



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Thursday 21st July 2022

End of year summary

What a wonderful year it has been at Brabourne! The children and staff are, no doubt, in need of a summer break, but this year has signalled the triumphant return of many school trips: Dover museum, Kent Life, Wye Community Farm and Bewl water, to name but a few.

The school has been recognised for its achievement in cultural understanding and language learning, through the British Council International School awards. We are also incredibly fortunate to have four sports coaches, available to train and equip the children with the skills they need to lead a healthy life and succeed in sport. We are delighted to have been awarded the Schools Mark Gold award for 2022.

The children have enjoyed much curriculum enrichment: from skateboarding, curling, rafting, tennis and even a resilience day led by ex-army personnel! Our Year 6s have themselves been leading many areas of school life: from Collective Worship, to organising inter-house competitive events and charity fun-runs.

We have been incredibly grateful for the hard work of the Brabourne and Smeeth gardening society who, alongside the children, have transformed the school garden into a haven for insects and a fully functioning vegetable garden, which has been supplying the school kitchen with lettuce, strawberries and blackcurrants for school lunch. For their hard work, we have been awarded the Wilder Kent award, in recognition for the children's contribution to the environment.

A year rounded off by a wonderful day commemorating her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee: draping our majestic Conker tree in bunting and a whole-school street party on the school playground.

After such a busy year, I wish all the children, staff, governors and our families, a very happy summer holiday.



Goodbye Mrs B

We would like to say farewell to Mrs B, who has been at Brabourne for the last 5 years. We thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her every success for the future.



A massive thank you to the PTA, who battled on through the heat, to organise the summer fair. It was a huge success and a wonderful occasion to have back in our calendar (the last one was in 2019). The school is lucky to have such a proactive PTA and wonderfully supportive families.





Goodbye Year 6

After an emotional Leavers' service at the Church (tears of sadness, but also joy) and a wonderful production of 'Trunchbull', followed by a Prize Giving evening and 'Oscar Ceremony', we say thank you to our Year 6s for their contribution to school life and wish them every success in their next steps. They have been a wonderful cohort of pupils, showing leadership, compassion, initiative and perseverance. We hope they hold our school values close to their heart and we will, no doubt, see them again to tell us all about their next adventures. We also bid farewell to some long standing families, who have been with us for many years. Their support and contribution to the school has been so much appreciated: thank you to the Beaumonts, Doves, Galbraiths, Gibsons, Mannans and Richardsons. Thank you to all the Year 6 parents for your support for the school.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Year 6 parents/carers who gifted the absolutely beautiful planters for the front of the school. They are stunning!



Residential

The Year 6s had a wonderful time at Bewl Water on their 3-day adventure. During their time they did raft building, sail manoeuvring stand-up paddle boarding, undertook obstacle courses and even did axe throwing!





PRIZES FOR LEAVERS 2022 from Miss Unsworth

The Prize for English - George

This prize could have been awarded to many of the Year 6 children this year as there are some exceptional readers and writers. However, this pupil has shone in English this year and achieved the Greater Depth standard in writing. His books are impeccable - the presentation of his work is outstanding and always a pleasure to read. His book is normally one of the last ones that I mark so that I always end on an enjoyable, positive - it is a joy to read his writing!

The Prize for Numeracy - Sam

This year there is really only one child that this prize can go to. With his brain that works quicker than a calculator, his passion and enthusiasm for everything mathematical has been infectious. He has inspired others to love the challenge of maths too - and he should be incredibly proud of this! It has been a pleasure to see this child sharing his explanations of how to solve problems - and I am so pleased that he finally writes down his working out!

The Prize for Sport - Jake P

The prize for sport, this year, goes to a child who has sport flowing through his veins. He has inspired so many with his love of all sports and he is always active! His competitive nature has, at times, been detrimental to his sportsmanship. However, as our school football captain, he has shown great leadership when speaking with his team mates. He loves participating in all sports and works well in a team to ensure everyone is included. He will be a great loss to our trophy cabinet!

