



Bramfield House
School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

Seasons Greetings to one and all. We are almost at the end of another long, productive term. I am certain that staff and students alike will be looking forward to a well-earned rest and celebration of the holidays. There will, as ever, be lots to read about that has happened this last term in this newsletter. The highlights I think are the two activities weeks when all students took part in a range of activities, giving students some great experiences and lifelong memories. My thanks go to Adam, Ria, Debs and Lauren for all their hard work to make these as successful as they were.

Sadly, our long serving cook, Tommy, retired at the end of the first half term. His cooking, warm personality and sense of humour has been missed by all and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well with the next chapter in Cambridgeshire. Thank you, Tommy.

In the meantime, the job of feeding 200 plus students and staff has fallen to the remaining kitchen ladies, Maureen, Sharon and Sarah who have done a sterling job to hold the fort. Fortunately, Mark has also stepped in to help and he has somehow managed to teach and support the kitchen for the last 7 weeks. We all know what a wonderful cook he is, and he has made some delicious changes to the menu! I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for the school this term.

Thank you, Mark!

Several new staff have joined us this term. Welcome to Gracie Mae, Svetlana, Will, El, Ashlie, Emma, Dorothy, Matilda, Jayne, Ben, Katie, Alexandra, Ellie Mai and Haydn. Congratulations also to those staff who have welcomed new babies into the world. So, by the time you read this, we will have had a fantastic Christmas Concert and we will have been visited by Father Christmas! The elves may have even put something under your tree! All that remains for me is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a

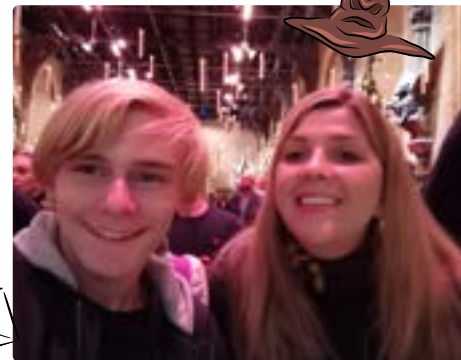
Happy new year.

Have a good one!

Ben

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year*

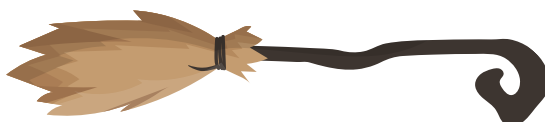
A VISIT TO WARNER BROS. STUDIO



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In our GCSE media group this year we have been learning about the film industry and all the different things that go on behind the scenes of our favourite films. A good way to learn about this even more was to visit the Warner Brothers Studios in Leavesden for the Making of Harry Potter Tour. Despite a long journey down there with significant traffic issues on the M25, we made it in time and all boys were amazed seeing the sets from the movies in real life and interacting with them. We all took part in the green screen to look like we are flying on broomsticks and riding on the Hogwarts Express. Behaviour was exceptional throughout and the boys were all really grateful for the experience!

~ Ellie Wilkin-Smith



BRAMFIELD VS WETHERINGSETT



GOAL!



On Wednesday 9th October, Bramfield's football team travelled to Wetheringsett for a match which ended in a 4-4 draw, with Bramfield's goalkeeper making some great saves and taking the MOTM medal. All boys represented the school impeccably. Well done!

BASKETBALL AT BRAMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Tyrece & Harlan from Cedar class went to Bramfield Primary to take part in a Basketball session and match. Both boys demonstrated some great basketball skills, scoring some excellent shots and showed some tremendous teamwork.

Well done boys!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



On Remembrance Day, Lower School students reflected meaningfully on the importance of honouring those who have served in the military. Two visitors from the Army, led discussions in different classes, effectively sharing the significance of remembrance. The highlight of this commemoration was a moment of silence observed by the entire school community. This shared experience not only brought students and staff together but also deepened their understanding of the values tied to remembrance, reinforcing the school's mission to promote respect for history and those who defend it.



NO PENS DAY!

