



Weekly Newsletter

13 January 2023

Welcome

The children have had an exciting time getting involved in all the different art activities as part of our Arts Week - many thanks to everyone who has helped with providing resources and materials. Our Take One Picture exhibition will be open on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February - all day. Many thanks to Mrs Watson and Mrs Bradshaw to organising the event.

The choir are excited about the Young Voices event on Monday - I know they will have an amazing time. Many thanks to Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Kerlake for running the rehearsals and organising the event. Thank you for all the feedback about Parents Evenings. We have had a mixed response with parents wanting both face to face and online meetings, therefore we will hold one of each - Tuesday 28th February will be face-to-face and Thursday 2nd March will be online. These will be booked on a first come first serve basis.

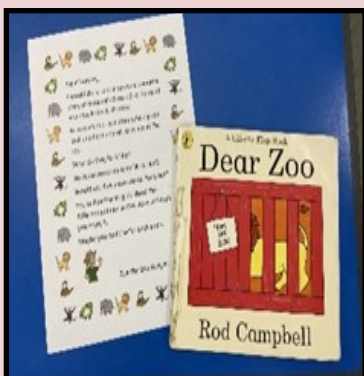
Michael Dillon - Headteacher

The closing date for primary applications is **Sunday 15th January** - please make sure you have applied before the deadline.

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>

Nursery

It has been a busy start to the new term for Nursery. We have welcomed some new friends who have all settled in really well. We have also been introduced to our new Talk for Writing book this term which is "Dear Zoo" by Rod Campbell. We got a letter from Zoe the Zookeeper who told us it was her favourite story. We have also been busy with all our art work for the Take One Picture project.



Reception

The children in Reception have settled back into school after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed reading stories about space and aliens, our favourite was 'Aliens Love Underpants'.

In the indoor classroom we have a Space Travel Agents and the children have enjoyed booking holidays to the moon and space planets. In the outdoor classroom we have a spaceship which travels to the moon every 10 minutes. This half term we will be researching information about the planets and using our imagination



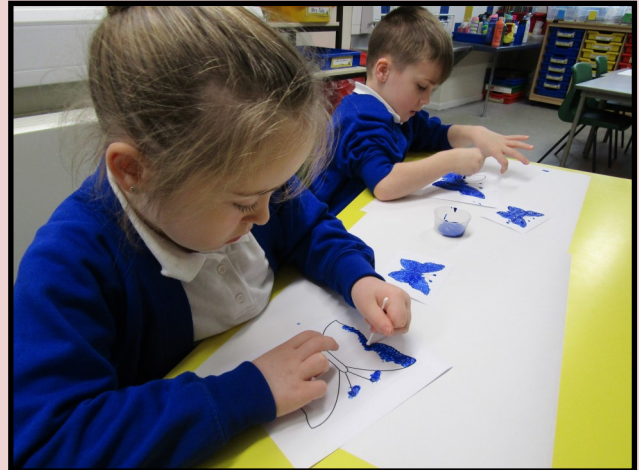
Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about the artist George Seurat and his painting A Sunday afternoon on an island of la Grande Jatte. They have been using his technique of pointillism to paint their own version of this famous painting and flowers on stones.



Year 2

We have had a really fun time in Year 2 this week! We have been learning about the painting style of pointillism and what it is. We have been looking at how we can use pointillism to create art and have been practising the skill. Our Big Question has been introduced - 'What is growing around us?' where we have looked at the life cycle of a chicken. As mathematicians, we have been learning how to efficiently subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number, using our knowledge of partitioning to help us.



Rainbow

We have loved welcoming the children back into Rainbow Room this week and hearing all about their Christmas holidays. We have revisited lots of our memories from last term and the things that they enjoyed. They loved having indoor picnics and can't wait to be able to have them outside and they found Elvis the snake very fascinating.



Sapphire

Sapphire Class have had a wonderful week. We have welcomed some lovely new friends to our class, and it has been fantastic to see them being made so welcome by the current children! We have begun investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and using special vocabulary to help us describe them. Our new story focus is on 'The Three Little Pigs' and we have begun to explore the text together, to order key events. Thomas has even created his own paper tools for house-building!



Family Learning Workshop

Year 2 children and families attended the Family Learning Maths Workshop on Thursday. Parents and carers commented that they enjoyed working with their children in the school environment and liked taking the task away to continue learning at home.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Young Voices Concert at the O2	Monday 16th January
Friends Meeting	Tuesday 17th January –time TBC
Year 1 Family Learning	Thursday 2nd February—9.00am Thursday 9th February—9.00am
Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting (Virtual)	Tuesday 7th February—6.00pm
Take One Picture Art Exhibition	Thursday 9th February & Friday 10th February
HALF TERM	MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
Reception Family Learning	Tuesday 21st February—9.00am
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28th February & Thursday 2nd March—3.45pm-7.00pm
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Library Book Amnesty

Please can you check your children's bedrooms and shelves for any school library books that may have been forgotten about. We are missing a lot of books from the library.

We will put a box in the office for your to return them to. Thank you for your cooperation.