



BRYONY SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM NEWS 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of what has been an action-packed term in a very busy year.



This newsletter contains a brief snapshot of life in our happy school. Highlights have included Sports Day, Speech Day, Pre-School Graduation, the School Fete and numerous school visits.

We are very proud of our children's performance -academically and in sport. Most recently our Key Stage 1 and 2 scores this term were terrific with some super high levels achieved. This complements our excellent 11 plus results where we were top of all Medway Independent schools.

May we wish our Year 6 Leavers and those moving away the very best of luck for the future. We will miss you. We hope you all have a very happy and relaxing Summer.

Mr and Mrs Edmunds

Annual Speech Day

Our annual Speech Day was held in St Barnabus Church. We celebrated the achievements of all our children over the past year. The day belonged to Year 6 who we sadly had to say goodbye to. You were a wonderful year group full of charismatic and intelligent individuals. We know you are destined for great things. Please keep in



Pre-School Graduation

The Pre-School had a wonderful graduation ceremony where celebrated the children's achievements and shared memories of their pre-school days. We wish you all every success in the future. We are so very proud of you. Special thanks to the staff for their hard work in preparing for this exciting event, to Mrs S. Clarke for her amazing bunting and to Mr Tovey for his excellent Graduation photos! Look out for your child in the KM newspaper!



Uniform

School Time in Chatham are now the official Bryony School uniform shop. A full stock should be in the shop this summer with the new PE kit available from September. We have introduced some changes and improvements in quality to the uniform. Transition to the new uniform will be a gradual process. Further details are in a separate letter to all parents.



School Sports Day



We were lucky with the weather for our successful Sports Day. The children from



Nursery class to Year 6 really enjoyed practising and their hard work paid off in what was a very impressive display of sporting prowess. Highlights included the Infants team races such as the Pre-School Rainbow race and the Year 1 'School's Out' race. All the Junior children competed well in a great afternoon of Athletics, with the Blue Team being overall winners. Many thanks to all participants and spectators.

Staffing

We would like to welcome to **Mrs Ware** who will be a new Year 4 Form Tutor from September. We would also like to wish **Ms.Fendick** the very best with the imminent birth of her baby. We would like to congratulate **Miss Hills**, our Early Years Teacher who has recently also become a qualified Primary School Teacher. Special thanks goes to Miss King and Mrs Edmunds for mentoring Miss Hills.



Year 3 Visit to Omnipark Dentist

As part of our Science curriculum and to mark 'National Smile Week' Year 3 have been learning about the importance of good oral health. In June, we visited Omnipark Dental Surgery.

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Mr and Mrs Babayemi** for giving our children this opportunity. Below is an extract from a visit report by Owain Rowe.



Once we arrived at the dentist's surgery we learnt more about healthy eating. At the end of her talk, we played an interesting game where we had to put plastic foods on the right sections of a large poster of a healthy diet called the 'Eatwell Plate'. After that, we learnt about cigarettes and how dangerous they are to our health and our teeth. He showed us a jar of tar. It was brown and gooey.....yuk! **WARNING:** cigarettes can make your teeth go brown and they **WILL** rot! We then had our break. A dentist spoke to us about how to clean our teeth properly. We had to show our toothbrushes and toothpastes to see if we had the right ones! The best part was when we pretended to be dentists and patients. We went into a real surgery. I was the dentist while Zaskar was the patient. I had to look into his mouth and count his teeth! When we finished, they gave us bags of stickers and other goodies. I loved the day! **By Owain Rowe 3L**

Year 4 visit to Leeds Castle

On 9th July, Year 4 visited Leeds Castle. We began the day with a Victorian classroom experience. The day was set in 1875, so to create the right atmosphere, the girls wore white pinafores whilst the boys sported colourful waistcoats. The children learnt the school rules of that time. For instance, to speak only when spoken to, to curtsy or bow upon meeting an adult and addressing staff as 'M'am' or 'Sir'. Later we enjoyed a guided tour of the Castle before having lunch in the gardens and solving the Leeds Castle Maze. **By Miss Daines and Mrs Parker**



Year 3 Trip to Chatham Dockyard

Our visit linked to our history and science curriculum. Highlights included: Victorian rope making, re-enacting the story of Grace Darling in the lifeboat station; and learning about missiles onboard HMS Cavalier and then working in teams to create our own rockets.