The whole school took part in a highly engaging and creative "No Pens Day" as part of our speech and language initiative! A day focused on verbal communication, collaboration, and creative expression benefited both students and staff in numerous ways.

In Sycamore class the boys learnt to sign their own names. British sign language is becoming more and more beneficial, and we felt this was the perfect opportunity to look at other ways in which we can communicate.

In Maths, the boys used tape to create different angles which allowed them to continue practicing using a protractor whilst creating the opportunity for some hands on, independent learning.



3D DESIGN – A FESTIVE TERM OF CREATIVITY

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I would like to share some of the quality work that our 3D Design students have been up to this term. It's been a busy, creative time, and the students have produced some great pieces of design, showcasing their hard work and imaginative ideas. Lower KS3 have been transported back in time as they explored the world of traditional wooden toys. They've been designing and crafting their own versions of classic toys, such as cars and planes, using a variety of tools and techniques. The enthusiasm was clear as the students took on the challenge of creating pieces that were not only functional but also beautiful. They then moved onto a fun project designing and building working automata, with some impressive ideas and moving creations! Upper KS3 students have been working on two very different but equally exciting projects. First, they delved into the world of nature, designing and making bug habitats. Using their creativity and problem-solving skills, students crafted homes for insects and birds that are both functional and visually striking. Alongside this, they also worked on designing and building wooden stools, carefully considering both form and function in their designs. Meanwhile, our KS4 students, who are working towards their GCSE qualification in 3D Design, have been inspired by iconic architects and designers such as Zaha Hadid and the Memphis Group. After studying their bold, innovative approaches to design, students experimented with similar techniques, pushing the boundaries of form and material. They have produced some exciting work, blending modern design with their own personal creativity. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas, see you in the new year for more design and make adventures!

Paul T



CHRISTMAS IN THE WORKSHOP

We have been very busy in the construction workshop over the last couple of weeks getting ready for the big day. The boys have been making wooden reindeers to take home. The reindeers have all been made from wood which has been collected from the ground of the school.



OLIVE CLASS VISIT HALESWORTH

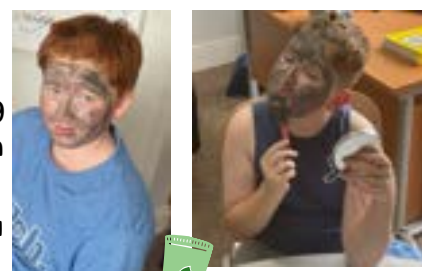
At the end of October, some of Olive class took a trip into Halesworth to check out their fantastic scarecrow trail throughout the town. We were very impressed with the different designs, we soon worked out that the theme was Disney films!

Whilst out in our local community we discussed and practiced road safety and the importance of staying safe when we are out and about! We finished off the trip with a visit to the local park – We all had lots of fun!



A LITTLE PAMPERING

In our 'Wellness Bramfield Boy', the boys enjoyed getting involved in some self-care pampering. We went through step-by-step instructions to wash, cleanse and moisturise our skin before enjoying face masks. It was a massive hit!



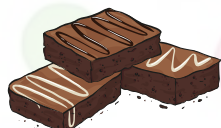
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CHILDREN IN NEED DAY



At Bramfield House School, the boys engaged in a charitable initiative by organising a cake sale aimed at raising funds for Children in Need. This event not only fostered community spirit but also instilled values of empathy and social responsibility among the students. On the day we raised a grand total of...



£129.08

thankyou

WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THE FARM?



The Lower school boys have been busy this Autumn/Winter term, learning how to plant seeds and care for young seedlings and plants as they have been planting lots of broad beans, winter lettuce, garlic and onions.



Middle school boys have been repairing and planting planters around the school and bringing them down to the farm to care for them over the winter months.



Big news for the pig's 'Daisy' and 'Chloe' as they have a new luxury pig sty and now spend most of their time inside asleep avoiding the winter weather. Another new stable is currently being built for the goats and 'Shaun' the sheep and some boys have been helping maintenance with the brick work, so well done to them!



