



Theme for next week : Promoting British Values

Head's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and good health. By now, you will have received information from Mr Shute regarding relationship education which is part of our PSHE programme. This guidance is very informative and I advise that you read it carefully. It will help you answer any questions that your child may have on the subject, should they follow this up with you at home.

Currently, we are still awaiting further advice from secondary schools regarding their 11+ testing procedures. Over the past few weeks and with the continued uncertainty around the spread of the virus, some schools have changed their procedures at least three times. I do sympathise with them. They are attempting to run a fair and rigorous testing system whilst wrestling with the problems caused by the need to adhere to strict safety measures. These schools have conducted entrance tests for many years, adapting and amending them where necessary. This year, they are unable to use many of the systems that they are accustomed to and which work well for them. At present, Forest, Chigwell and Bancroft's are still hoping to conduct their tests in their own schools in January. During this period of uncertainty, we will update Year 6 parents when we are made aware of any changes to the procedures the schools will be using. Today, I conducted a practice interview session with all Year 6 pupils and was pleased with their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Due to the reported rise in the infection rate, we have decided to conduct the parent teacher sessions remotely. Please see the information sent out by Miss Singleton and book your appointments.

I am happy to report that in school, the children remain happy and are enjoying their school experience, enthusiastically participating in their education, the activities and socialising with their peers.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Leonard Blom



As part of the London Mini Marathon week, pupils in Years 4-8 have taken part in a 2.6 mile run. There have been fantastic performances from all the children with some really fast times. Anyone interested in continuing their running should look to join either Orion Harriers or Woodford Green Athletics Clubs. They are two local and inclusive clubs that encourage runners of all ages and abilities.





Year 2 have been busy creating their own fake plague remedies and adverts to promote them! In their potions, the children used a strange concoction of strong smelling liquids along with herbs and spices. Their adverts included how the medicine should be administered and listed people that it had 'cured'! Worryingly, their writing was quite convincing and persuasive!



5MA enjoyed developing their performance skills this week. They split up into groups to practise different scenes and then performed confidently to the rest of the class.



Year 1 pupils have been learning this week about the rainforest and wild animals. They have had great fun in class making animal masks.



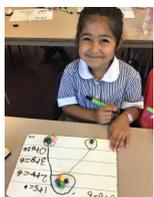
Year 8 have been busy in French lessons learning about going on holiday whilst Year 7, in history lessons, have gone back in time to find out about what was happening in 1066.



Pupils in the Year 1 sketching after-school activity had a lot of fun this week learning how to sketch a cat. Here is a wonderful sketch produced by Reva in 1MD.



In maths, the children in year 1 have been introduced to the part-whole model. They looked at the way a number can be partitioned into two or more parts. They have enjoyed adding using dienes, numicon and counters.



Year 4 made the most of some sunny weather in their Games lesson. They took part in a healthy workout and fun class challenges.



This week, in Year 2, pupils have looked at Surrealism and investigated techniques used by artists such as Salvador Dali and Max Ernst. They then used photos of themselves and created a surrealist collage. Some of them could hardly recognise themselves!



In English, Year 4 are reading Beowulf. This week, pupils took part in a hot-seating activity with Beowulf after



his victory against Grendel and his mother!



In Drama, Year 2 have been exploring the story of Hansel and Gretel through role play. This week, the children used their facial expressions and voices to pretend to be the evil witch. They particularly enjoyed recreating her evil cackle.



Congratulations to these pupils who were awarded Headmaster's Commendations this week.

Bancroft's School is holding a zoom webinar on Wednesday, 7 October at 5.30pm led by the Head, Mr Simon Marshall. He will talk about the admission process and the transition at 11+.

Braeside School is holding a Virtual Open Morning on Wednesday, 7 October from 10am – 11am. To register, please visit their website.

Normanhurst School is holding a Virtual Open Morning on Thursday, 8 October. Please register your interest via the form on their website.