By Mrs Atkins and Mrs Lakanu



News from Year 1

We have once again had an action packed term. In History, we learnt about the past in London in 1600s and 1800s. We explored the Plague, the Great Fire of London and the rebuilding of St Paul's by Sir Christopher Wren. Our Science experiments this term have been based on growing. We enjoyed a trip to Tesco's to learn about different fruits and vegetables. We tasted them and learnt where they came from. Exploring plant life back in the classroom, we found out what seeds require in order to grow and we set up experiments to prove these findings. After a brilliant trip to Maidstone Museum where we investigated bugs, we came back to the classroom to look at the insects that live with plants; drawing, observing and marvelling at their antics. Thank you to all parents whose children brought in a book or helped them investigate further into these areas. we have all benefited from their extra efforts.

By Mrs Tovey, Mrs Caller and Mrs Secker



Year's 5 and 6 Trip to the Arethusa Centre

Years 5 and 6 went on an activity trip to the Arethusa Centre. Below are extracts from the children's reports.

"There were lots of activities to choose from. Our first activity was archery and it was awesome. The man who taught us was really good at explaining what we should and shouldn't do. He sorted us into groups. Our group was called Dead Shot and the other group, Killer Instinct. My first arrow went wide of the target. I adjusted my stance and my next arrow hit the target". **By Luke McFarlane**



"Our second activity was the high rope. I had to put on a safety harness and a helmet and climb up a huge wooden log with metal rungs sticking out of it. After the log, I climbed a tall tower. I tried not to look up or down. With every bar I climbed I could feel the wind blowing and the tower wobble more and more. At the top, I jumped the 'Leap of Faith' and abseiled to the ground". **By Justin Soifertis**

"Our last activity was Initiative Games which included one where we really had to think. There was a big circle on the ground and it had a hoop inside it. Only two people were allowed in the circle at once and all 28 of us had to dive through the hula hoop. We beat the Arethusa record of 40 seconds by completing it in 35 seconds!. I had a lovely day and I really enjoyed it. I which is could do it all over again. It was FANTASTIC!" **By Lily Burgess**

Junior Art Club

We had a lovely time painting on canvas with Mrs Phillips. We used a variety of acrylic paints. Some of us painted our own subjects and some painted butterflies. I have a wonderful piece of art work for my wall. **By Macy-Jane Chadwick**

Year 2 Highlights

Wow what a busy term! Highlights include our successful Key Stage 1 S.A.T.s. Everyone achieved a level 2 and several a level 3 (government guidelines expect a level 3 to be achieved in Year 4!). Well done everyone! We have been learning about oceans, corals and castles. We have enjoyed learning about electricity and magnets in Science and Van Gogh in Art. All children enjoyed a visit to the Juniors to meet their Year 3 teachers and play in the school field. We are going to miss our current classes. Good luck to you all! **By Mrs Farnes and Mrs Paice**



Friends of Bryony School (F.O.B.S)

F.O.B.S. have had another busy term. We would like to thank them for organising a very successful Summer Fête. A great team effort! Bryony's Got Talent drew huge crowds with first prize going to Polina and Beau and Oscar winning the group prize. Well done to all those that took part - what amazingly talent we have in our school! A particular mention must be made of our Year 4 girls whose 'Loom Band Stall' raised over £80! Excellent entrepreneurial and selling skills girls!



