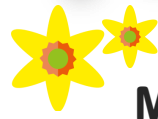




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Message from Amelia Smith

Dear parents/carers,

I cannot do anything other than start this newsletter without mentioning the death of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of

96. Whatever your beliefs, it cannot be denied that she has had a remarkable impact on the nation and has

committed her life to serve others. There will be many memories of the Queen and her reign will be talked about a lot in the coming weeks. One of my lasting memories will be how she always led by example, even in the most challenging of circumstances. She was a real leader. We now have a King who will be known as Charles III. Guidance from the Cabinet Office has now confirmed that the State Funeral will be on Monday 19 September 2022. This day will be a Bank Holiday and Braunstone Frith Primary Academy will be closed on this day as a mark of respect.

At Braunstone Frith we have had a fantastic start to the academic year after a very sunny summer holiday. Staff were very excited to be back to welcome all back to school. The children have settled really well into their new classes, now called CREWS (you will hear more about this) and there is lots of learning happening.

Over the summer we have had quite a bit of work completed in school. Mr

Lawrence has taken up the old tyres and grassed the new area, we have

had a new running track laid on the field to support us running the daily mile, and the KS2 hall windows have been tinted to help us manage the sun. We are in the process of installing a new bike rack at the KS1 gate and just awaiting a delivery of concrete.

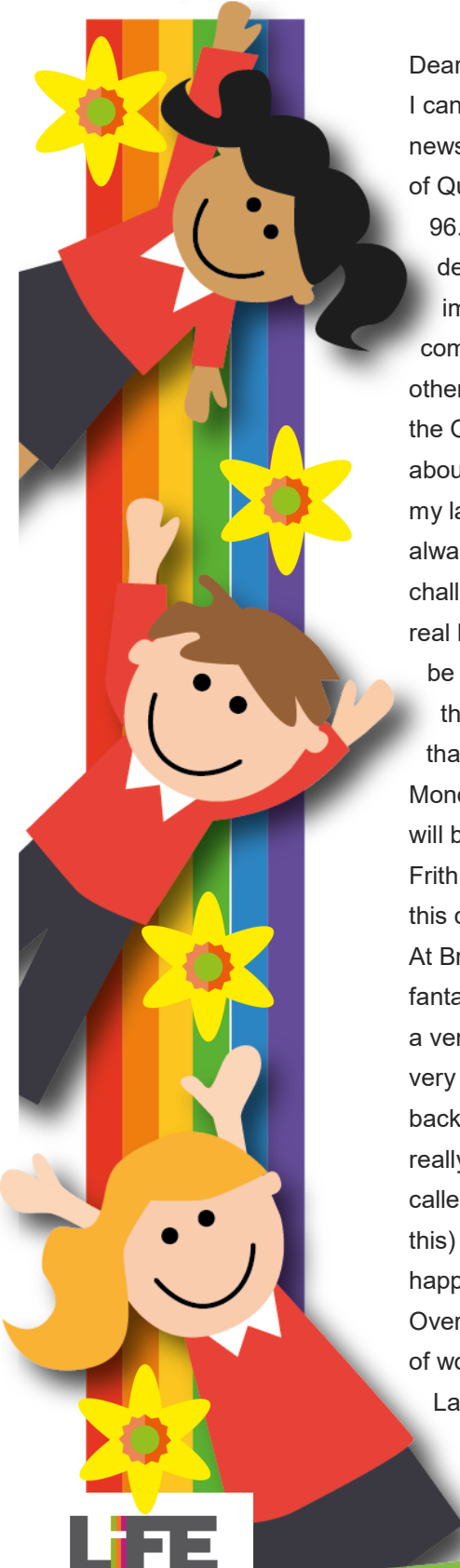
Mrs Thomas has revamped the whole school library which is located in the KS1 area and has done an amazing job. We now have also introduced a new phonics scheme that builds on what we already do but has higher expectations. There will be parent meetings about our new phonics teaching and new parents can help so please keep an eye out for these.

And finally from me...

We will be holding an open afternoon for parents to meet your child's new teacher but are having a few problems with dates. We asked you before the summer if you would like to return to these and there was an overwhelming majority of support. Watch out for news about this - it won't be long!

We very much look forward to welcoming you

Amelia Smith



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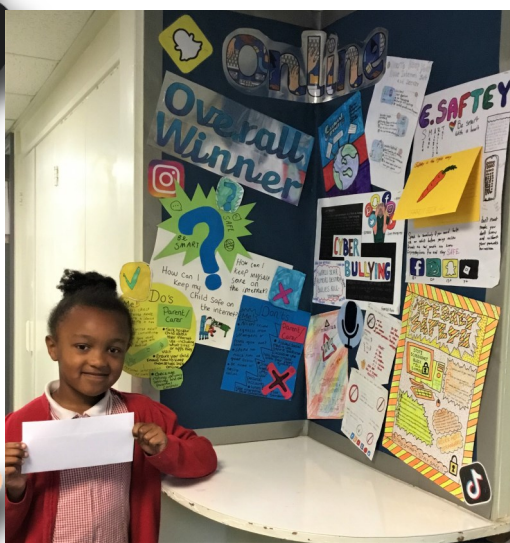


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E-Safety Finalist

Well done to Jamilia for coming second in a competition with other primary school students across Leicester who created posters for online safety.

