Braywood News

Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

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'For with God nothing shall be impossible' Luke 1:37.

Our Values: Kindness, Courage, Curiosity

Remembrance Service



We were very proud to have our Head Girl and Head Boy represent Braywood CE First School at the Remembrance Service. They placed our wreath at the cenotaph as we remembered all those who have died for their country.



School Council

Our new school council held their first meeting to discuss Rules, Values and Houses. They agreed that they would like to raise the profile of our School Houses including their names and will now go through the democratic process of consulting their classes.



Y3 Ufton Court

Oak class enjoyed a chilly trip to Ufton Court to experience life in the Neolithic period. The children took part in many activities:



"I enjoyed using my hunting skills to try to catch a real pheasant!" – Artie
"I liked being part of the group to try and put the final stone in the stone circle. It was hard work!" – Darcie
"I took great care when I was dusting off the dirt from the artefacts we dug!"- Ariya
"I enjoyed creeping around trying to catch Ms Anderson who was pretending to be a deer in the forest!"- Zack

Y4 Ufton Court



On Wednesday 4th November Mighty Oaks visited Ufton Court in Reading as part of their topic 'Ancient Egypt'.

First, they enjoyed an Embalming and Mummification workshop where the children role played as Ancient Egyptians pretending to embalm and mummify an Egyptian Pharoah.

Next, it was time to investigate how Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife impacted their burials. We learned about some of the difficulties they faced on their journey to the afterlife by playing some fun outdoor challenge games (e.g. 'Crossing the Netherland' using their topic knowledge of the Egyptian Book of the Dead.)

Happy School Bags

Please remember to bring in your bags of clothes on Tuesday 1st December for collection. The more we collect, the more funds we will raise for the school!

Braywood Post!



Following a kind donation of a post box from Centrica, children will be able to post their Christmas cards to each other at school. Santa's little helpers in Year 4 will then sort and deliver the mail!

PTA CHRISTMAS UPDATE 🎄



🎄 BRAYWOOD CHRISTMAS NAUGHTY ELF DAY - FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 🎄

Get Ready for a little festive fun at Braywood!
On Friday 4th December, we're inviting all children to take part in our Christmas Naughty Elf Day!

Children can come to school wearing a Christmas accessory of their choice. Get creative! It could be:

* Something festive in their hair
* Stripy or Christmas-themed socks

* A Christmas headband or festive hat
* Any other fun Christmas accessory!

(Please note: Christmas jumpers are being saved for our Christmas lunch day - Tuesday 15th December - so please leave those at home for now but do make a note in your diary!)

We're asking for a donation per child (so if you'd like to donate £1 or £5 or £10, everything helps).

Bring cash in on the day 💰

There will be plenty of Naughty Elf activities and festive fun throughout the school day, so the children can enjoy all the Christmas mischief! (Not to be shared with the children: an elf will be joining the children on the day!)

A few things to remember:

* Usual school drop-off time.
* Usual school collection time.
* All activities will take place during the normal school day, so no changes to the school routine.

We're also planning a Christmas Family Event at school on Friday 11th December, 3pm – 4.30pm.

Parents and families are warmly invited to come along and enjoy a festive afternoon with their children. It will be a lovely opportunity to get together and enjoy some Christmas fun as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We can't wait to see everyone getting into the Christmas spirit! 🤓

Easy Fund Raising

With Christmas just around the corner, could we please remind you to try and use Easyfundraising every time you shop online. This is a fantastic way to raise money for the school at no cost to yourself. If you haven't signed up already, you can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/braywoodfirstschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2

Every little bit counts!

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Cole

Headteacher

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
Benjamin Franklin

Dates for this Year

Date	Event
Monday 21st September	Reception First Class photo – Maidenhead Advertiser
Monday 28th September	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 30th September	Windsor Festival String Ensemble
Friday 2nd October	Bikeability Level 1 Y4
Tuesday 6th October	Harvest Festival Food Line-up
Friday 9th October	Nursery and YR Farm Visit
Wednesday 14th October	Y4 Singing to Bray Senior Citizens
Wednesday 14th October	Y1 visit to St Michael's Church, Bray
Wednesday 14th October	Y2 visit to Brooklands Air Museum
Friday 16th October	Reception Tour
Thursday 22nd October	Rock Steady Concert Assembly
Friday 23rd October	PTA Halloween Party
Friday 23rd October	End of Term
	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Term starts
Wednesday 4th November	Y3 & Y4 Ufton Court Trip
Thursday 5th November	Reception Tour
Monday 9th November	Braiswick Photography
Tuesday 17th November	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 pm
Thursday 19th November	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.00 pm
Friday 20th November	Y3 Ukulele Concert 2.30 pm
Wednesday 25th November	Reception Tour
Friday 27th November	YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 Perform Workshop am
Friday 27th November	Y3/Y4 Road Safety pm
Friday 4th December	PTA Naughty Elf Day
Friday 11th December	Rock Steady Concert (invite only) 2.30pm
Friday 11th December	PTA Christmas Family Event 3.00 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 15th December	School Christmas Lunch and jumper day
Wednesday 16th December	School trip to Braywick Pantomime (YR-Y4)
Friday 18th December	Nativity Church Service, St Michael's Bray, 1.00pm finish
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 4th January	**INSET Day**
Tuesday 5th January	Term starts
Wednesday 20th January	Y4 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 27th January	Y3 Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 12th February	End of Term
	HALF TERM
Monday 22nd February	Term starts
Tuesday 16th March	Book Fair
Thursday 25th March	Easter Church Service, St Michael's Bray, 1.00 pm finish
	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 12th April	Term starts
Wednesday 5th May	Y2 Sharing Assembly 9.00 am

What Braywood PTA has achieved

Raised since 15 April

£4,873.12
raised through fundraising

£1,495
invested in a school smart screen

5 laptops
donated through Centrica, at no cost

Raised by event (£)



From January 2027

The PTA will no longer be in place to run every event. As agreed at the AGM on 9 November, a formal PTA committee will be in place to oversee, but each year group will organise one school event each school year, with parent committees being formed, which will in turn share the workload throughout the year. More info in the next newsletter.

Event	Year group responsible	Provisional date
Valentines	Nursery & Reception	
Easter	Year 1	
May fun run	Year 3	
Talent show	Year 4	
Summer Fair	Year 2	

Also planned

£75 towards a naughty elf professional performer for Naughty Elf Day on 4 Dec

Nursery smart screen, funded from money already held

Classroom widget, expected to cost a couple of hundred pounds, funded from money already held

Priority: sport

School sports funding is being removed next year, so we feel a good proportion of the money we raise should go towards sport.

We'd like your feedback. Please tell us on the form.

For awareness: this update will also appear in the next newsletter.