F.O.B.S. kindly provided all pupils with a gift of Bryony Sunglasses at Speech Day and at the Pre-School Graduation. They also contributed towards the Year 6 Leavers Party of bowling and dinner at the end of this term. Throughout the year F.O.B.S continue to run the nearly new uniform shop organised by Mrs Kemp as well as sell reduced priced tickets to Fun Drum (£2.50 each) via Mrs Saroya. New members always welcome.

Please email: friendsofbryonyschool@gmail.com

Summer Reading Challenge



The Infant children enjoyed listening to Mr Pemberton from the Medway Libraries team (also a parent) read stories and learn about the *Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge*. We hope lots of you can take part!

Marshall Road Parking:

Please **do not** park on the double yellow lines, zig zags or across driveways. This is dangerous and inconsiderate.

Early Years Visit to Chatham Dockyard

The Preschool and Reception children had a fantastic visit to Chatham Historic Dockyard to explore the Julia Donaldson special exhibition. Julia Donaldson has written books many books such as *'The Gruffalo'* and *'What the Ladybird Heard'* which we have also been learning about in class. The children listened to the stories, looked at the author's own notes which inspired her books and the illustrators drawings. The children had fun dressing up as characters from the stories and making their own craft display. Whilst at the dockyard we made the most of our time there and were able to have a guided tour of the life boat



museum, and we climbed aboard to see how it would feel to be on a life boat! *"All aboard!"* exclaimed Riley as we boarded the HMS boat. We looked at the water through the hole in the boat, *"I am brave to stand on this glass boat"* said Huw. We looked at the Captain's Cabin, held the steering wheel even rung the bell! *"Dinner time!"* Tristan joked. The children really enjoyed looking at the *"humungous"* (Daniel) submarine. We walked right underneath to see how big it really was! **By Miss Hills**

Where Our Food Comes From

Elaine from Tesco came to visit all of our Early Years children (Nursery, Pre-School and Reception classes). She brought fruits from around the world. She asked the children questions and showed photos of the fruits growing. Elaine showed the countries that the fruits came from, on a map. Everyone had the chance to taste a wide variety of tropical fruit which they greatly enjoyed! **By Mrs Reid**



Nursery News

We have had lots of fun this term whilst making good progress with our sounds and numbers. Highlights include: learning about life under the sea, drawing pictures of our family, making our own musical instruments and of course, Sports Day. We have been learning as much as we can outdoors using sand, water, jelly, shaving foam and ice!

By Miss Bower and Mrs Saroya



G'day from Down Under

Mrs S. Clarke and her Mum, Mrs Kelly spoke to the whole school about Australia - their country of origin. We learnt about the animals, food, currency and even listened to the didgeridoo! Thank you both so much!



News from Reception

We had a brilliant day at Wingham Wildlife Park. We saw so many of the different animals and birds that we have been learning about in class. We got a chance to touch and (for the really brave amongst us) hold a Tarantula, Bearded Dragon Lizard and a Python snake! *"It's all soft and sticky underneath"* said Lara M about the Tarantula.

"It's rough and it's got whiskers" said Yushua about the lizard. *"It's really heavy!"* said Stanley holding the snake around his neck. We all had so much fun! **By Mrs Kilbourne and Miss King**



Sports Round Up

It has continued to be an extremely busy time for Bryony School sports with our teams taking part in both the Medway Mini-Youth Games (MYG) and the Medway Touch Association (MTA) Primary Schools Cup.

At the beginning of term, Bryony took part in the **MTA Softball Tournament** which is a new sport for primary school children. Our years 5/6 team had a comfortable win against St. William of Perth (SWOP), but lost to St. Andrews. Our year 3/4 team also eased past SWOP and came narrowly close to beating St. Andrews. We are gradually improving at this sport which is proving to be very popular with our children.



We had a smashing day at the **MTA Football Tournament**. This proved to be very popular with many schools from Medway taking part. Our year 5/6 children won the plate final with our year 3/4 team reaching the cup final.

