special this year.

Year 1 have spent three days this week as Year 2. It was really useful to experience the new classroom, to meet our new teachers and teaching assistants and to learn the new routines and expectations of year 2. We continued the work we have been doing in year 1 learning all about the different types of animals and how we can tell the difference between animals such as mammals, fish, birds and amphibians. We had a real fish in the classroom and examined it closely as scientists looking at the gills, scales and fins. Most of us were brave enough to touch it.

We finished the week with a fantastic Friday, swimming in the morning and having our treat afternoon with a film and a snack.

The fish had its gills on the side of its neck, it was slimy and cold to touch.

Freya

I loved the running race, I am fast and I like running.

Leo

It was fun cheering for the Gongoozlers.

Georgia





Class 2 – Ahlberg

Ahlbergs have been learning all about World War 1. We have traced a soldier from his work on a farm in Braunston to the front line in France in 1916. The children have been fascinated to learn about the conditions in the trenches and what life was like for a soldier during this time. We are also learning about what life was like in Braunston between 1914 - 1918 and we have all really enjoyed looking at old photographs of the village.

Year 2 have told me how much they have enjoyed 'practising' being year 3s this week and Mrs Wright has been amazed by their wonderful handwriting. The play equipment at the top playground has been a huge hit for all of them – they told me they loved it!

I need to say how much Year 2's swimming has improved. I am so proud of the advances they have made and how confident they have become.

Well done Year 2 – you are sensational!

I can see where the bullets have hit the helmet and because it is made of metal it protected the soldier.
Max – when looking at WWI artefacts.

You can learn history from coins because they have the date and a picture of the queen on them.
Freya

I can swim without a float!
Aston
(Having just swam 5 metres unaided!)

Class 3 - Jamila

Year 3 have had an amazing last few weeks in Year 3. They have been working hard with everything they have been doing.

In English, they have finished their work off on Hansel and Gretel by writing a letter from either character, explaining what had happened. In Maths they have finished off their Year 3 maths work by exploring mass and capacity. The children have explored the continent of Europe in Geography and discovered the counties and their capital cities as well as the regions of Europe.

The children had a very enjoyable day taking part in the Commonwealth games activities, which were run by the Year 6 children.

We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing the children again in September once they are Year 4.



I enjoyed sports day.
James

In the commonwealth games, you were able to complete all of your favourite sports.
Violet

I enjoyed going to the athletics as even though I am not always very good I enjoyed taking part.
Gracie



Class 4 – Morpurgo

Year 4, have had a very busy term!



We have been working very hard to learn all our times tables for the Year 4 assessment. Mrs Oliver and Mr Pryce were super proud of the children's perseverance and determination. What fantastic mathematicians! We also enjoyed learning our dance for the fete, showing off our creative skills and teamwork. In English, we have been showcasing our knowledge of fronted adverbials, speech punctuation and conjunctions. In maths, we have learnt the different types of triangles and explored symmetry. The children have worked really hard this term and we are so proud of their achievements, this year. We wish them a very lovely summer break and all the best for Year 5.



Class 5 – Rowling

Since the excitement of our residential, we have experienced a mixture of hard work and exercise. In maths, we have been making and exploring 3d shapes; in English we have been diary writing and immersing in the poem, 'The Listeners'; and have been learning how to weave in art.

We thoroughly enjoyed the school Commonwealth day through which many of our class helped to organise and run activities that included hockey, netball, athletics, cricket and rugby. In the classroom, we continued with learning about The Commonwealth Games through active treasure hunts, active wordsearches and anagrams. Also, it was great learning about the art of Taekwondo. Charlotte showed us her talents and was great at demonstrating. I think the children enjoyed having the opportunity of being allowed to kick their teacher!

We have also had some time looking forward to next year and meeting our new teachers. We all considered the qualities they would like to see in us and we considered what we like from them too. We have made some word bricks to construct into a wall in the cloakroom.

It was fun taking part and even better running the activities (the Commonwealth day)

Iszy

I enjoyed weaving and am looking forward to making my final piece.
Dylan

I enjoy Taekwondo out of school and it was great demonstrating to the class. It made me feel good.
Charlotte



Class 6 – Horowitz

For the penultimate week of term, Year 6 spent 3 days and 2 nights on their residential trip to the Rock Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. With beautiful weather and many tasks and activities ahead of them, the children were excited on the coach as to what challenges they would be facing and what they would be eating for their meals!

During their time at the centre, the children took part in raft building; canoeing (where many ended up in the water!); a walk to Stanwick Lakes; aerial adventures; the adventure pit and play; team dynamics and the high ropes. They also had time for rounders, football and Frisbee matches. The children had a fantastic time with many overcoming fears and showing amazing resilience when they found an activity challenging.

They were then back to school and for many their last day at Braunston School. They were able to have their t-shirts signed by many children and took part in the Leavers' assembly, which displayed the children talents and achievements throughout their time at the school.

Year 6, we wish you all the very best at your new schools and for your future ahead.

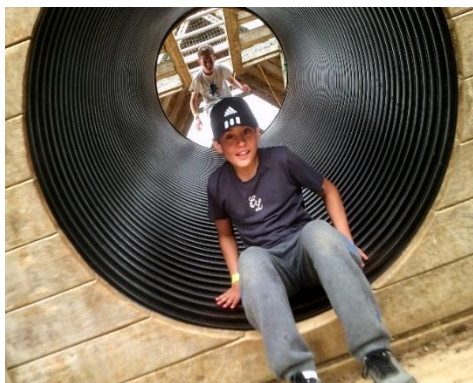
My favourite activity was raft building because I had lots of fun making and using the rafts.
Oscar

My favourite part of the residential was the high ropes and the leap of faith because I caught the bar.

Lily C-G

My favourite part of the residential was when the instructor wiggled our raft until everyone fell off.
Brooke





| Pupil of the Week | | | Our School Value | | Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards |
|---|----------------|-------------|------------------|--------|---|
| | 1.7.22 | 8.7.22 | 1.7.22 | 8.7.22 | |
| R | Grace / Inkpen | | Finlay | | |
| 1 | Freya | Whole Class | Madalina | Tobey | |
| 2 | James | Alfie | Florence | Lottie | |
| 3 | Annaliese | Franklin | Adam | Violet | |
| 4 | Merin | Darcey | Lacie-Mai | Ryan | |
| 5 | Georgia | Chloe | Charlotte | Ethan | |
| 6 | Imogen | Braidie | Frazer | Brooke | |
| Best Attendance 4 & 1 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school) | | | | | |
| Pupil of the Week | | | Our School Value | | Playground Behaviour & Top Table Awards |
| | 15.7.22 | | 15.7.22 | | |
| R | | | | | |
| 1 | Oliver & May | | Harvey-Jack | | |
| 2 | Oliver | | Jacob | | |
| 3 | Gracie | | Sonny | | |
| 4 | Peter | | Jessie | | |
| 5 | Georgia | | Callum | | |
| 6 | Year 6 | | Year 6 | | |
| Best Attendance 6 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school) | | | | | |

Best wishes,

Lianna Willis
Headteacher

