

Braunstone Frith
Primary Academy

# Mewsletter

Autumn Term | Late September 2022

Message from Amelia Smith

Dear parents/carers,
After a great start to the year,
the children are settling in and
getting some great learning
done. We have started having
basketball training with Dave,
more about that later in the
newsletter. Swimming and
Brass lessons have started and
we are all looking forward to
various school trips coming up

for different classes.

On Monday we hosted our first Open
Afternoon of the year and what a success
it was! We had 140 parents come along
and the buzz around school was great.

at our phonics session before the open afternoon. It was a very informative session from Mrs Smith, our phonics lead, on how we are teaching phonics

now and how important this is to move your children's learning forward.

We have parent's evenings planned for 11th and 12th October and we can't wait to be able to have you all back in school again, as it should be. You should have already had the information through, including the booking process.

Have a great weekend.



We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We enjoyed it so much that we are planning a Showcase Evening on 22nd November where we will be able to show off all the things we do in school.

It was brilliant to see so many of you







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# **Open Afternoon**

On Monday it was great to welcome 140 of our parents to our first open afternoon of this academic year and also the first since the COVID-19 pandemic.







We also had special spotlight talks including one from Mrs Smith on phonics. It was lovely to hear how you enjoyed being in the classrooms with the children and talking with your child's teachers.

## **Eco Warriors**

We have our new Eco Warrior Crew up and running and ready to make a difference! The children have had an initial meeting with an introduction to how our crew will work over the next school year, and made their pledge to help the environment.

Our wonderful Crew Members are: Henry, Alfie, Piper, Yigit, Navin, Henos, Scarett, Arhaan & Iona.

We are currently in the process of completing our Eco-Schools
Environmental Review which will help us to decide on an action plan for the following year. We will share the actions with you in the next Eco Crew update!
Excitingly, Year 5 students have the opportunity to take part in a Climate Change Activity Month throughout
October with their own home learning packs. We can't wait to see the activities they get up to and how they have helped our planet - well done Year 5!

Miss Pick, Mrs Howitt and the Eco Warrior Crew

## **Asteroid Mission**

Earlier this week Nasa were successful in sending a satellite to hit an asteroid to jolt it onto a different course.

The asteroid is 11 million km (7 million miles) away and poses no threat.

Rest be assured that this was an experiment and NOT an attempt to save Earth from an asteroid.

Mrs Ground





## **Basketball Coaching**

Ex-Leicester Riders coach Dave Harris will be spending an hour a week at Braunstone Frith Primary Academy this academic year.



Dave is an experienced basketball coach across the city and dedicates lots of his time to coaching at city schools. Some of our Year 6 children have experienced Dave's expertise.

Alysia said that it was fun and that she would love to do it again. She said that

she would not usually choose to play basketball and yet she was the scoring star of the week.

Ryan "I enjoyed the dribbling and the coach, Mr Harris, was really kind and encouraging."

**Mrs Murray** 



Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed using the new all-weather running track to complete their Daily Mile.



6VM have also been working hard to support each other in their CREW's when solving difficult Mathematical calculations. Mrs Murray



## **Knowing Germs**

Year 6 have begun their new medicine and diseases topic and will be exploring the key question 'Would I have survived in the past?'

To begin with we have been looking at how germs spread via direct contact and

the importance of clean hands.

Miss

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# Braunstone Frith Primary Academy



### British Values at BFPA

At Braunstone Frith Primary Academy, we understand that British Values can be summed up through 5 key points:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect
- Individual liberty
- Tolerance of others

How do we deliver these in our school? **Democracy** 

At BFPA children have the opportunity to take on extra leader and ambassador responsibilities. Currently we have the following ambassadors in our school and are planning on adding more:

- Eco Ambassadors
- Stephen Lawrence Diversity Ambassadors
- Mental Health and Wellbeing **Ambassadors**
- Digital ambassadors
- CREW leader responsibilities

Our ambassadors have a key role in articulating their aims and act as agents of change in their chosen area. We aim to empower our children's voice in preparation for life beyond our school gates. Democracy values begin in Foundation Stage by children daily voting for their favourite book.

#### Rule of Law

Our children understand that by following the 5 clear rules of our classrooms they are carrying out their responsibility in keeping our school happy and safe. Each CREW decides on their own discussion guidelines at the beginning of each year to support how they are going to work together effectively.

#### Mutual respect

REACH IT teaches children the skills to make their own choices while developing a mutual respect for one another. Our ethos of 'We are CREW not passengers' ensures children understand what mutual respect looks like and know how to demonstrate it. Mutual respect is key in creating a happy environment in school where staff and pupils support each other. Our children understand the importance of asking for consent and know what to do if something happens that they are not comfortable with.

#### Individual liberty

We are encouraged to make our own choices in school-this could be the clubs we attend, the library books we choose, the people we work and play with. It is important to be in control of our own choices and to understand that we enjoy many freedoms in our country that are denied to others around the world.

#### Tolerance of others

BFPA is a No Outsiders school. We are at the heart of a diverse community and believe that everybody is welcome. We promote tolerance and respect for everyone including different faiths, cultures and lifestyles. Our policies safeguard and promote pupils' welfare. We have a duty to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe. Everyone at our school has the right to learn and work in safety. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind and will challenge derogatory language and behaviour towards others.

Mr Booth, Assistant Headteacher

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## **Important Dates for Your Diary**

Black History Month	Saturday 1 to Monday 31 October 2022
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 11 October 2022 and
	Wednesday 12 October 2022
October 2022 Half Term	Monday 17 October to Friday 21 October 2022.
	Schools open Monday 24 October 2022.
Showcase Evening	Tuesday 22 November 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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