



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

2nd February 2024



World-Champion Paralympian visit

The whole school were thrilled to be paid a visit from World-Champion Paralympian skier Millie Knight. Millie presented to the whole school, telling us the story of her disability and journey to winning over 300 medals in skiing, including 4 x Paralympian and 2x World Championship medals. The visit coincided with our focus on our school value of 'Courage' this term and, following Millie's inspiring talk, the children got to hold some of her Paralympic medals (they are a lot heavier than you may think!).

Millie's visit also coincided with some great news for two of our Y6 pupils who, following various rounds of competitions with other counties, have been named Kent Athletic Champions! Millie presented them with their cups and medals in Collective Worship. We are extremely proud of you both.

A podcast with Millie and our House Captains can be heard here:

<https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/LXd0Ij1WPGb>



CHANGE OF DATE: Curriculum Workshop - Please note this will now be held on **Tuesday 6th February at 3.30 pm**. Families are invited to come along and find out more about the exciting learning opportunities at Brabourne. Parents should enter via the Jupiter door.



Award ceremony in London

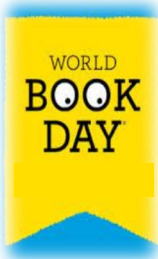
I was honoured, alongside Lucie Edmed, one of our school governors, to be invited to the Houses of Parliament to collect an award for Brabourne, in recognition of our “Outstanding Development of the International dimension in the curriculum”.

We were awarded full accreditation of the award for our commitment to International understanding, inclusion and celebrating diversity within our curriculum. It is in recognition of the hard work that has gone into fostering links between Brabourne and Pakistan, Martinique, India, France, Germany and Sri Lanka. As only one of 30 schools awarded in the UK, it was a fantastic day to look back on our staff and pupils’ achievements.



This term, children in Key Stage 2 have been learning Cantonese each week, alongside their learning in French.

Our school should be proud, that as a small village school, we value not just our local heritage and outlook but also have a broader global reach and recognise that at Brabourne “Everyone is valued and welcome”.



World Book Day 7th March 2024

It’s early, but we know how everyone loves World Book Day, so here’s the date for your diary to dress up as a book character! Books form the cornerstone of our curriculum at Brabourne and we know our pupils love any opportunity to read. Please continue to use the book exchange at the school entrance.



E-safety

Next Tuesday, we will be learning about National Safer Internet Day across the school. Please find a link to the day and resources for parents/carers which you may find useful to help ensure that the children’s use of the Internet is safe and secure outside of school. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

[Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

Termly Plans

Please see links below for termly plans, detailing subject coverage in each class. Our key concept is **Ecology & Evolution** this term, with each class exploring the following questions in their topic work (detailed plans can be found on the links below):

Venus—How do we get to the seaside?

[Term-3-A-Ticket-to-Ride-23-24FINAL-1.pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

Mars—How has the seaside changed over time?

[Neptune Term 3 2024 Topic title: How has the seaside changed over time? \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

Neptune—How do rivers and mountains impact on their surrounding environments?

[Neptune Term 3 2024 Topic title: Rivers and Mountains \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

Jupiter—How do natural disasters impact on animals and humans?

[Term 3 2024 Topic title: Extreme Earth – Natural Disasters \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

Kent Teacher of the Year

It is that time of year again when parents have an opportunity to recognise the exceptional work of our staff and I have been sent the following to share:

From the dedicated teachers who inspire and educate, to the support staff who keep everything running smoothly, we recognise the hard work and dedication of each and every person who contributes to our schools. That's why we're excited to invite you to nominate someone for a Kent Teacher of the Year Award! Whether it's a teacher who has gone above and beyond to support their students, a support worker who always has a smile on their face or a volunteer who has made a significant impact to their school community, we want to hear about them!

Nominations are open to parents, students, and peers, so if you know someone who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination. With a wide range of award categories, including primary, secondary, early careers, non-teaching members of staff, and volunteers, there's an opportunity to recognise everyone who makes a difference in our schools.

Our winners will be announced at a special awards dinner, where we'll celebrate their contributions and the impact they've had on the lives of students and their school communities. It's a night not to be missed, filled with inspiration, recognition, and celebration! So take a moment to think about the amazing people you know in the education system and submit a nomination today, and please share details of the awards amongst your contacts encouraging them to make nominations too. Let's celebrate all the people who make our schools great!

Visit the [Social Enterprise Kent](#) website for further information and to nominate.



Pupil Prayer of the week:

Let us be inspired by Millie's journey to have courage in our hearts and never give up, even if things get difficult. There is always hope of a better day and Lord, give us the strength to be the best we can be.

Amen

Action for homeless Folkestone reminder

We are continuing to collect the following items:

Socks/pants (for men s/m)

Gloves, scarves, hats

Wet wipes

Tins of tomatoes

Hygiene products e.g. toothpaste, tooth brushes, tissues

Please leave any donations with Mrs Parry in the school office. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to Alfie's Dad, who has supplied the wood for Venus class's outside area. Work has already begun, as you will see, with the Reception play area being zoned off for different activities.

Venus Class would be most grateful for donations of boys pants age 3-4 and also age 5-6 (which are needed as soon as possible please). Also if you have any spare joggers suitable for children in Year R they will be gratefully received. Thank you

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](#).

COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6th February - 3.30 pm	Curriculum Workshop
Friday 9th February	Term 3 Ends
Monday 19th February	Term 4 Begins
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day!

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

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Class News



Venus class wrapped up warm and enjoyed a winter walk down the lane on a cold and frosty morning. We saw

the frost sparkling in the sunlight and noticed our shadows. As we exhaled we saw our breath too!



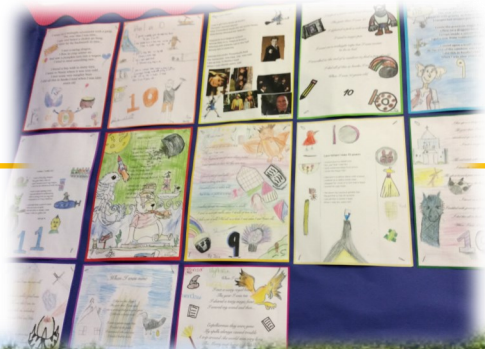
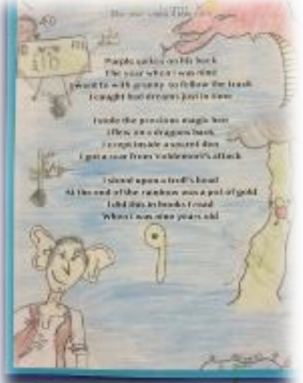
This week Mars have been sorting animal types and creating fact files about them as part of our biology lessons.



Neptune Class have been making model 3D rivers. We have really enjoyed creating and labelling them.



Jupiter have been writing poems this term; we have written Kennings about volcanoes and descriptive poems about some of the books we have read. Can you work out the book titles from our poems?



Messy Church Pancake Party!



Brabourne School Hall

**Shrove Tuesday
February 13th
10:30am-12pm**


To book a free space for your family
email office@stourdowns.org.uk





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- ✓ Hand-eye coordination
and fitness

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