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Diwali Parties

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Dear Families of Brentfield,

I would like to wish our families and staff celebrating, a very Happy Diwali and new year.

Diwali is a festival of new beginnings. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term Dipavali, meaning

“row of lights.” Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diya’s. People also enjoy fireworks and sweets. I would like to thank the Temple for their kindness and generosity in providing Diwali treats for all the staff.



Letting children experience learning in action is very important to help them deepen their understanding of what they learn in class. I am delighted that we are now able to start our school trips again. All trips are carefully risked assessed and staff take extra care to ensure extra hand washing is in place. The children really enjoy their trips.

Our First Half Term: EYFS



We were pleased to welcome our new starters to Nursery and Reception, who joined our EYFS unit in September. The children have all settled in very well and are enjoying exploring their learning environment and making new friends. They have particularly enjoyed their phonics sessions and exploring new books and stories, such as The Owl Babies, where they were able to re-tell the story and use leaves, twigs and sawdust to create homes for the baby owls.

Year 1 Trip to Sufra Edible Garden

Year 1 have been learning about seasonal changes and animals including humans as part of their science topic. To observe Autumnal changes taking place they visited Sufra’s edible garden on St. Raphael’s estate.

When they arrived, they were very excited to see the plants that the volunteers at Sufra had grown. They also saw the chickens who live there and saw the eggs that they had laid that very morning.

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As well as looking at the variety of crops that were in the garden, they also investigated the habitats that many insects and mini beasts live in. All of the children had a fantastic time and would like to thank the volunteers who welcomed them to the garden for showing them around.

Hopefully, the children will now be able to start growing their own crops in the new woodland area in our school!

At what age can my child start using social media?



It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.



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Celebrations of Learning

At the end of half term, we gathered together as a school community for our Autumn Celebration of Learning, giving us the opportunity to share what we had learnt during Black History Month 2021. We started the day with an assembly where children from each year group shared their learning. Following the theme 'Proud to Be' and linking our learning to our whole school 'Who is the Bravest?' topic, each year group showcased what they had learnt in an exhibition, which everybody had the opportunity to visit throughout the day.

Year 1: Proud to Be: Rosa Parks

Year 1 learnt about Rosa Parks and her fight to secure equal rights for African American people in the 1950s. They learnt all about her life and how she became an influential figure in the Civil Rights Movement. In art, they studied the portraits of Thomas Gainsborough before using their colour mixing skills to paint their own portraits of Rosa. Year 1 learnt that Rosa embodied our own BRAVE values through her actions by showing that she had a real sense of belonging and valued diversity within her community. She was empowered to make a change and did not stop until she achieved her goal.



Year 2: Proud to Be Equal: Nelson Mandela

Year 2 learnt about the life of Nelson Mandela and his fight to end apartheid in South Africa. In history, children created timelines of key events in his life and after reading the book, Grandad Mandela, they wrote letters to his daughter, Zindzi, telling them what they admired about him. In art, they looked at African prints and how they are used to tell stories. They worked with a story teller to create their own stamps, which they printed onto fabric. Year 2 also studied the artist, John Ndamo. They learnt about tints and shading and used this to paint their own African landscapes at sunset.



Year 3: Proud to Be a Dreamer: Mae C Jemison

Year 3 learnt all about Mae C Jemison who was the first African American woman to go into space. They were impressed by her resilience and determination to succeed; despite being told that she could not be an Astronaut. They read 'Mae Among The Stars' in English and learnt about her life as part of their history topic. They thought about the positive impact that she had, giving women today the opportunity to choose what they want to do. In art, they studied the work of Robert

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McColl, and used collage techniques to create their own space mural.

Year 4: Proud to Support and Celebrate the Lives of Refugees

Year 4 read the book, 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna, which focuses on a family who have to leave their home and everything they know to escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war. The children wrote diary entries to share how they would feel if they had to flee their homes and move to a new country. They looked at refugees who have moved to new countries and had a positive impact on society. In art, they studied the African prints through Adire Aleko resist dyeing. The children designed and made their own drapes to decorate their classroom.



Year 5: Proud to Be Advocates: The Civil Rights Movement

Year 5 learnt about the Civil Rights Movement and how this helped to end segregation and move towards equal rights for all. They looked at how the Civil Rights Movement changed the lives of Black Americans and how this connects to change in the rest of the world. They thought about life today and the campaigns that still exist, such as Black Lives Matter, to make lives better for all. In history, Year 5 also looked at the life of August Brown, a Harlesden resident, who became a resistance fighter in Poland during World War Two. Finally, in art, they studied the work of Andy Warhol and Jean-Michel Basquiat, learning about protest art, creating their own protest posters in the style of these artists.

Year 6: Proud to Be Representing The Rights of Women



Year 6 have been learning about Rights for Women. In particular, they have been learning about Malala and the Suffragettes revolving around the theme of Right for Votes and an education. The children have been comparing lives of women from the past and the present. To celebrate our learning, Year 6 invited the Drama Hut Association to come into school and take on the role of a Suffragette. They had lots of fun recreating protests and photographic poses showcasing the fight for women to win the right to vote. You can also take a look at our Twitter site to see a video of the Protest March!

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I am very proud of the music that happens in the school. In addition to music lessons taught by specialist Music Teachers from Brent Music Service, many children learn additional musical instruments, such as guitar and keyboard. Brent Music Service are offering additional opportunities for children to practice their skills after school. Children from Brentfield can take part in these at a reduced cost of £5 instead of £90.



We still have some spaces left in our after school curriculum clubs, in particular Weaving Club, which is an arts and craft based club run by Ms. Meyerowitz. Weaving is the craft of lacing fibres together to make a fabric or cloth. This club will help with eye-hand co-ordination, concentration and problem-solving skills. The children will gain an understanding of patterns and sequencing, which are essential for later literacy and numeracy development.

Children from Years 4 and 5 are invited to join the Digital Leaders Club. If your children are interested, please tell them to speak to Ms. Shabani.



Finally, a massive thank you to all Parents and Carers who continue to get your children to school on time every day. I know that there is limited room in front of the school but please be mindful of other parents and children. Parents are role models to all the children at Brentfield so please be kind to each other.