Other news is that 'Crumble' our Guinea pig had three babies in September and now has produced another six babies (very hard to photograph!). Well done to 'Crumble', she is a brilliant mum, and all the babies look happy and healthy.

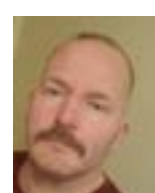


NOVEMBER



Our very own Bramfield Mo Bro's took part in Movember raising money for men's mental health. The team spent time with the pupils highlighting the importance of talking about mental health and the support that is available. A massive well done to all involved as they raised an amazing

£1066



KS3 OUTDOOR LEARNING



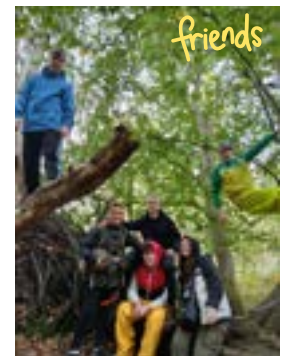
Outdoor learning at Bramfield encompasses both academic and social and emotional learning. We believe that hands-on activities in nature or outdoor spaces can make learning more dynamic and engaging compared to classroom lessons, keeping students motivated.

Outdoor learning often involves movement and physical activity, which can improve fitness and contribute to a healthier lifestyle. The Outdoor learning allows subjects to be taught in an integrated way, combining knowledge from science, geography, maths and linking directly to EHCP outcomes for individual students. Moreover, learning is cross curricular therefore boys are not aware they are learning, but having fun!

Overall, outdoor learning for students is an excellent tool to improve not only academic performance but also social emotional, and physical well-being, helping them become more well-rounded individuals.



Pine class have thoroughly enjoyed outdoor learning this term, we've been searching Dunwich woods looking for big foot, tramping round Rendlesham forest searching for aliens, having a historic walk around Framlingham and climbing the grounds of the castle on the hill. Our last adventure of the term was to shingle street hunting amber and collecting white shells to add to the shingle street shell line. The boys have been amazing out in the wider community and have been an asset to Bramfield house school.





ECO NEWS



We continue to travel to become more sustainable as a school and increase everyone's understanding of sustainability and climate action.

Over the summer holidays the school were awarded with an Eco Schools Green Flag after matching all the criteria based on work we have undertaken in school. Thank you and well done to everyone!

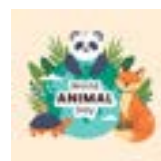
As a school we have installed a food waste composter with a grant from OFGs green committee. This has meant that all food waste on site is now composted and used on the grounds and farm. By doing this we have reduced the waste going to landfill and removed the carbon produced by transporting the waste. So far, we are composting around 160 litres of food waste a week.

We are continuing to recycle hard to recycle plastics which in turn will earn money for the school to help fund future green projects. We have recycled 11.3kg of bread bags, 3.5kg of biscuit and cracker wrappers and 35kg of batteries. We are happy to receive these to recycle at school if they are sent in. Thanks to Wyatt for being a brilliant recycler!



We welcomed Louis and Jenna from the East of England Education Park to the school where we completed a hidden nature challenge. Here we had to look for small nature and plants in a strange place, and patterns in nature amongst other things. We also began to investigate the trees we have on site. The habitat on site is now being mapped to show what we have on our school nature park.

We have celebrated World Animal Day where we learned lots of facts about animals and got up close and personal with two of our guinea pigs, Toffee and Badger learning about animal welfare.



We celebrated Green Careers week looking at skills needed for careers in the expanding green sector. This is an area we will continue to focus on as it will become increasingly important in the future.

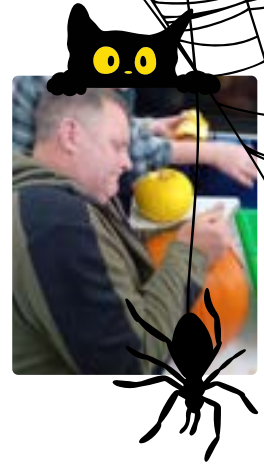
We have also been looking at our energy usage by attempting Switch off Fortnight and Count your Carbon alongside Recycling week. This is all to be able to calculate our carbon footprint and so that we can begin to expand our climate action plan and try and reach net zero.