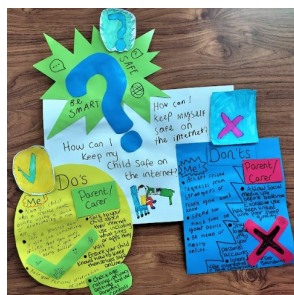
The Leicester Safer Internet Poster Competition saw 11 schools throughout Leicester make hundreds of posters alerting children to use the internet safely and the schools nominated one 'champion' each to be considered for the top prize.



Braunstone Frith Primary Academy selected Jamilia's artwork which featured do's and don'ts of using the internet safely.

Over 2,500 parents from across Leicester voted and Jamilia's design came second - with Jamilia being rewarded with a £25 Amazon voucher.

Congratulations to Jamilia and to all students who took part!



Welcome New Staff

At Braunstone Frith Primary Academy we look forward to introducing new members of staff and this week we feature Mrs George, the new PA to Headteacher and Operations Manager.



Mrs George says that her favourite memories of primary school "has got to be making up dance routines to the Spice

Girls with my friends in the playground - I was always Sporty Spice. I also enjoyed it when the whole school sang together, there is something really special about everyone singing in unison."

In Mrs George's spare time she likes "doing fun activities with my family. In the summertime we love being outside walking, riding bikes and most importantly, eating picnics. As it gets colder we like to watch films and drink hot chocolate. My main hobby is crafting and making, my latest project has been a life-sized parrot costume for my brother!"

"I am really enjoying life at Braunstone Frith Primary Academy so far, I have been warmly welcomed by everyone I've come across. For it to be such a friendly and helpful atmosphere for new staff, we must be making our children, new and returning, feel so welcome here too. I am looking forward to meeting everyone properly and getting to know everyone better."

Welcome to the team, Mrs George!



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New Term Updates

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and it has been a pleasure to welcome back all the children after the holiday. We have also had quite a few new children start and we are very pleased to have them join the Braunstone Frith team.

In school, the children have been working in CREWs to develop their learning skills. This is a concept that was introduced last year but it has now been extended.

CREW time is from 8.30AM each day so it would be great if you could get your children to school as close to that time as possible. We are now going to call them CREWs instead of classes in school - more information to follow, but in the meantime, ask your child about it!

Please be aware that there is anti-climb paint on some of the perimeter fencing. It has been brought to our attention that there were some youths climbing on the roof during the holiday which is obviously very dangerous. We do not want anyone to get hurt and we also do not need an unnecessary bill to repair any damage caused by trespassers. There are a couple of reminders to follow, just to add clarity to our school expectations:

- Throughout the school day, children can drink water but no juice. Juice is only allowed at lunchtime.
- Shoes should be black, no other colours
- Jewellery must not be worn. Only small stud earrings are allowed

Queen Elizabeth II

We were all saddened to hear the news on Thursday 8 September 2022 that Queen Elizabeth II had died at the age of 96.

We celebrated her 70 years on the throne at the Platinum Jubilee last term. Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning British monarch and now her son has become King Charles III. The Queen touched a lot of lives and she had a great sense of humour—featuring in a TV sketch with Paddington Bear at the Platinum Jubilee.



Over the next few days there will be events in London that remember the life of the Queen.

This will include the State Funeral which will be held on Monday 19 July 2022 and will be a national bank holiday where Braunstone Frith Primary Academy will be **closed** in observance of this.

It is natural to grieve for someone who has died, even if you haven't met them. Our staff are available to listen and talk to. The NHS also offers support at: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/feelings-symptoms-behaviours/feelings-and-symptoms/grief-bereavement-loss/>



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Important Dates for Your Diary

Bank Holiday School closed in observance of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral	Monday 19 September 2022
Black History Month	Saturday 1 to Monday 31 October 2022
National Poetry Day	Thursday 6 October 2022
October 2022 Half Term	Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 2022. Schools open Monday 24 October 2022.
Disaggregated Day (School closed to students and staff)	Friday 25 November 2022
End of Autumn Term	Friday 16 December 2022
Spring Term Begins	Tuesday 3 January 2023

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding

Leads (DSLs) at our school are Mrs Smith, Mrs Duggan, Miss McMullen, Mrs Grant, Mrs Harvey, Mr Booth and Ms Wittering who are available to discuss any issues or concerns.

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