

Year 5 Residential

This half term Year 5 will be going on their residential! This will take place from **Monday 29th April - 3rd May** to the Isle of Wight. A wide range of activities have been planned for the week including visiting Queen Victoria's house, Isle of Wight's famous needles and even a theme park!

I know that both staff and students are very excited!



Big Friend/Little Friend

In Year 6, each child is paired with a Foundation child and are each other's Big Friend/Little Friend. Throughout the year they have opportunities to spend some time together and enjoy each other's achievements.

Both Foundation Stage and Year 6 are very special years in school, one starting education and one moving on to the next step; it's a wonderful chance for our Year 6s to reflect on just how far they have come throughout their time with us.

This half term, both year groups have been working incredibly hard, Year 6 were invited to come and view some of their Little Friend's work and to watch a premiere of a film they had made. It received wonderful reviews!



Our Trip to Duxford

The Duxford trip was a wonderful success, thank you once again for all of the support that you gave towards it. We deem real life experiences to be at the forefront of learning and like to offer as many opportunities to do this for your children as we can!

Seeing the equipment and the resources that were available to people during the Second World War was shocking to some of the children, growing up in a technological age makes it hard to understand just what life must have been like and it was lovely to see them make connections between classroom learning and the real artefacts!

The children were magnificently behaved and respectful throughout the day- we received many compliments on them - they did the school, and yourselves proud!

Thank you for reading our Summer Newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Niemi, Upper Key Stage 2 Area Leader.

Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2019



Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer Term.

This half term we have a range of exciting activities and learning opportunities that are taking place and the whole of the Upper Key Stage Two are looking forward to this over the next few weeks.

A drink of water will help your child to maintain focus in the classroom! During lessons, children can take a drink from their water bottles. Please ensure that this is named and available daily for your child. It need not be an expensive contraption, a refillable plastic bottle is just perfect!

Break time Snacks must be either fruit, vegetables or hard cheese. Children will not be permitted to take any other snack onto the playground.

Can we also remind you to ensure that your child has a hat in school to wear on sunny days. This must also be named.

Trips:

Thank you so much for the support that you give our trips. We value extra curricular visits at Broughton Fields and recognise and celebrate everything that they bring and mean to the children. The behaviour on the trip to Duxford was exemplary, thank you to your wonderful children!

Year 6, please keep your eyes open for details on the End of School trip! It's being finalised at the minute and as soon as we have the final details, we will pass them on!



Dates for your diary...

April

Value - Positivity

Monday 22nd - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd - Children back in school

Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May - Year 5 Residential

May

Value - Patience

Monday 6th - Bank Holiday

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATs Week

Wednesday 22nd - Fabulous Finish

Thursday 23rd - Reward Evening @ 5:30pm - 7:00pm

May Half Term:

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

School open to pupils Tuesday 3rd June

Please check the school website for any up-dates on dates and events happening in school.



Transition to Secondary School

It doesn't quite feel right to say that in a mere matter of weeks, our Year 6 pupils will be waving us goodbye and moving on up to secondary school! This year has certainly raced by and I hope that all the children are already getting themselves excited at the prospect of being in Year 7 next year.

Of course, it is perfectly normal for the children to be experiencing some nervousness and apprehension about what lies ahead. We all want the children to be as prepared as possible for their next adventure so that they can look forward with nothing but happy memories and a passion to continue to strive for their goals. Throughout their time at Broughton Fields, we talk about the 'Broughton Values', and whilst, at the time, the children may wonder what this means for them, we know that every Broughton Fielder will take with them all of these values as a little part of themselves as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

With Oakgrove as our nearest Secondary, we have organised some transition events and visits to take place during the next term. Although for some children, Oakgrove is not their next destination, they will still benefit from taking part in some of these events, to get a flavour for the whole experience of life at Secondary School.

In the summer term, we will undertake a visit to the English department so that children can experience the expectations of a secondary level English lesson, working in conjunction with the Oakgrove English Department. Each of these visits will also enable the children to begin familiarising themselves with the school building as well as to experience some secondary school English work.

