



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

24th November 2023

Children in Need

Children in Need 2023 was a great success! The House Captains worked really well as a team ensuring everything was ready and set up. The children took part in various activities as well as a sponsored silence during the day. We made an amazing total of **£492.40!** This is an incredible achievement, given the size of our school. The

House Captains chose a winner from each class for the Pudsey Bear competition, each winner won 20 team points. The winners were: Bertie in Venus, Lucia in Mars, Freya in Neptune and Hugo in Jupiter. There were lots of correct guesses for the sweets in the jar (43) as well as guess the name of the bear (Bruce), the House Captains put all their names in a 'hat' and Mr Stapley picked the lucky winners. Harry from Jupiter correctly guessed the sweets in the jar and Jasper from Jupiter correctly guessed the name of the bear.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to Neptune Class who gained 97.1 % attendance last term.

Mr Stapley will be awarding a trophy to the class with the best attendance at the end of the academic year.

Police Visitor

A huge thank you to Maddison's mum who kindly brought her police car to the school to tell the children about her career as a police officer. Each class loved their workshop and gained an in-depth understanding of what a career in the police force involves.

Dogs Trust

The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the Dogs Trust and learnt about the charity's work and also how to care for dogs.



Esafty

Each week we aim to highlight the importance of e-safety and having appropriate filtering and monitoring at home. Please find below a link to a set of resources that you may find useful.

If you have any questions regarding safety please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Collective Worship:

Pupil Prayer of the week:

Dear Lord

Let us celebrate the incredible achievements of our scientists and inventors and give thanks for all they contribute to our lives and understanding of the world around us.

Amen

Ootiboo

Last week we welcomed the company Ootiboo to our school to deliver Money Matters workshops to Neptune and Jupiter classes. The children learnt how to create a business based on the book by Debra Meaden (Dragon's Den).



Publisher visit

The children were excited to meet Melissa, publisher of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. Melissa saw some of the class displays and said she would show Michael, himself, as he is always very interested and pleased to see children's work.



Fit Bit Challenge

The House Captains each received a Fit Bit as part of a 'Get Active' challenge to see who could do the most steps in a week and to inspire other pupils to be healthy. The winners of the challenge were:

1st Blue: 76090 steps
2nd Red: 71836 steps
3rd Green: 48000 steps



Climbing wall and hockey success

We were thrilled that the Year 5/6 climbing wall team achieved first place in the Maidstone tournament! The children showed huge perseverance and agility and will now be entered into next year's tournament. Congratulations also to the Yr 5/6 hockey team who won against Charing 7-0 and John Wesley 8-0.



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The children have had an incredible range of learning opportunities over the past fortnight, during our STEM (Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering) and History weeks. In history week, the children dressed up for Victorian Day, recreated the Great Fire of London on the school field and re-enacted being a Suffragette and a World War 1 soldier. In STEM week, we welcomed our engineering parents Miss Waite and Mr Chapman, who came to talk to the children about their careers in STEM and the whole school took on an inter-house egg-drop challenge! Plus so much more! It has been a wonderful two weeks and I know that the children have thoroughly enjoyed and been engrossed in all the activities.



Anti bullying week

Last week was National Anti bullying week. At Brabourne, we have a zero tolerance to bullying and the children know that everyone at school is welcome and valued. Please click [here](#) to see the video created by Jupiter to promote this positive message of inclusivity.



A message from Operation Christmas Child:

108 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!!!

One hundred and eight shoe boxes were handed in to the local 'Drop off Point' at SJM Estate Agents, Lees Road and some were also donated online. What an excellent response! Thank you all so much for helping to put a smile on so many children's faces around the world this Christmas.



