



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

18th March 2024

Ofsted inspection

Last week we had two inspectors visit our school for our first inspection since 2018. We had been anticipating the inspection for some time, delayed since Covid. The report for the ungraded inspection is currently confidential, but will be shared with parents/carers once we have received the final copy.

I must just take this opportunity to say how proud I was of all the pupils—they were exceptional (as always!) and really showed just how smart, confident and eloquent Brabourne pupils are. The staff work so hard and it was wonderful to see much of what they do daily, to make learning at Brabourne exciting and enriching, in action.

I would also like to send my most sincere thanks to our school families. The number of good wishes in person, and by email, was most appreciated and the number of cakes from our school families, (I think we have all eaten our body weight in sugar this week!), were so very kind.

We really are lucky at Brabourne to have such kind and supportive families and local community.

House Captain events

The Y6 House Captains have been busy organising events for the last few weeks of term. This **Thursday, 21st March** they are celebrating Downs Syndrome Day, with a non-uniform day to raise money. The children need to bring in £1 and the theme is 'funky socks'! They may also enter a sock puppet competition for 50p with Easter prizes for the winners. All proceeds will go to 21 Together.

The second event is an Easter garden competition. There will be prizes per class and children should bring in their Easter gardens on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Parent consultation evenings

Just a reminder that these will take place on **Wednesday, 20th** and **Tuesday 26th March** between 3.30pm and 7.30pm.

Farm shop

The farm shop is back! The gardening club is selling eggs and plants for spring planting. Please come and support where you can, as funds will be ploughed back into Eco projects—this year we wish to create a wildflower meadow, amongst other projects. Please see the piece written by the gardening team on the next page, for more information.....



Gardening Club news

Our year started on a high, with the arrival of the amazing greenhouse you see in the centre of the garden. Thank you again to Year R Alfie's mum and Dad for the immensely kind donation, it enabled Spring in the school garden to...spring.

Do go and have a look at the greenhouse – you're very welcome. As you will see, the children have already pretty much filled it. It's been a fabulous refuge during the endless rain we've had and enabled us to get gardening while we sheltered. As a result, the 'farm shop' at the school has already been selling healthy little broad bean plants.

Keep an eye on the farm shop for upcoming sweet peas, lettuce, herbs and other young plants all ready for planting out, as well as rhubarb ready for transformation into crumble!

The club members have all been busy outside too, when rain allowed. Carrots, spinach and shallots have all gone in – the beginnings of a cornucopia of delicious organic veg to come.

We've been using compost donated by Ransley Turf and child-sized spades as well as lidded storage boxes and trugs from Wickes: thank you so much to both those companies for their valuable support.

It's not the just the gardening club that learns from the garden. Each class has entered a potato-growing challenge, receiving five seed potatoes which they have watched magically sprout (or chit). Soon they'll plant them and there is a prize at the end of the season for the heaviest yield and for the biggest potato.

Next up - The Sunflower Challenge. All children will be coming home with 2 seeds to plant at home, and then we will ask them to measure the tallest, take a picture, and send it to school. The winner will get a prize.

Lastly (for now) the drivers among you may have noticed a new bed around the central tree. That is soon to be a small wildflower bed to help our lovely bees and other insects thrive. Please don't drive over it!

To this end, we have a few asks. If anyone can help please tell Mrs Parry – and thank you if you CAN help. We need:

A few more large border rocks (ragstone sized) to protect the new wildflower bed in the car park.

Cardboard loo roll or kitchen towel centres for plastic-free seed-sowing.

Plant pots and other plastic food containers/trays to act as pot saucers. ("recycle/reuse/repurpose"!)

Farm Shop-style donations to sell to raise funds for the club. Made too much of something? Bring it over.

Another shed for the garden, if anyone has one they don't need?

Lastly, would any kind person have a JCB-style mini-digger and be happy to help us with a project in the playing field soon? We'd like peel off some turf to create a walk-through wildflower patch we're planning (We don't ask for much, do we?!)

Thank you too, to all who've bought from the farm shop. Not only do we need the funds but the income teaches the children about financial sustainability, not just the growing kind. Where there's muck (and seeds and elbow grease) there's brass!

Happy Gardening from volunteers Lucie, Maggie, Jane and Katy and the gardening team.

Pupil Prayer of the week:

Dear Lord

Thank you for our school, our teachers and TAs, our education and the opportunities we have to grow.

Amen

Parent survey

Thank you for all the surveys you have completed, both the paper version and Ofsted online surveys. These surveys are incredibly useful to us as a school and we review all of these at our annual vision day. Please hand any completed surveys to the school office this week. We also survey our pupils to gain their thoughts and ideas for further school development.

Enrichment

It has been another wonderful term full of enrichment opportunities. Classes have enjoyed two weeks of extra enrichment from Sports Giants, focussing on Geographical fieldwork skills, a Water Cycle workshop, trips to Led by the Wild for Jupiter Class, a Citizenship Day attended by Kent University lecturers, World Book Day, Chinese New Year with Miss Yeung, football and netball tournaments, Chinese teaching and so much more! Please see highlights from the term on the next page...

Easter Service

Families are most welcome to join us for our Easter Service on **Wednesday, 27th March, 9am** at Brabourne Church. Mr Connolly has been working hard with the children to practise songs in readiness for the occasion. Parking: Unfortunately Hester Fenwick's field is not suitable for parking at this time, but Mrs Henshaw has kindly offered the use of her yard—further details to follow.

