

Book Week

The children have enjoyed a fun packed and exciting Book Week.

As well as working on fun book activities in class throughout the week, the children took part in a workshop with writer and illustrator Richy K Chandler, where they had the opportunity to design their own comic strips.

Today, it was wonderful to see all the children (and staff) dressed up as their favourite book characters. We all enjoyed seeing them modelling their costumes in a catwalk event this morning. Thank you to all the parents for your support with the costumes.



Upcoming events

- WB 11th Mar – Year 6 Mock Sats week
- Thu 14th Mar – Parent Book Look (after school)
- Mon 18th Mar – Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
- Tue 19th Mar – Parents Evening 3.30-4.45pm
- WB 25th Mar – Arts Week
- Thu 28th Mar – Year 5 Stations of the Cross
- Thu 28th Mar – End of term. 1pm finish
- Mon 15th Apr – Summer term begins
- Thu 2nd May – School closed for polling day
- Tue 4th June – Potential date for KS2 sports day track)

Junior Travel Ambassadors



A massive well done to our Junior Travel Ambassadors who attended a Dragon's Den competition on Thursday 29th February at the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge.

The children prepared and delivered a five-minute pitch in which they proposed an initiative to help make parking in and around our school safer.

The Dragons (councillors) loved their idea and awarded them £550 towards this project. We are excited to put our plans into place and will be working alongside Hillingdon STaRs in order to achieve this.

Choir – St Mark's Catholic Choir Festival



Well done to our school choir who took part in the St Mark's Catholic Choir Festival on Tuesday evening. The children sang two different songs, the second of which, Unbreakable, wowed the crowd with their passion.

They also joined all the rest of the schools at the end of the night with an Abba medley.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

We want to say a massive well done to all of our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Shakespeare for Schools Festival at the Beck Theatre on Wednesday evening. Their performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was fantastic and they lit up the stage. Being able to perform with emotion when using Shakespearean language is no easy feat but the children did this perfectly. We are so very proud of them all!

We also want to say thank you to Mr Simpson and Mr Lathwell, for organising and directing the show and also to all of the parents who supported their children with learning lines at home.



Year 6 Junior Citizen

Our Year 6 children took part in the Junior Citizens event this week at Brunel University. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations such as when travelling on a



bus or train, what to do in the event of a fire, how to recognise harmful substances, keeping safe online and stranger danger.

This information will undoubtedly help them to prepare for when they begin secondary school next year.

Vacancies at Botwell

We are currently recruiting for the following positions at Botwell:

SMSAs

We have lunchtime supervisor roles vacant currently. If you are interested in this role, please speak to our school office. Candidates will need to have a good standard of spoken English and strong communication skills. These are both vital aspects of this role.

The application form that can be found on the school website through the following link:

<https://www.botwellhouseschool.co.uk/page/?title=VACANCIES&pid=122>

Cleaners

We are also looking to recruit cleaners. The hours for this role are: 3.00pm – 5.30pm daily. If you are interested in this role, please contact the school office.

Parents' Evening: Online Appointment Booking System Reception and Years 1 - 6

Our virtual parents' evenings will be taking place on: -

- **Monday 18th March 3:30pm to 6:30pm for 10min periods**
- **Tuesday 19th March 3:30pm to 4:45pm for 10min periods**

Appointments are booked via <https://botwellhouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> from **Monday 11th March at 9am** and will close on **Friday 15th March at 15:30pm**. We strongly encourage all parents to book an appointment.

The system can be accessed on computers, phones and tablets. Please note: A 'Microsoft Teams' link will be put on your child's Class Dojo feed for you to click on a few minutes before your booked time. This will make sure that you are ready to take advantage of the time allocated to you. You do not need to log in to Microsoft teams, just click the link.

To remind you how to access the meeting, please follow this link:

<https://botwell.primarysite.media/media/guidance-for-parents-on-how-to-access-parents-even>

Fundraising event for Jacob's journey

As mentioned last week, a member Botwell House school has asked for support for the following fundraiser which is taking place tomorrow:

Fun Family Day Out

Come along and spend a great afternoon with the family and friends and help us to fundraise for Jacob.

