



# BRAMLEY VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Every Child Every Day**

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## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bramley Vale Primary,

### Summer (Term) has arrived!

Spring Term was a blur and the Summer Term is looking no less packed. A new Family Events Calendar is coming out (v2 already) with this issue and last week you will have had class newsletters, homework challenge sheets and details on this half-term's topic. Art is the focus this half-term and we will be aiming to ensure a broad range of art skills and knowledge is developed – weaving, sculpting, painting and drawing will all be in action.



There is lots happening in and out of school so please keep looking out for updates and messages as we provide details around the events listed on the calendar.



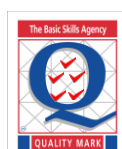
This is also the final term for our current Year 6 children. Mr Grafton and team are working hard with final preparations for the KS2 SAT tests, which commence the day after the King's Coronation. The attitude of this group of children has been first rate all year and they can be proud of themselves.

Developments continue in the Early Years provision with the new outside learning space and assault course blocks. The finishing touches, of the musical and drawing boards, were installed this week. If anyone has experience of laying artificial grass please let us know. We have some more to fit inside the stage area.

Well done to the Green Influencers whose positive action in writing to regional and local government officials has seen a new bin installed at the bottom of the passage leading up to school. I would personally like to thank Tricia Clough and Lisbeth Adetts, who are Parish Council members, for driving home this initiative to help stop littering.



We still need a new home for the school piano and have lots of large (red) and small (blue) chairs to give away. Please contact Lydia if you would like the piano or some chairs.



## On placement – future teachers

We have four students on placement currently and all are making a valued contribution to the progress of the children's learning. We have much to do and writing remains a focus. Working in Mr Stoppard's class are Miss Gingell & Miss Jerram from Derby University. From Nottingham Trent University we have Miss Lambert working in Miss Carnelley's class and Miss Ford who is working alongside Mrs Fay.

## Bramley Vale Stars!

Certificates have been handed out in assembly and this half-term's value is 'Creativity.'

This week:

- Mr Grafton's Class – on trip
  - Mrs Foley's Class – Riah
  - Mr Stoppard's Class – Miles
  - Mrs Fay's Class – Ethan
- Mrs Carnelley's Class – Emilia
  - Mrs Foston's Class – Bran
  - Lunchtime Award – Hughie
  - Kindness Award – girl power collective

Last week:

- Mr Grafton's Class – Emily
  - Mrs Foley's Class – Travis
  - Mr Stoppard's Class – Oliver H
  - Mrs Fay's Class – Lottie
- Mrs Carnelley's Class – Hughie
  - Mrs Foston's Class – Reef
  - Lunchtime Award – Theo G
  - Kindness Award – Matilda

## Sporting Success



We have started this term on a real high. The Upper Key Stage 2 Sport Hall Athletics team placed second in the WHOLE of Derbyshire for small schools. It was an intense afternoon of competition and we needed to recruit Travis last minute to support. The whole team have been on a journey together and we are very proud of their achievement.



We also placed second in the Lower Key Stage 2 Triathlon event at Pleasley Vale. This featured KMX Carts, running and rowing as a team. The competition was



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friendly and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> came down to 14 seconds across all events. Crashing into the island, rather than rowing around it may have been a contributing factor. It was a lovely sunny day and good fun.

We have lots of sporting fixtures coming up this term, particularly cricket. We also need to conclude

the intra-school football tournament and run the annual cross-country event. The building work has still not been given a definite start date but will almost certainly impact on the arrangements for the Tough Runner and Sports Day event.

## DAaRT Time and more

As part of the Year 6 transition work package, all Year 6 children will start a ten-session training programme called DAaRT (Drugs, Alcohol and Resilience Training). This training is through LifeSkills Education - [Drugs, Alcohol and Resilience Training - Life Skills Education Charity](#)



The Year 6 children will start Enterprise work after SATs and also have Fire Safety and First Aid training. Level 2 Bikeability for some and the chance for some to attend computing sessions at West Notts College. Not a bad final Summer Term!

## Safeguarding

Last Friday we had a serious incident involving a child being able to leave the Early Years building after being dropped off. We have reviewed our systems, but I have been clear with all staff that conversations with families in the morning are not allowed. We are not wishing to be rude, but vigilance must be maintained. Please leave messages with the staff member on the main gate or call/visit the office. You can also use Tapestry to pass on messages.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Rumsby