Transition days then take place whereby the children spend a day at their new secondary school to begin making new friends and to settle their nerves about what it is going to be like to be a Year 7. You should hear directly from your child's secondary as to when this will be.

With all this excitement, we do understand that many of the children will have lots of questions and, as always, we will be available to answer as many of these as possible. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any Year 6 teacher.

Year 6 SATs - Showing your very best.

We were very pleased to see many of you at the SATs Information evening last term. We hope that the information given answered many questions for you and we are confident that the children now know what to expect, following the mock SATs week that took place recently.

Of course, with so much focus on the upcoming test week, we do just ask that the children work hard to show their best. It is an opportunity for them to show off all the things they have learnt since Year 3. We do hope that the children are feeling confident in themselves and are always available to provide reassurance and guidance to ensure that the children do not undergo any unnecessary stress.

One of the things we do expect, is that your child has opened and made good use of the revision packs you may have purchased for them. This should not take up hours upon hours, but is best used little and often and especially when the children can work with an adult to consolidate their thinking. Again, we are always happy to look at any of the children's work and would urge them to bring in any additional work they complete to proudly share.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to work hard to revise in school and, as explained at the SATs Information Evening, the children's writing will continue to be a focus as this all forms important evidence for Teacher Assessment.

Our engaging curriculum - North America

We always aim to engage and inspire our children with their topics. Here, we explain what they can all look forward to during this term.

English:

This half term, Year 5 are exploring persuasive writing, through identifying the impact of emotive language, parentheses, power of 3 and rhetorical questions. Once confident in all of these areas, we will build our own persuasive texts based on a range of stimuli.

In Year 6 we will also be studying poetry, we are going to be studying specific devices, such as personification, hyperbole, similes and metaphors and symbolism in order to create powerful imagery.

Maths:

In Year 5, we will continue to investigate angles and how we can measure them, followed by learning about features of shapes. To facilitate learning, will complete a range of practical hands on activities to ensure all children have mastered each concept.

In Year 6, the children will continue to consolidate their learning throughout Key Stage 2, applying this to and solving a wide range of problems. They will apply their maths vocabulary when answering different maths problems.

Science:

Year 5 will be investigating forces through a range of practical experiments and tests. During the unit we will be exploring gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction and consolidating our learning through the use of graphs.

Year 6 will be revising everything that we have learnt throughout this year, knowing the importance of returning to previous learning to ensure that it is embedded. We will then go on to study electricity - children will have the opportunity to build and create their own circuits as well as solving problems in context,

such as how to create a set of traffic lights that will enable continual flow of traffic without any holdups!

Geography:

Next half term has a geographical focus, we will be learning all about North America concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.

Art & DT:

Next half term, year 5 and 6 will be creating a piece of art to represent a North American landscape. The children will study the work of other artists and then will have to carefully select the medium they wish to use in order to reflect the desired mood of their work.

Physical Education:

This term, children will develop their athletic abilities. We are sure the children will enjoy the active lessons, and hope that they find an activity where they are excited to compete at the Sports Day

Music:

Both year 5 and 6 are going to be learning the songs for Matilda, we will be studying the music behind it as well as ensuring we can achieve the harmonies (and speed) that the songs require! We are so very excited to put on this production for you, both year groups are musically talented and already sound great!

French:

Year 5 will be looking at the seasons and the weather and delving into Greek Myths as we look at the story of Persephone.

In Year 6 will be thinking about holidays and going out and about as we learn about clothes, money, timetables and leisure time.

Year 5 and 6 Performance

The staff in Year 5 and 6 are busy thinking about the Year 5 and 6 performance, which will take place in June

At the moment, we are looking into putting on a performance of Matilda!

I know many of you have helped with providing costumes in the past. Once your child has been assigned a character, we will let you know the costume that will need to be provided.

If any of you would be willing to provide any other costumes for some of the lead roles (if you have anything at home) it would be very much appreciated. Please contact a member of the Upper Key Stage Two staff.