The Prize for Art - Charlotte

This child has a natural artistic ability which has developed further during the course of the year. Whenever there is a spare moment, she can be found with a pencil in her hand drawing. It is a pleasure to look through her art book and experience all the wonderful pieces of work she has created with such patience and perseverance.

The Prize for Performing Arts - Connor

I am sure you will have noticed this young man's ability in the performing arts, including taking a comedic role in tonight's production and singing a beautiful solo. It is lovely to see his confidence shine when he is on stage. He has also performed to larger audiences as part of his interests outside of school. I have loved talking about West End productions that he has seen, especially Wicked! I am not surprised he wants to be an actor! I am looking forward to the day he is a Broadway Star and I can say 'I taught that boy!'

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PRIZES FOR LEAVERS 2022

from Miss Unsworth

The Prize for Debating - Jesse

From the start, this child has demonstrated natural leadership ability. He definitely knows his own mind and has strong views on things that are going on in the world! It is an experience to discuss topics with this child as he can eloquently put across his point of view and make a lot of people change their minds because of what he has to say. I can see a potential political career in his future!

The Prize for Perseverance - Julia

Academically, this pupil has made incredible progress over the last two years, especially in maths and English. She has 'dug deep' at times! Having developed her perseverance through her Growth Mindset approach that sometimes 'she can't do this yet' has allowed her to flourish in Jupiter class. She should be so proud of everything she has achieved.

The Prize for Endeavour - Jake C

From the start of this child's time at our school, he has grown so much in confidence. It is never easy starting at a new school, but from day one he has always been so polite and helpful.

He has approached all his learning and school life with a can-do, try hard attitude - and it has been lovely to see his many successes because of this. He should be very proud of all that he has achieved! It has been a joy to see him flourish.

The Prize for Citizenship - Max

This pupil has a naturally kind, caring nature. He always puts others before himself, always asks how I am when he comes into school and is always on-hand to help anyone. His thoughtfulness for his surroundings and his determination to make the world a better place for the future are to be commended - and make him a great member of the Eco team!

The Prize for Outstanding Progress - Ephraim

The pupil leaving Brabourne tomorrow is a million miles away from the child who started here two years ago. His thirst for knowledge hasn't changed and his spelling ability is outstanding - I shall miss relying on him to spell the tricky vocabulary and explain the meanings. However, the child that would hardly put pen to paper two years ago has developed into one who writes such imaginative, creative, interesting stories that are a joy to read. He should be incredibly proud of achieving Greater Depth in writing!



PRIZES FOR LEAVERS 2022

from Miss Unsworth

The Prize for Outstanding Learning - Lana

This pupil has a quiet determination to succeed and has worked incredibly hard in all areas of learning this year. Her classwork is always of the highest quality. She should be very proud of achieving Greater Depth across the board (in reading, writing, maths and GPS) - especially achieving maximum marks in GPS!

The Prize for Outstanding Effort - Dom

Throughout the year, this pupil has developed great maturity. It has been wonderful to see that filter into his approach to learning. He fully engages with his learning, shares his ideas and seeks ways to improve his work. He should be very proud with all that he has achieved this year. There was a worrying moment when I thought he was never going to learn all his lines - but his outstanding effort has shone through! I hope he continues to put in maximum effort at his next school!

The (Mike Hickmott) Prize for the Exceptional Brabourne Pupil - Grace

This prize goes to a young lady who, throughout her time at Brabourne School, has embraced every opportunity and done so with such kindness and maturity. She embodies the Brabourne values and is a model Brabourne pupil. It has been a pleasure to teach this pupil and witness all that she has achieved through her hard work, perseverance and resilience. She has pushed herself out of her comfort zone at times - and it has been a joy to see the smile of success on her face when she achieves.