HALLOWEEN



A fantastic Halloween day had by all, with lots of pupils and staff dressing up and taking part in a variety of Halloween themed activities. Some classes went Pumpkin picking and others enjoyed designing and carving their own pumpkins.. Lots of fun had by all!



ALL THINGS ART!

THE BIG DRAW

What is The Big Draw 2024?
The Big Draw 2024 is a month-long celebration of drawing and creativity. During this event, people from around the world are encouraged to participate in various drawing activities.

It's a time to unleash your inner artist and discover the countless ways drawing can enrich your life.

2024

Big Draw Festival theme is year is **Drawing in Motion**. is a celebration of the dynamic and ever-changing nature of drawing. This theme invites people from all corners of the globe to explore how the act of drawing can capture the essence of movement, energy, and life.

THE 2024[®]
BIG DRAW
FESTIVAL

ART COMPETITION THE WINNERS

KS2
KS3
KS4

WINNER

ART COMPETITION THE RUNNERS UP

KS2
KS3
KS4

Christmas Card Competition

Every year we hold a Christmas Card Competition for all Key Stages to enter. The winner will be chosen by the Headteacher, and the winning design will be printed and sent to parents and governors as the school's official Christmas card.

The winner designer will get 10 cards to take home and send to family and friends.

Designs were collected across all the Key Stages

Christmas Card Winner 2024

John Smith Elm Class

CAREERS FAIR

On Monday 4th November Year 9 pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the Future Skills Careers Fair hosted at Suffolk New College. This engaging event aimed to inspire young minds and introduce them to a wide range of career possibilities in industries poised to shape the future. Students explored interactive exhibits and hands-on demonstrations from local and national businesses and colleges. The fair showcased opportunities in construction, mechanics, farming, engineering, trades services and more. Pupils particularly enjoyed trying out simulations used in modern workplaces, getting hands on in the carpentry and mechanic area and speaking directly with industry professionals who shared valuable insights into their career journeys. The event also highlighted the importance of developing key skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability—qualities essential for success in the evolving job market. Feedback from the students was overwhelmingly positive. One pupil shared “I really enjoyed the tyre competition, having to race against others to take the tyre off and put it back on again” whilst another stated “I liked playing on the farm machine simulator, it felt like real life!”. The day was not only educational but also inspiring, equipping our Year 9s with a clearer sense of direction as they begin to consider their own career paths. A big thank you to Suffolk New College for hosting such a dynamic and forward-thinking event!



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

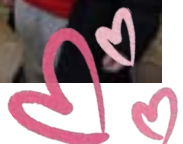
During lessons this half term the boys have been making gifts to give back to the local community. Inside the Christmas hampers were handmade decorations that were crafted in construction and lower school Bramfield boy, a calendar designed and made by the photography group, some yummy treats baked by the KS3 catering group and hand drawn cards.

We certainly put smiles on peoples faces this year, and even brought some to tears with our kind generosity from the boys.



• SPREAD •
Kindness

Happy Christmas





CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES WEEK

We held a week long timetable full of Christmas activities to help students develop their social skills, friendships and self-confidence. These included: Clip and Climb, Ninja Tag, gaming van, escape room, treasure hunt, quizzes, crazy golf, Christmas parties, music concert, cinema, Play2Day, hot chocolate and hotdogs at forest school, pool party, festive pizza making, slime making, go karting, a German market, arts and crafts, Christmas lunch, end of term awards assemblies and so much more!! We all had an AMAZING week!



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Believe
in the
magic
of
Christmas



We all had a visit from
Father Christmas !

MERRY
Christmas



We wish you all Happy
Christmas and we look
forward to seeing the boys on
Tuesday 7th January





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Children under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

BUZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PNETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Pneto in Half Tons

EMBER INNS

Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat free with any adult meal