Lots of fun Music, Games, Face Painting/ Glitter Tattoos, Name the Dinosaur, Stalls, Quiz, Fantastic Raffle prizes and so much more.

A great way to spend the afternoon with family and friends and help support Jacob's Cause.

Zumba Class with Nat at 16:30

Tickets for the class can be purchased at the door £5.



Saturday 9th March 2024

14:00 – 18:00

Botwell Parish Hall

Botwell Lane

UB3 2AB

Jacob's Journey

gofund.me/8356fcaa



Scan to donate



gofundme

All proceeds from this event will be paid into the go fund me account for Jacob.

There is also a link below for a go fund me page explaining his treatment and what the family are facing in the next few months.

Please keep Jacob and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

<https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gofundme.com%2F%2Fnyqju-jacobs-journey&data=05%7C02%7C%7Cdc20beadc5f74336038b08dc2732c972%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638428346274523450%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hIRnH73YArPBokZX5ok42UlKXzoggEneyjjotVo2uMg%3D&reserved=0>

Ramadan

Ramadan is fast approaching and we would like to take this opportunity to say Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

Sickness Bugs

Just a reminder that if your child has been unwell with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, do not send them back into school for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

These bugs can spread very quickly and put other children at risk of being unwell. Thank you for your support with this.

Please also remember to report your child absence daily on the school absence line, making sure that you explain the reason for their absence.


Support for Parents



Parent Carer Support

Raising children doesn't come with a handbook, and sometimes knowing who to reach out to for support or advice is tricky.

Brilliant Parents and the Stronger Families Key Working team are offering a friendly and informal drop-in for parents/carers of 0-18 year olds and 0-25 year olds for those with SEND.



We'll be there for a chat, to share advice, support and a range of information in relation to parenting, and mental and emotional wellbeing for all the family.

2024	Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT	Uxbridge Family Hub Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW	Hayes Family Hub College Way, Hayes UB3 3BB
	Wednesdays 1-3pm	Fridays 5-7pm	Fridays 10am - 12pm
March	6th	8th	15th
April	3rd	12th	19th
May	1st	10th	17th
June	5th	14th	21st
July	3rd	12th	19th
August	7th	16th	23rd
September	4th	13th	20th

For more information contact Sarah on:

07495 024 449 or

sarah.rust@brilliantparents.org

Our goal is to empower parents to feel safe, strong and healthy, whilst building resilience and confidence in your parenting decisions, with the support of a community network.

Recipe of the Week

This week, our recipe is for delicious strawberry heart thumbprints. Families, this might be a great treat to make with your children for Mother's Day (hint hint)!

Thank you as always to Gigi Ferrer for the recipe.



Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Butter
- 1/4 tsp Vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup Plain flour
- 1 x tbsp Icing sugar
- 1 x tbsp Cornflour
- 1/2 tsp of Strawberry jam per heart cookie

Strawberry Heart Thumbprints



Have your utensils ready!

To make the Heart Thumbprints:



Step 1

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/GM4. Whisk the flour, sugar, and cornflour until evenly distributed.



Step 2

Add the butter and vanilla extract with the flour mixture. Mix until it forms a dough. If it is too dry, add some water.



Step 3

Roll into balls (approx 1 tbs) and then press each cookie down with your thumb to make a heart indentation in the centre. Fill this in with the strawberry jam. Makes 5 cookies.



Step 4

At home, put the cookies onto a lined oven tray, 2 inches apart, and bake at 180C/GM4 for 15 -20 minutes or until the cookies are lightly golden. Leave to cool completely before tasting as they will still be soft from the oven. You can always fill this with different fillings such as raspberry jam, lemon curd, marmalade etc, and drizzle them with some chocolate!



Kiddy Cook

Prayer and Reflection

This week, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Fourth Sunday is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." The Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

This Lent, let us consider how we can work together to show others the joy that we have in our

hearts from knowing God.

*Loving God,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world where each
of us can become the best person we can be.*

Amen

