



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

16th May 2023

Top 1%

We're thrilled to report that, following a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister for Schools, Brabourne was one of the top 1% of schools in the country for its phonics results in 2021/2022!

"Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading."

Cultural Capital

Cultural Capital is the "accumulation of *knowledge, behaviours, and skills* that a child gains over time through different experiences and opportunities. They draw upon these to demonstrate their cultural awareness, knowledge and competence. It is one of the key ingredients a child will draw upon to be successful in society, their career and the world of work."

We are proud that, as a small, rural school, we are able to offer our pupils a wealth of opportunities, to gain new skills and to shine. To learn more, about what our school offers, please see: [Cultural Capital - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#).

Coronation Celebrations

It was a wonderful week of Coronation celebrations across the school and the weather even held out for our Coronation picnic! The children had great fun, dressing up as Kings and Queens, or in Red, White and Blue, making Coronation crafts and artwork, enjoying a special fish and chip dinner at lunch and a wonderful picnic and PTA event on the field. It was lovely to see so many families be able to join us for the occasion.



Y2 + Y6 SATS

It is that time of year when the children fill the hall for the exam season. Regardless of the results, I must just congratulate all of Y2 and Y6, for the way in which they approached the national tests. They certainly embodied our ethos of perseverance and being the best you can be. We are very proud of all of them. The results will be shared with parents/carers in the end of year reports.



Year 5 sculptures, made whilst spending time in Venus class.

Sports

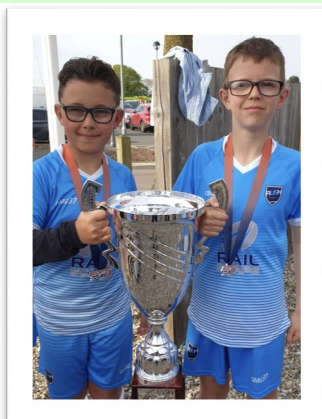
Next week, some of Neptune and Jupiter pupils will take part in the Ashford Prep School Biathlon. The children have to run and swim a range of distances based on their ages. Good luck to everyone!



Also this week, we have the Kent Association for the Blind coming into talk to the children about their charity work.

The House Captains would like to have another inter-house fun run, on **Wednesday, 24th May**, and would be grateful for a £1 sponsorship, or whatever you can afford, to give towards the charity. The last time we did the fun run, it certainly tested the children's perseverance, so I am sure they would appreciate any support!

George and Albert wanted to share with the school their achievement this weekend..... They won the Great Yarmouth cup with their football team! They will bring the cup into school when it's their turn to look after it. Congratulations George and Albert!



Message from the Eco Team/Gardening club

A huge thank you to parents who have supported our farm stall—we have already begun buying more items to promote wildlife in our school grounds. It has been such an exciting year! While we are thinking 'green', please, please could parents remember to switch off their engines, whenever possible, to make sure that our car park air is also clean for everyone!

Many thanks, Ruben, Bradley, Isobelle + the Gardening Club.



Pupil Prayer of the week:

In Collective Worship we have been learning about 'Kingship' and what it means to be a King. The message I strongly hope that the children have taken away from this is that a King is not there to be served, but rather to serve, support our most vulnerable and challenge injustice and unfairness.

Dear Lord

Let us remember to be humble, think of others and do our best to make the world a better place.

Amen

English Workshop

A reminder that our Reading workshop for parents/carers will now take place on **Tuesday 23rd May** in Jupiter Class. The main school door will be opened at **3.30 pm**. The workshop will be led by Mr Stapley and Mrs Barnes and will finish by 4.15 pm. It will cover a range of ages and explain how reading is taught at Brabourne.

The Great Languages Challenge

We are very lucky at Brabourne to have several staff who are language specialists, alongside several bi-lingual pupils. This term, all children were given the opportunity to undertake the 'Great Languages Challenge'. Children need to complete 1 or 2 of the challenges and either bring in their work, or upload them to Tapestry/Seesaw. Please could we have all entries (named) by the end of term. Thank you.

Art Sessions with Mr Graham Lilley

Following a request from parents, Mr Lilley has arranged 2 art sessions for school children at the start of the Summer holidays on **Saturday 29th July** and **5th August** at the Oakroom, Church Road, Smeeth.



These 2 hour sessions will be from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm and cover mainly landscape and sea scape watercolour painting but introducing as many aspects of watercolour as possible. All materials (for the duration of the courses) and tuition are included in the fee.

