



Brentfield News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Diwali Parties

Friday 21st
October

(Children to wear their own clothes)

End of term

Friday 21st
October
(3.10/3.15)

School reopens

Monday 31st
October
(8.35am)

Parent Consultations

Monday 14th
November
School closes at 1.15

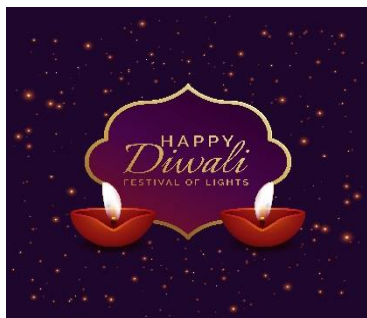
INSET
Friday 18th
November
School closed

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13th
December
2022

Dear Families of Brentfield,

I would like to welcome all our new families to the school, especially families who have joined us from Ukraine. Pupils who have only been with us for a short time have settled into the school and are working hard. Children in Early Years are learning about each other's families and have enjoyed learning and retelling stories, learning how to be a good friend and transforming into architects, designing their buildings and then bringing them to life!



Half term will start on Monday 24th October and I would like to wish all our families celebrating Diwali during this time Sal Mubarak. Diwali class parties will take place on Friday for all children. All children can wear their own clothes to school on Friday and please bring some drinks or snacks to share with your class.

Have a safe and happy half term and I look forward to seeing you all on the 31st October.

Mrs Harmer

Opening Worlds Curriculum

We have introduced a new curriculum to support our teaching of the Humanities (History, Geography and RE). The Opening Worlds Curriculum is a knowledge-rich programme which helps develop depth of understanding of core knowledge and skills. Through storytelling, it also further develops vocabulary and reading skills. This curriculum builds upon the skills and knowledge that the pupils already have and enables them to use and transfer these across a wider range of subjects and themes. Children have used their knowledge about rivers to learn more about the Water Cycle. Year 3 visited the Temple to understand more about the Hindu faith and the similarities and differences to other religions.

Please talk to you children about what they have been learning. For more information see the curriculum overview on the school website, the half termly overviews for parents and knowledge organisers for further details.



The children have enjoyed lots of reading both in their lessons and visits to the school library. We were even lucky enough to have Oliver Jeffers, a famous children's author, whose books the children use in English in Year 1, sign some of our school books. Please make time to read with your children every day. Children who are fluent readers should also be reading daily and exploring new, more complex books.

To support families, we ran a series of stay and learn sessions for phonics. A big thank you to the Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents who attended. We will be running further sessions in the Spring Term should you have missed it or would like to come back for more.'

Year 4 Trip to the Natural History Museum



Pupils in Year 4 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington. The trip was linked to their science topic of Living Things and Their Habitats and their geography topic of Rivers.

Whilst at the museum, the pupils had the opportunity to look at a range of animals and birds, including those which are now extinct such as dinosaurs and the dodo, and think about how they adapted to suit the environment that they live in.

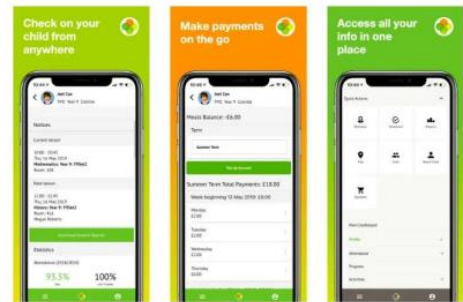
In addition to this, they looked at exhibits that enabled them to think about how moving water in rivers cause erosion and the transportation of natural materials.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time at the museum and are now using what they learnt in their science and geography lessons back in school.



Parents remember to download the Arbor app, as moving forward this will be our main tool for communication. Parents & carers are able to log on and update their change of details (address, contact number & email). We will also be introducing a new payment system after half term which will sync with the Arbor app. Moving forward we will be reducing the text messages we send and using email as our main form of communication. If you need any help to install the app please visit the front office.

The Arbor App is coming to Brentfield.



Step 1: Go to the Google Play Store or App Store for iPhone



Step 2: Search for 'Arbor'



Step 3: Download and install the App.

Step 4: Login in using the details which you will have received from Arbor.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 took part in cycling safety training with Bikeability. The pupils took part in training sessions across a week which taught them practical skills to help them to understand how to cycle safely. The training also helped to develop their confidence to cycle and learn a new skill for life.

More and more of our pupils are now cycling or scooting to school.

If your child does ride their bike or scooter to school, please remember that they should wear a helmet. When they arrive at school, please remind them to push their bike or scooter into the bike park in order to keep everyone safe.



The majority of Year 6 parents and carers have now applied for high schools. **Please remember the deadline for applications is 31st October.** If you would like any support with your application please contact Sam Matthews via the school office.

School Uniform

If parents have nearly new uniform that their children have grown out of please donate it to school and we can pass them on to our families.

Working in partnership with our neighbours

Brentfield school prides itself on being part of the community. Please can I remind parents to supervise their children at all times in front of the school. Please be considerate to our neighbours who live in the area. Put litter in the bin and stop your children riding bikes and scooters near residents cars.

Keeping Our children safe!

Please be advised that the CCTV camera enforcement for our school street will commence on Monday 31st October 2022, all restrictions and unauthorised vehicles entering the zone during these times will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs). The objective of the School Street is to make the school run safer, healthier and more enjoyable for the whole community, as well as for children travelling to school; not to penalise parents. For those who need to rely on the car for children to travel to school, you can park slightly further away and walk the last part of the journey, Pupils, parents and carers holding a blue badge should discuss this with us, we can then arrange for an exemption from the restrictions. Please note you should still avoid parking on school keep clear markings and be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists within the zone.