The (John Morton) Prize for Outstanding Achievement - Evie

This Prize for Outstanding Achievement goes to a young lady who has been beyond amazing this year. She has always focused on her learning, got her head down, been enthusiastic and never given up. She has an unwavering commitment to achieve and I know that she will continue this at Secondary School. But as well as this, she is always kind, helpful, polite, caring - all wonderful personal qualities to have! She could talk for England and her conversation will be missed by many. It has been a privilege to teach this child and see her grow and flourish.

Wrap around care & School Openin/Closing times

We are pleased to announce that wrap-around care after school will go ahead from September. We will be sending out information on how to book before September, but please note that all of our payments will be moving online in September, including Early morning club, wrap around care and school trips etc. We will be using the School Money element of Teachers2Parents, and instructions will be sent home before the beginning of the Autumn Term. We hope that this will provide working parents with the flexibility they need to use the wrap-around as and when they need it.

Please note the new timings for September pick-up and drop-off.

Drop-off from 8.40am (as usual) for a 9am start.

Pick up time will now be 3.05pm Venus Class (+ siblings in other classes should you wish).
3.15pm rest of school.

Caterlink—School Meals information

Please note the cost of a school dinner will be increased to **£2.43** with effect from September. The current menu will continue until the October half-term. School dinners/packed lunches – we will assume your child will continue the current arrangement for school dinners and packed lunches in September, unless you advise us to the contrary.

Children in Year 2 will have brought a letter home, earlier this week, detailing the online system for dinner payments in Year 3. Please do keep this letter safe as it contains the details needed to setup an online account.

If a child is in year 6, any balance left on the account can be refunded or passed to a sibling in the same school. The parent will need to complete the following form: [CaterLink Ltd parent refund form](#), or if they do not have a google account then they can use this: [CaterLink Ltd parent refund form - No Upload](#).

On Monday 27th June, our CARE choir sang at the Ashford International Hotel. We dubbed this the Summer 'Carol' Concert as our annual Carols by Candlelight had to be cancelled due to Covid19. 10 singers from each of the 10 CARE schools came together to form one mass, CARE Choir. Their singing was beautiful and we were very proud of everyone. The event organisers chose to support Dandelion Time, a charity that helps families in crisis. Thank you to parents who joined us and we will definitely be organising 'Candles by Candlelight' for December!



Picnic in the park

Venus and Mars Class had a very enjoyable picnic and games on the field) to also welcome our new YR pupils to the school (thank you to Coach Harry, Mrs Miller and Mrs Winchester. The new children have all enjoyed their taster afternoons and have taken to Brabourne life like ducklings to water! We cannot wait to see them again in September.

A message from Reverend Denyer: We continue to offer food parcels as needed, and if there are families in need over the summer holidays please do let us know if we can help. They can contact us direct via my email:

Email vicar@stourdowns.org.uk (unavailable 1st-13th August) or revsusanmanners@gmail.com

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th September: First Day of Autumn 22/23 Term
Please note clubs will not be running during the first week back.

With best wishes

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher

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Sports News

Goal Scoring Day

Part of being elected a House Captain is to be able to organise events for the Houses independently. They did a great job leading the Goal Scoring Day with Coach Harry, supporting and encouraging all of the children across the school. The final results were: Willows (reds) 153 goals, Chestnuts (blues) 120 goals and Oaks (greens) 80 goals! The teams all received bonus team points, to add to the totals so far this year, before we will reveal the winning House of the year!



District sports

Thank you to Mrs Snare (our athletics coach) and Mrs Golding (our dance coach) who took the children to the district sports last Saturday. Please see their feedback below and congratulations to all who took part.



Brabourne were overall second in their group of schools. It was an absolutely amazing result and each individual athlete really competed to their potential. There was a great team spirit and lots of parent support too. All the team were well behaved and cheered other schools on also. There were many individual first places and second places in our groups, both girls and boys. Extra awards went to Jake for fastest 400m out of all of the primary schools in Year 5/6 and Ryan for 3rd fastest boy in the lower age group.

