





25th September 2020

Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

Well, we certainly felt the chill this morning as the temperature dropped to 7-8 degrees! Despite the cold winds, standing on the gate every day and seeing everyone's welcoming smiles as you all come into school is certainly one of the highlights of my job, and sets me up for the day ahead!

I had the pleasure of teaching Mrs Brear's RWI group yesterday, and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the wonderful learning behaviours that the children in her group demonstrated. They were good listeners, they collaborated well while helping each other with the reading, and they were really keen to learn. Well done to you all!

This week in Ainslie class, Reception have been counting with numbers up to 5 and are beginning to use the sounds they've learnt to write words on magnet boards or on paper. The Year 1 group have been counting and ordering numbers to 20, and in D.T. they made Gingerbread Men pictures with a wheel on the back to change their faces from smiling to sad.

As I was walking across the playground the other day, I heard many shocked and excited voices coming from the Y1/2 outside area. Lambert class had found a very poorly gingerbread man with his arm missing. The children called me over in great excitement to show me flour that had been spilt on the floor, crime scene tape strung up, and many other clues to the mystery that had taken place. They were trying to track down who had caused this injury. They think it might have been a fox (or a wolf?!). What do you think?



We have some budding artists in Clover class. They have been creating pop art, building on techniques they've been learning. In the style of Andy Warhol, they have been duplicating an everyday object but presenting it in bold and unexpected colour schemes. I'm sure you will agree, they would look perfect on any gallery wall!







I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Golden Book

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Ainslie	Kieron - for his fantastic independence. Kaiden - for his positive self talk using "I CAN" and being kind to others.				
Lambert	Martha & Lilli for being great role models, working hard in Maths. Freddie & Tommy for being good role models and working hard with their writing.				
Robertson	Wilbur, Max Be, Sam S - beautiful, carefully formed numerals in handwriting practice.				
Macarthur	Avy - excellent mentoring and kindness. Thomas - independence in Science.				
Clover	Henry - Excellent attention and questioning during WW1 topic work.				
Bee-Haviour	Henry in Ainslie Class - for showing beautiful learning behaviours.				
Sports Bee	Zara in Ainslie Class—for making a great start to PE, showing great focus and determination throughout lessons.				

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

W/c 28th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Pasta	Sausage Roll	Roast Pork	Fish and Chips	Chicken Wraps
Option 2	Veggie Tagine	Vegan Roll	Quorn	Frittata	Veggie Wraps
Dessert	Choc Brownie	Fruit and Yog	Iced Sponge	Cookie	Apple Sponge

If children from years 1-6 do not like what is on the menu, they can ask for a jacket potato with either beans, cheese, beans and cheese or tuna mayo. Fresh salad and fruit is offered everyday alongside the daily options.

PE KITS

We believe that uniform is important because it gives children a sense of belonging and promotes their sense of pride in our school. When children do not have a kit, where possible they will take part in the lesson in their school uniform which isn't ideal. With this in mind, can we please ask you to ensure children bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and keep it in school for the week to go home to be washed on Friday. As of next week, you will be contacted if your child doesn't have their kit with them.

Our PE kit is a white Brighstone Logo T-shirt - available from the school office for £4, blue shorts/skort, and plimsolls for Years R-2 and trainers for Years 3-6. During the autumn and winter and particularly now where as much PE as possible is taking place outside, children can wear warmer kit of a navy tracksuit.

Please ensure everything is **labelled** so that lost items can be returned to their rightful owner.



CREA







On <u>Friday 2nd October</u>, children and staff are invited to wear something yellow (mufti day with something yellow) to celebrate the great work and service that the Earl Mountbatten Hospice offers.

It's been a difficult year for their fundraising team so let's help them out.

Donations of any amount are welcome with a suggested minimum donation of £1.

Wellbeing Window

Did you have a go at Mindful breathing last week? Gold star for you if you did!

Reaching out to someone could just come at the right time so with this in mind, as part of Suicide Prevention Month, this week's exercise is:

Connect with friends and loved ones

- 1. Tell them you miss them
- 2. Share something that made you think of them
- 3. Ask their opinion about a new song you heard
- 4. Remind them they are not alone
- 5. Ask if they've seen a popular new TV show
- 6. Let them know when you're free for a chat
- 7. Ask if you can help with anything
- 8. Remind them they're loved
- 9. Ask about a recent post they made
- 10. Acknowledge things haven't been easy