We were one of only four schools that were invited to the **MTA Touch Rugby Final Tournament**. Our year 5/6 team played SWOP in



the plate final. A tense affair resulted in SWOP winning in extra time. Our 3/4 team were narrowly defeated again 3-2 against St. Andrews in the cup final after a disallowed try. All players worked really hard in the unrelenting heat. We are all so very proud of you. Well done!



Overall, we came **second in the whole MTA Tournament!** This fantastic achievement is due to a team effort with **86% of junior children taking part in one or more of the seven tournaments.** We will continue to take part in this Cup in 2014/2015.



In the **MYG Cricket Tournament**, the weather intervened, just as we had a chance to post our first win! We fared better in the **MYG Football Tournament** which was run along the format of a World Cup. We represented Bosnia and Herzegovina. In our group, we won two games, drew two and only lost one. A great effort from our team! We went through to the plate competition where we won two and lost two. Overall we came 26th, but with over 50 schools taking part this was a tremendous effort.

***Well done to all the children who have taken part in school sports throughout the whole of the school year. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have attended events and given your support. ***

By Mr. Johnson and Mrs Atkins

Medway Sporting Academy

Bryony School nominated children to attend the Medway Sporting Academy Qualifier. This Academy focuses on Medway's best athletes, giving them the coaching and expert sports science support they need to fulfil their sporting potential. We nominated those who are exceptionally strong in all areas of P.E. and sport, those who are selected for the majority of all teams and who can adapt to new and unfamiliar sports with ease. We were pleased to hear that all three of our nominees were successful. Congratulations to **Luke Macfarlane, Karishma Bansal and Gabriel Sword.** We look forward to following your continued progress.



Junior After School Clubs



We have held a range of clubs including cricket, rugby and tennis which have been very popular. In the tennis club, children learnt the basic rules of short tennis, including: positioning on court, scoring, striking a ball forehand and how to serve.

A huge thank you to **Mr. and Mrs. Prenter** and **Mr. Rowe** who gave up their time to run a rugby club. The children enjoyed learning about different techniques of touch rugby and improving their fitness and confidence. Their skills were demonstrated within the recent Touch tournament.

Year 6 Play 'Moses and the Great Escape'

The parents of year 6 had a real treat when their children performed 'Moses and the Great Escape'. They did it magnificently. The script had been learnt, the costumes and props made, and all fourteen children gave a clear and expressive performance. Our thanks go to Mrs Lakanu for all her hard work in putting this performance together. The whole event was in aid of the NSPCC, and we are pleased to say that year 6 raised £66.47. Well done to all the children.

By Mrs Harrison

Some Year 6 Memories

Well...where to start? One of my best memories was World Book Day in Year 1. We got to dress up as a book character. I dressed up as a witch! We had lots of fun. Mrs Tovey demonstrated the moves of my book on a broomstick. I had a fantastic day! By Lily Burgess

When we had World Book Day in Year 1, I was so excited when Mrs Tovey told us that we could dress up as our favourite book character. I dressed up as Snow White. My favourite part of the day was when we learnt how to make our own paper. We ripped it up and put it in glue. Then we stuck it on a decorated piece of cardboard and drew on it. By Talitha Huxham

When I was in Year 3 moved to England from Japan. At first, I couldn't speak English but Mrs Philips taught me English using pictures. I studied in the staff room with my brother we couldn't speak English too. When we did well, she sometimes gave us sweets. Everyone says that the first word I spoke was 'toilet'! By Mikito Dohi

When I was in Year 4, Mrs Lakanu asked why my friend had not handed in his English homework. He said, "I had a dream that I did my homework so in the morning I thought that I had done it!" By Simon Fraser

When I was in Mrs Reid's class. She would read us this book about three owls. We used to act it out with fluffy puppets. I was the other owl and my friend Luke was the baby owl. I still have the photo! By Karishma

I remember in Year 3 when Tatendra brought in a flexible ruler which he said would not break. To demonstrate, he wacked it on the desk and it broke! By Azeem Karim