The fee per child is £20.00 per 2 hour session to cover materials and hire of the venue. There are 12 places available on each Saturday session so that Mr Lilley can give individual attention the children. One or both sessions can be booked.

Please email Mr Lilley directly if your child is interested in attending: grahamlilley@invictamail.com

Dates for your diary:

25th May	Term 5 End
26th May	INSET DAY—school closed
5th June	Term 6 starts

with best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



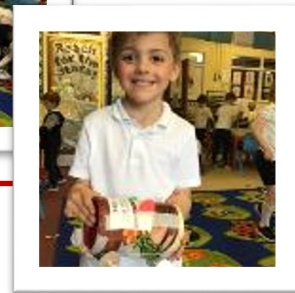
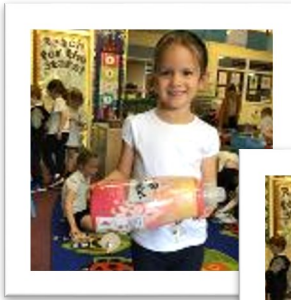
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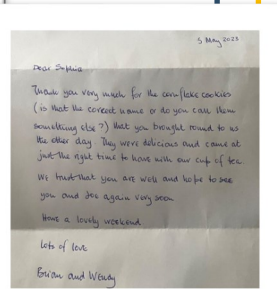
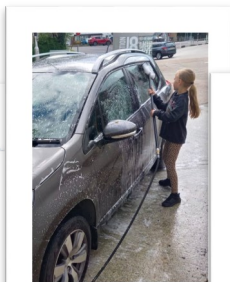
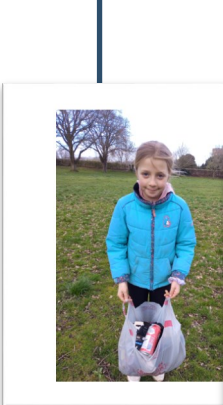
Venus class have been busily working away with their Year 5 friends; researching, designing and creating these around-the-world animal habitats. Thank you Year 5.



Mars class have been busy and creative this week in DT, learning about wheels, axles and chassis. They designed and built a moving vehicle, thinking carefully about their axles and axle-holders. They then had a wacky race with their designed vehicles.



As part of Neptune Class Young Leaders Award, the children have been asked to carry out tasks for others in their community. Well done to Maisie, who cleaned a car at home; Freya and Chloe for collecting litter on the beach and in the community and Sophia who delivered cupcakes to her elderly neighbours.



Last week, as part of our Coronation celebrations, Jupiter class created a mosaic image of King Charles III. We each had a square of the image; we used tissue paper collage to build up our squares. Then, we put all the squares together to create our final piece.





FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

ASHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REP SQUADS

This is in addition to any club you already play for, must attend an Ashford School

Girls and Boys in schools years 5,6,7,8, 9 &10 WANTED!

If you're interested in coming along for a trial please get in touch

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<p>WORKSHOPS</p> <p>JUGGLING SPINNING BALANCING AERIAL YOGA FLYING TRAPEZE FIRE SPINNING AERIAL HOOP CREATIVE WRITING WACKY HAT MAKING STRANGE CARGO ARTS COMPANY AERIAL SILKS PRIMAL VOICE</p> <p>SHOWS</p> <p>SIMIA CIRCUS TRAPEZE ARTISTS ACROBATS UNICYCLISTS STILT WALKERS BUBBLE WIZARD FIRE SPINNING DRAGONFLY TALES NI UNE NI DEUX</p> <p>FOOD & DRINK</p> <p>DR LEGUMES RAD BURGER MYPIZZAEVENT LILIGANICS TACOS WILD BOX COCKTAILS SIMPLY ICE CREAM DOCKER BREWERY HATHATS COFFEE</p>	<p>TREATMENTS</p> <p>REFLEXOLOGY WESTERN MASSAGE BREATHWORK AYURVEDIC MASSAGE DRUM MEDITATION SOUND BATH</p> <p>ACTIVE</p> <p>HIIT CARDIO HULA HOOP JAM LED BIKE RIDE ELECTRIC BIKE TRIALS TAI CHI FAMILY YOGA ADULT YOGA ECSTATIC DANCE FAMILY RAVE MINDFUL WALKS</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>INDIA BLUE KATIE BRADLEY & DAVE FERRA ASHFORD YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA ROCK CHOIR RANDOLPH MATTHEWS SOPHIA SYNDICATE DJ TECHNICAL FINGER SHOWTIME CHOIR SOPHIA STUTCHBURY</p>
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