



# Brabourne CE Primary School Newsletter

**Wednesday 4th May 2022**

***Welcome to our new look newsletter, this week's is a bumper edition! We hope you will find it useful, alongside our Twitter and Instagram feed, to see a snapshot of what is happening across our classes.***

## Parental surveys

Thank you for all of the responses to the parental surveys sent out before Easter. The surveys were overwhelmingly positive and we are extremely grateful for all of the kind words offered to the school staff. This year we have been pleased to hold our annual 'vision day', where staff and governors look at the 5 year direction of the school. All of the parental responses were looked at during the day and we received 39 in total. Below are some of the words parents and the children used to describe our school.

Thank you also for the ideas for further school improvement. One of the main requests was for after-school wrap-around care. We have explored this in the past, but unfortunately, there hasn't been enough demand to run the club financially. If you would like to see the school offer this facility, please do take the time to fill in the survey, which is being sent home this week (spare copies of the survey will be available from the office). It is important that we have an accurate idea of numbers, to plan whether this is feasible.



## School vision

As part of our vision day, we focussed on updating our school's vision statement, to reflect the next chapter of our school plan and strategic direction. We hope you will agree, that it encapsulates our school's ethos and our aim for everyone in our school community:

Through **creative and challenging** experiences, we **inspire** our school community to develop **resilience**, a passion **for learning** and the courage to **pursue our dreams**. Within our **nurturing** environment and beyond, we live out **Christian values**, enabling all to **flourish** in the **love of God**.

## Medium term plans

From the parental survey, we know that some parents would like to have more information about what their child is learning each term. Please do look at our website, as details for every subject are posted on the individual class pages. Please go to [www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk](http://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk) and look under 'Class Pages' and the relevant class. We have included this term's plans along with this newsletter and hope that this will also allow you to support your child's learning outside of school.

## Visit from Mayor of Ashford



We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Ashford this morning, who visited the children during assembly, to present our Eco Team with an Environmental Action Civic Award. This was awarded in recognition of their hard work on Eco-projects that have benefitted our school and community and their continued commitment to the environment.





## Gardening Club

Our gardeners have been busy clearing, weeding and preparing the raised beds for sowing seeds this month. Already planted are a blackcurrant bush, two rhubarb crowns and some raspberry canes. These were kindly donated from the community. A "Potato Challenge" has been sent out to the whole school. Each class has been provided with a potato bag, compost, and early seed potatoes, along with instructions! On a given date the subsequent potato crop will be harvested and weighed to find the winning class. Mrs Hollier has been pre-warned to hunt out her potato recipes!



## A reminder about after school clubs—Term 5

Mondays—Years 3 & 4 Cooking (full for Term 5—will run again in Term 6)

Tuesdays—Years 3,4,5 & 6 Athletics

Tuesdays (4.00—5.00 pm) Years 3,4,5 & 6 Hockey

Wednesdays—Years 4,5 & 6 Cricket/Rounders

Thursdays—Years R,1 & 2 Dance

Fridays—Years 1,2 & 3 Gymnastics

### Dates for your diary

9 May

week commencing 16 May

16 May

Thurs 26 May

Fri 27 May

Weds 8 June

KS2 SATS week

Year 6 Bikeability

KS1 SATS

Jubilee Street Party for children and staff

Term 5 ends

Term 6 starts

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# Class News



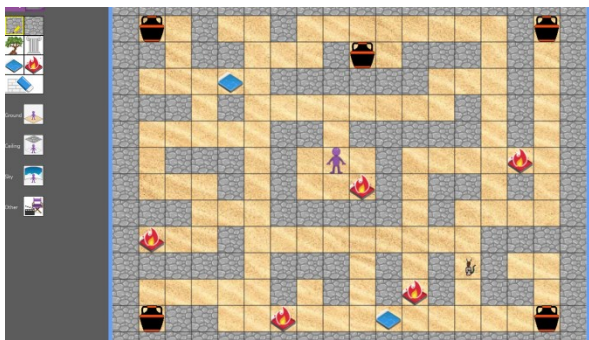
Venus have written messages to the Queen wishing her a happy jubilee or asking her a question. We are going to post them to Buckingham palace and hopefully will get a reply.



In Independent Learning, children have been learning how to thread needles and use different types of stitches. Children learnt whiplash, running and cross stitch and completed some challenges. Children have also been thinking about making something from deconstructed cardboard that moves and has an attachment. Some children made cars with axis and made flaps to attach their card.



Neptune have been making 3D Ancient Greek labyrinth themed computer game designs. They enjoyed making them atmospheric, like a scary labyrinth, they also designed their own Greek monster to chase them (this particular one by team GRAB...George, Reuben, Arthur and Bradley).



Jupiter have been working on lots of lovely artwork, which was proudly put on display at Mr Lilley's 'Paint for Victory' charity event last Saturday. Thank you to the children who helped!

