



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

Newsletter - Wednesday 18th May



### Gold Award - Sport

A huge congratulations to everyone who contributed to the school being awarded the Gold School Games Award! Coach Harry, Coach Massie, all the staff, as well as Coach Weller (our tennis coach) have worked hard all year towards the award. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. With numerous sporting events, after school clubs, competitions and sporting enrichment (curling, skateboarding and cross-country running to name a few!), all of the children should be proud of their participation in sport this year.

Good luck to the children in Neptune and Jupiter who will participate in the Ashford School Biathlon next week. We also look forward to a whole-school 'army resilience day' on the field next term!

### SATS

Well done to the children in Year 2 and Year 6 who completed their SATS exams this week. We are very proud of them, as they all worked so hard and tried their very best. The results of the tests will be sent to parents in the end of year reports in July.

As a treat, next week we look forward to a fun and memorable end of term, with lots of arts, crafts and a street party for her

Majesty's Platinum Jubilee!



### Reading Ideas

At Brabourne, books are firmly at the centre of our curriculum. Each English unit is based around high quality texts, which are shared by the whole class. Details of the books we study can be found on our termly plans (see Class pages on the school website).

We are very fortunate at Brabourne to have such supportive parents and carers, who take the time to read with their children each day. This is one of the single most important things you can do to support your child's learning, across all areas of the curriculum.

To give parents ideas for good quality texts to read (perhaps over the summer holidays), we have created a new section of the website, where you will find many wonderful book suggestions for each year group in the school. Please see [English - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](https://www.brabourneprimaryschool.co.uk/) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

### **Year 5 meeting re: Secondary Admission**

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 5 children on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm in Jupiter Classroom, where we can explain about secondary admissions and the PESE (11 plus) test. The children will also be taking a CAT test later in the term. This will be a useful indication for parents when deciding whether to enter for the Kent Test. More information will be given about this test at the meeting.





## Outdoor Learning

We are incredibly fortunate to have such stunning surroundings and we love to get the children outdoors as much as possible, especially now the weather is warm. We would like to ask for donations for outdoor learning. We are looking for spare sticks (fairly straight and about 1.5-2 metres in length) for building camps. Also, any tree trunk cuts (for making wooden stepping stones or tree stump seats) and any bags of pine cones. Also any old pots and pans or wooden spoons for the children to 'cook' with at playtime! If you are able to help please drop any items off, by the left hedge as you enter the field or at the school office. Many thanks.



## Bikeability

A reminder that this will be taking place on Thursday and Friday this week. Those Year 6s taking part will need their bikes with them on both days. Should they wish, the children can leave the bikes at school overnight, where we will lock them up indoors. I am sure the children will enjoy the two day course and will learn a great deal about how to stay safe on the roads.

## Breakfast club

Just a gentle reminder parents must wait with their child/children, by the main gate and hand over to Miss Court when the club opens at **8.15am**. Any children arriving before 8.15am should remain with their parents, preferably in their cars, until the club starts. Thank you

**Gardening Club** - Another project for our gardeners...  
Sunflower Challenge







### **Venus/Mars afternoon tea**

Next Tuesday 24th May, Venus and Mars will be hosting a “bring someone special” afternoon with coffee, cakes and crafts with a Jubilee theme. If you are the chosen special one, please queue down the side of the hall (Venus entrance) and you will be let in at 2pm.

### **Dates for your diary:**

19th & 20th May Year 6 Bikeability course  
 24th May, 2pm Someone Special Tea for Venus and Mars  
 25th May Neptune Class trip to Dover Museum  
 26th May Jubilee Street Party  
 26th May Ashford School Biathlon  
 27th May Fantastic Fred Mental Health Day  
 27th May Venus Class trip to Wingham  
 27th May Last day of Term 5  
 Term 6  
 16th June 5pm Kent Test briefing for Y5 parents

With best wishes

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher

### **Lunchtime clubs**

It has been lovely to see the children leading their own clubs at lunchtime. Alongside gardening and mindfulness club, here we also have the Digital Leaders building a cyborg hand and some creative pieces made by the craft club!



### **Ukraine**

A massive thank you for the donations of baby food, bottles, nappies and food for Ukraine. These will now be loaded onto the convoy for delivery to those who need it most.

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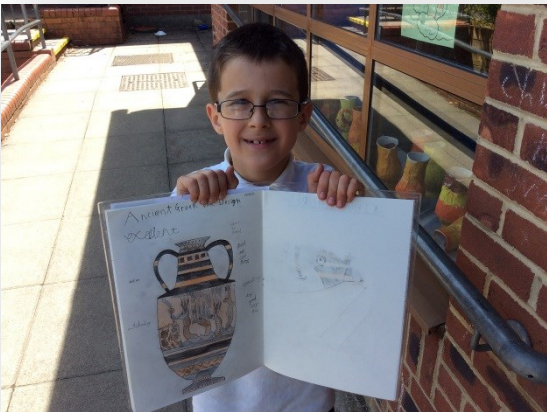
# Class News



Venus Class made animal habitats, such as the jungle and the Arctic, with their Year 5 friends. They also made clay models of the animals to go in them!



Neptune class have been designing Ancient Greek vases! They have been trying out repeated patterns and creating scenes and characters to decorate their 3D papier-mâché vases with once they have fully dried!



Mars Class have been studying a science topic on plants. They went on a plant hunt around the school and field to see what wild and garden plants they could identify. They found daisies, dandelions, buttercups, thistles, ivy and much more. They took the dandelions back and looked at their seeds!

**Fact:** Wild plants are called weeds!!



Jupiter Class have been studying Mesolithic life and the evolution of human dwellings. They have enjoyed making models of these houses using natural resources in outdoor learning.