Football tournament

Last week, Ms Massie and I had the pleasure of taking some of Years 3,4,5 to the Aldington football tournament. The tournament was meant to be for Year 5 & 6s, but our Year 6 were on their residential and so some of the Year 3 & 4 boys agreed to replace them.

We drew two matches, lost one and won one. But what impressed me most was the perseverance and 'go for it' attitude of the boys, who were playing children older than them. They never failed to support each other as a team, despite the sweltering, hot day. A special mention to Ruben, who saved around 6 goals, battling on through to the end, despite injuring his hand. I decided he merited a special 'player of the match' trophy due to his courage and determination.

Sports Day

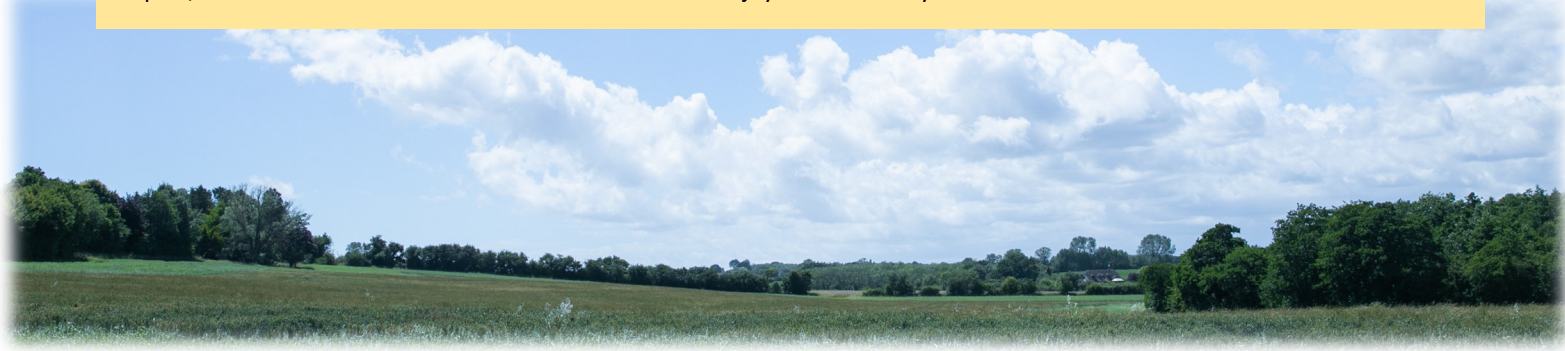
Congratulations to the Red Team (Willows) who were the overall winners of Sports Day 2022 for a second year!



Goal Scoring Day

Newsflash! **Double** congratulations to the red team (Willows), the winning House for 2021/2022! Between them they gathered **5,274** team points this year!

Thank you to Miss Edmed, who kindly donated two crates of bananas last week. Miss Edmed, who works for Pilgrim's Hospice, had received them from Tesco. The children all enjoyed the healthy snack!



Flag

We had many lovely flag entries from across classes and it was so hard to choose, as they were all so good! All of the children participating will receive Team Points, but congratulations to Evelyn H-Q (Neptune Class) and Maisie W (Mars Class) whose winning designs are below. We felt they really encapsulated the Brabourne spirit and we will have them made ready to fly in the school garden next year.

Evelyn H-Q (Neptune Class)



Maisie W (Mars Class)



Class News



Venus have had a visit from the local Police, who told them all about their job of keeping people safe.



Mars Class were lucky to visit a community farm last week in Wye. They saw sheep, a calf, a pig and piglets and learnt a lot about their diet and behaviours. They all had a go at feeding them too!



Neptune have been making papyrus sheets then used pastels to create Egyptian imagery.



JUPITER NEWS

Jupiter Class have been working hard towards their leavers' service and 'Trunchbull' musical production!

