

Welcome

It has been a busy few weeks and it doesn't feel like we've only been back at school for five weeks. It is lovely to see the Nursery and Reception children really begin to settle in and from next week we are going to begin to let the Reception children will be accessing some of the main playground at lunchtime.

Year 6 are working hard and rehearsing for their Shakespeare plays and have a workshop from Shakespeare Schools Festival in today to help with their performances. We're all looking forward to their performance on 9th November at South Hill Park.

Miss Garnham has been helping children plant their seeds in our Edible Garden for our first growing cycle – she was only stopped by the rain on Wednesday. She planted Spinach, cauliflower and rocket and we're looking forward to harvesting them in Spring.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Year 5 and Year 6 Information Evening on Monday. It would have been lovely to see more parents attend as they are important evenings to discuss the year ahead and for you to ask any questions. We will post the presentations and information pack on the school website under – Curriculum & Classes – Year Group Pages.

We've started Prospective Parent Tours this term for reception children for next September. They are every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Harvest Festival

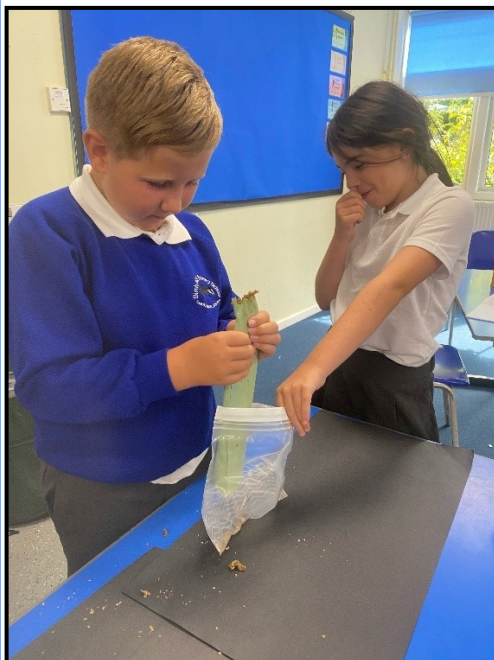
At this time of year, around the world, harvest is being celebrated and people are giving thanks for the food we eat. In school, we will be sharing a whole school assembly and will reflect on what we are thankful for. As part of this, we would like to support the work of the Bracknell foodbank, who have been supporting the most in need within our community. As you can see from this information, they have been extremely busy!



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- **So far this year we have provided a 3 day emergency food supply for 4167 people, 1683 of these were children.**
- **Demand is currently double what it was this time last year thanks to the increased cost-of-living**
- **People come for lots of different reasons: sickness, change in benefits, unemployment, debt, but for 40% of people the main reason given is 'low income'.**
- **We work with 120ish referral agencies in Bracknell (council groups, schools, churches etc) who send people to us**
- **All our food is donated by the local community except the fresh food which is funded by the council.**
- **So far this year 48 tonnes of food has been donated to foodbank. That's the weight of 48 cars!**

They have let us know that they are most in need of **toilet roll, size 3-7 nappies and toiletries**. If you are able, and would like to support the school in helping them meet the needs of others, please send in your contributions either via your child's class, or through the school office from Monday 10th October until Friday 14th October. We will arrange delivery of the items to the foodbank on behalf of the school. Thank you.



Year 4 News

Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system as part of our topic 'Where does my food go?'. As part of a practical lesson, the children used every day materials including a cardboard tube, a paper cup, a leg from a pair of tights and a weetabix to replicate how the digestive system works. They enjoyed getting a bit messy and finding out about the different parts of the digestive system.



Year 3 News

This week Year 3 have enjoyed a session in the edible garden. The children were split into 5 groups and experienced 5 different activities including: weeding, planting, watering and labelling new crops. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and learnt how much fun it can be getting their hands dirty in the garden. We are all very excited to see how well our radishes grow and will hopefully, get to taste them once they are harvested.



Family Workshop

Thank you to all of those who came to the Year 1 Maths Family Learning Workshop this week. It was clear that the children enjoyed working with their adult in school and parents and carers commented that they enjoyed the experience too.



The book Fair is returning on Tuesday 11th October to Birch Hill Primary School, for a week. All money made goes towards books for the school so we can buy more books for the children to enjoy.
Please see the attached flyer for website and payment details.

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The application process is open from 12 September 2022 – 31 October 2022. Parents can apply online www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Scholastic Book Fair	Tuesday 11th October—Friday 14th October - 3.30pm
Reception Welcome & Information Meeting (face to face)	Wednesday 12th October - 6.30pm
Parent Consultation Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th October - 4-7pm
Year 6 Height and Weight Check	Wednesday 19th October
School Photographs	Friday 21st October
HALF TERM	MONDAY 24TH—FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY	MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER
Year 6 Shakespeare Performance @ South Hill Park	Wednesday 9th November (evening)
End of Term	Friday 16th December

Attachments

-  Asthma School Coffee Morning Leaflet
-  book-fairs-september-invite-2149206
-  Flu Uptake Poster Birch Hill
-  Kerith Bracknell Shine Bright Party Flyer
-  Winter Wheeze Webinar