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: Would you kindly collect your child(ren):

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

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 20th March	Parent Consultation evening 1
Thursday, 21st March	House Captain non-uniform 'Funky Sock' day for World Downs Syndrome Day
Friday, 22nd March	Easter Cake sale after school
Saturday, 23rd March	PTA Community Walk
Tuesday, 26th March	Parent Consultation evening 2
Wednesday 27th March	Church Service Easter garden competition
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 PTA Easter Egg hunt for children
Friday 29th March	Good Friday - School closed
Monday 15th April	Staff INSET day—School closed
Tuesday 16th April	Term 5 starts

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Celebrating our term in pictures.....



Elsie welcomes everyone to our school!



Amazing day at Led by the Wild



Thank you PTA for our amazing events!



Chinese New Year with Miss Yeung



Water cycle workshops!



Lots of inspirational visitors and speakers!



YR Sports Fun Day!



Loving Adventurous Outdoor Learning!



We made it to the Climbing Wall finals!



We love our reading buddies!



Talking with our partner schools by Zoom



Science in action!



Orienteering with Sports Giants



The return of our now healthy looking rescue chickens!

World Book Day highlights.....





A message from our wonderful Mrs Vasu (TA in Jupiter Class):

I am running the **London Marathon** on Sunday 21st April 2024. I am raising money for **Great Ormond Street Hospital** to thank them for the care they gave our daughter, Sophia in 2022. Sophia had developed scoliosis (curvature of her spine), which had become more obvious as she got older. She had just finished her *GCSEs* when she had spinal fusion surgery in July 2022. She, and the staff at the hospital were all incredible and she was home 5 days later. We are so lucky to have had such excellent care, and Sophia can live a normal, happy life because of what they did.

I would be so grateful for any sponsorship while I am training for the marathon. Jupiter Class are tracking my runs in class, to keep me going! You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking [here](#).

Thank you so much.

Mrs Vasu



Sophia's x-ray just before surgery



Her dressing in hospital



What it looks like now!

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PTA News

PTA dates for the diary:

Friday, 22nd March: Easter Cake Sale

Saturday, 23rd March: Community Walk at 11am

Thursday, 28th March: PTA Easter Egg hunt for all Brabourne pupils (this will be a free event)

Friday, 26th April: Hand in your 'Money for Miles' fundraising forms



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PALM
SUNDAY

Sunday 24th March 9:45am



**Donkey Parade
from The Five Bells to
St Mary's, Brabourne**

**All welcome to the
Palm Sunday service at 10am
at St Mary's, Brabourne**



EASTER

FAMILY WOODLAND ACTIVITIES

2ND, 3RD, 4TH

&

9TH, 10TH, 11TH APRIL

FAMILY SESSION

10AM-12PM

BOOKWHEN.COM/LEDBYTHEWILD

£8.50

PER CHILD

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Wildlings is set in a beautiful 30 acre conservation and woodland area at Led by the Wild, just outside the village of Aldington in Ashford.

- Sessions are 2 hours long and include: natural crafts, pond dipping, minibeast hunts, cooking and den making.
 - Each session we will introduce a different topic to explore.
- The sessions are aimed to reconnect with your family through nature.

Please note, as these are family woodland sessions, parents/carers do need to stay.

Led by the Wild, Whites Wood Farm, Gigger's Green Road, Aldington, TN25 7BY



Easteroo craft competition



Easteroo is our annual spring creative craft competition for schools and families at home.

Kids and grown-ups of any age can participate - let your imagination run wild!

We have two themes for 2024: Eggs and Spring. You can draw, make, build or paint your creation, and you can work alone or as a group. Perhaps paint a character on an egg, bake some spring-themed cupcakes, or build an egg-hunt diorama as a family.

What unusual idea can you come up with?



We have lots of great prizes to give away, including craft bundles from The Works, book bundles from Forshere, a sensory dough kit from Curiosity Corner, a set of crayons and chalks from The Natural Crayon Company and a family prize of nut- safe chocolate eggs from Kinnerton!

Easteroo has launched and closes at midnight on April 1.

To jump in, simply go to ootiboo.com and select the project.



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CRICKET COACHING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



Easter holiday sessions open to women and girls from all clubs and schools

AGES 7-12 4-5:15PM

Fielding and Fitness - 2nd April £12

Batting and Bowling - 9th April £12

Or £20 if both sessions booked together

A chance to hone cricket skills before the start of the season.

Sessions led by an experienced coach:

- **ECB Core Coach**
- **Girls' County Age Group Coach**
- **Qualified Youth Strength and Conditioning Coach**



AGES 13+ 5:30 - 7PM

Fielding and Fitness - 2nd April £15

Batting and Bowling - 9th April £15

Or £25 if both sessions booked together

A chance to hone cricket skills before the season begins.



For more information or to book a place contact Head Coach Chris



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CG Cricket Coaching



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INFORMATION



TIMINGS

9am-3pm



Please log onto the Holiday Activities Vouchers site/app to find us (Primary Sports Giants Easter Camp Week 1 & 2) and secure your child's free place. A hot lunch will be provided each day

Only 17 places are available so sign up fast!



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SUMMER CAMP DATES:

29th July to 9th August @ST ANSELM'S - CANTERBURY

12th-16th August @WOOLTON FARM -

Bekesbourne/Canterbury

EXCITING NEW VENUE!

FOR BOOKINGS AND INFO VISIT

WWW.PRIMARYSPORTSGIANTS.CO.UK

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HAF EASTER SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMP 2024



• DATES: 2ND-5TH & 8TH-12TH APRIL •



ST ANSELM'S SCHOOL- CANTERBURY

For children aged 5-11 (Year 1 to 7). Run by qualified PE teachers and coaches with a big focus on outdoor adventures and activities...Nerf battles, dodgeball, outdoor challenges, crafts, multi-sports, outdoor cooking, art, leggo, structured play and lots more...

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