- **10% Discount** for parents via our online services
- From **Friday 24th to Midnight Monday 27th November**

- To receive the discount parents must enter promo code **BLACK10** during checkout (if they do not enter the code their order will not be discounted)

<https://mailchi.mp/brigade/blackfriday23>

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st December	Neptune Trip to Hawthorn Trench Venus Trip to Reindeer Centre
Saturday 2nd December 11 am - 2 pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December 1.30 pm	Infant Nativity
Tuesday 12th December 6.30 pm	Jupiter Concert
Wednesday 13th December 9.00 am	Church Service Christmas Lunch for children
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2

Wrap Around

May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. **To ensure we always have appropriate staffing levels, we cannot accept bookings on the day.** Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School.](#)

Please book in advance on [School Money](#).

Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.

Reading/Phonics Workshop

It was great to see so many parents attend this week's workshop. A copy of the presentation is attached to the newsletter email. Should you ever have any queries regarding reading or phonics please do come and see us.

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

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Class News



As part of STEM week, Venus class investigated how rain clouds are made. We made shaving cream rainclouds and added drops of blue water to the cloud. We noticed that as the water got heavier and heavier it started to fall out of the cloud and make rain!



This week Mars have been working in teams to crack secret codes (written on scrolls, hidden in ice) to work out which STEM challenges to complete! We have built towers, bridges, slides, staircases and even a frame for a den!



We made houses and permafrost to look at its suitability. We considered the problems that designers and engineers may have when building homes in different places around the world. We also had a wonderful visit from Eden's mum who showed us computer coding on Minecraft - Thank you for coming in!



As part of our STEM week, Jupiter made Steady Hand Games using our Science knowledge of electrical circuits and our Design Technology skills to design and make the game. We enjoyed making them and had great fun playing each other's - some of our hands are not as steady as we thought!





BRABOURNE PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023

BUY TICKETS FROM: WED, 22ND NOV AT 8AM

RAFFLE CLOSURES: SUN, 3RD DEC AT 12PM

TO BUY TICKETS VISIT:

[HTTPS://BRABOURNE-
PTA.RALLYUP.COM/CHRISTMAS-RAFFLE-2023](https://brabourne-pta.rallyup.com/christmas-raffle-2023)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Voucher for the Five Bells

Breakfast at the Airport
Cafe

Crate of Beer

Facial Voucher

Fitness Classes

Food Hampers



Fish & Chips Dinner
Meal at the Woolpack
Inn

Bottles of Wine

Hairdresser voucher

Voucher for the
Tiger Inn

...& lots more!



November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

ADMISSION TO HOMEWOOD SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Thank you for your interest in joining Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre, we are writing to inform you that Homewood's Assessment day will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 9am to 11.45am. All students who are applying for a place in Year 7 are expected to attend this assessment.

The tests consist of Literacy, Numeracy and general assessment of ability. The results of the assessments will be used to identify 20% of our intake by their academic ability, identify students who qualify for the Grammar Plus Stream and allow the school to best determine the group for which your child will be placed in when starting Year 7.

Please complete the form below or email admissions@homewood.kent.sch.uk by Friday 24th November 2023.

[Assessment Day Attendance Form](#)

We will confirm arrangements for the morning of Assessment Day, shortly after the 25th November.

I look forward to welcoming your child to the assessment day and Homewood School.

Yours sincerely,

J K. Single
Principal



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BRABOURNE SCHOOL OUTING - (1934).

The children of Brabourne Church of England School, with their mothers and friends, went on an outing to Maidstone on Friday last week. An hour's cruise on the Medway was the first item. The river trip was followed by an al fresco lunch in the Old Palace Gardens, and after a short rest interval the party proceeded on foot to the Maidstone Museum. By the courtesy of Mr. Golding the Curator, the party was conducted round the museum by Mr. Cook, assisted by Mr. Fisher, and short talks were given' on many and varied exhibits.

Afterwards a visit was paid to Mr. Tyrwhit Drake's Zoo. Just before leaving Mrs. Temple was the recipient of a basket of fruit, a token of gratitude from the adult members of the party. Tea was served in an open marquee, and at its close Mrs. McLelland called for three cheers for the organisers of the outing. These were heartily given.

A nostalgic photo
of the whole
school!

