

Brambleside Primary

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Class arrangements for 2021-22

We have been incredibly impressed with all of the children and support we have had from you, as parents during this challenging time. We are hopeful the children will have a much more consistent and settled year in 2021-22.

Dates for your Diary

8th July – Girls' Football County Finals
8th July – Girls' & boys Cricket County Finals
12th – 15th July – Year 6 Bikeability
16th July – last day of term for children
2nd September – children back to school

We are very excited to share with you our class arrangements for the school year 2021-22. Due to difficulties presented by the current restrictions a 'shuffle-up' day will not be possible. Instead your child will have a transition session with their new class teacher on Monday 5th July in the afternoon. Our new Foundation Stage children will have a separate transition process.

See the table below which indicates which teacher your child will receive in September.

Current class 2020-21	New class 2021-22
New pupils	Miss Smith* (RSS)
New pupils	Mr Wellard (RSW)
RTL	Mrs Freeland (1KF)
RSS	Mrs Brooks (1TB)
1KF	Mrs Rawlins* (2JR)
1TB	Mr MacLaren (2AM)
2JR	Mrs Spencer (3CS)
2BL	Mr Palmer (3JP)
3FW	Miss Pass* (4CP)
3CS	Miss Turnell (4ET)
4AM	Mr White (5OW)
4MM	Mr Wright (5HW)
5CP	Miss Stowers-Veitch (6CSV)
5OW	Ms Kinley* (6AK)

* Phase leader.

We are delighted to be able support Miss Stowers-Veitch and Miss Turnell with the completion of their teacher training next year.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Pass as the new year 3/4 Phase leader. She joins our leadership team with Miss Smith, Mrs Rawlins, Ms Kinley, Mrs Eaton-Brown and Mrs Goosey.

Thanks as ever for your continuing support.

Instrumental Lesson Availability

We currently have instrumental spaces available for any children who are interested in learning either piano keyboard skills or a woodwind instrument, including flute, clarinet and oboe. If your child will be in Years 3-6 in September and they are interested, please contact the office.



Reception News

We've had a busy week this week having fun and being very creative. We have been counting in 2's in maths and making our own playdough! The children also learning all about sea turtles. This included learning about what they eat, exploring their shell patterns and skin textures followed by making their own sea turtle out of clay which they can bring home. Children have been picking vegetables out of the EYFS boat that they planted and either eating them or taking them home to show their adults. Another great week for the children in EYFS!

Gamelan workshop – Years 1 – 6

Last week it was World Music Day. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the children in Years 1-6 celebrated Music Day by taking part in a Gamelan workshop. Gamelan music derives from Bali in Indonesia and the children really enjoyed having the opportunity to play a metalophone and a gong! You can see photographs of some children participating in this newsletter.

Year 1 and 2 News

Year 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed the Gamelan Workshop, were very respectful when they played with the instruments and had lots of fun. They learnt to not step over the metallophones as some Indonesians believe that the sound from the instruments travel straight up to their gods in the sky. Theo banged the large gong at the start of the session which is to symbolise the summoning of



the Indonesian Gods. Others listened carefully to the sound responding with a beat on their gong.

Year 1 have been learning to tell the time this week, using o'clock and half past. They have been thinking about the position of the minute hand and hour hand to be able to recognise the time. They have shared the wonderful book *The Jolly Postman* and will be learning about the features of a letter in readiness to write to their new class teacher.

Year 2 have been continuing work on measurement and understanding the difference between capacity and volume. They have been labelling containers they have poured water into as full, half full, nearly full and full. They have been measuring the capacity using milliliters and litres, thinking about which unit of measure is the most appropriate.



Year 3 and 4 News

We have been working hard in Year 3 this week. In English, we have enjoyed writing our Nelson Mandela biography. We used the facts we learnt in history and presented these in chronological order to form our biographies. We have learnt a lot about Nelson Mandela's life, the hardships he faced and the extraordinary things he achieved. In Maths, we have been learning about Geometry, focussing on angles. We identified right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles around us. Ask us to explain the differences between the angles and to identify angles around us!

In PHSE, we discovered the changes that take place inside of the body as we grow older and in science we have continued studying 'Light' and have designed sunglasses to protect our eyes from the sun. In music we really enjoyed our Gamelan workshop, see pictures below.



In Year 4, we start the week with a swimming session: we love it! We have thoroughly enjoyed swimming and developing our swimming skills. In English, we have started to learn and draft haikus. Ask us about the 5-7-5 structure! In Maths, we have been revising and consolidating our multiplication skills and applying them to a range of problems and developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. In Science, we have discussed and explored habitats around the world. We learnt about the threat to habitats which is caused by human habitats. We really enjoyed the Gamelan music workshop where we played on metallophones and gongs: we produced great sounding music. In Geography, we compared the geographical and physical features of Scandinavia and Northamptonshire.

Year 5 and 6 News

Year 5 have had a super week of learning, giving it their all in these final weeks of this academic year. In English, they have continued to read their class text, *The Silver Sword*. They have used their understanding of Chapter 19 to begin writing their own play scripts. During Maths, they have been developing their understanding of missing angles on straight lines and around the point and are now looking regular and irregular polygons. In Science they have been looking at the famous scientist Sir David Attenborough and the amazing work which he is involved in. They used him as inspiration to perform their own David Attenborough style short documentary on an animal of their choice. *Continued overleaf...*



Year 5 continued...

Both classes had the amazing opportunity to partake in a music workshop, which focused on Gamelan music, a traditional music originating in Indonesia. Well done for such an amazing week Year 5!

Year 6 have enjoyed directing, singing and acting this week in their continuing efforts for our production, *Wow! What A Year!* They have loved being able to show off their creative side and are all looking forward to sharing the final version with you. Just as a reminder: children have been invited to provide their own props and costumes. It is not mandatory to provide these things and we certainly don't want you to spend any money on them, but it will enhance the play if children are able to feel more in-character! Check with the teachers if there's anything you're not sure about.

Year 6 also had a fantastic time at the New York Thunderbowl on Thursday afternoon - never before has a year group achieved so many spares and strikes! Teachers were proud of their excellent behaviour on the walks there and back and also throughout the visit - well done, year 6!

In other areas of the curriculum, all children have enjoyed revising areas of Maths that they feel like they would appreciate more practice in and both classes started to research and design a structure to lift an object up and over an obstacle - a crane! The children also loved taking part in the Gamelan workshop on Wednesday and were amazed by the resonance of the big gong.

What a busy week!



Story: Danish captain, Simon Kjaer, was hailed a hero for giving lifesaving first aid to his team-mate Christian Eriksen during a recent Euro 2020 football match against Finland.

Question: What life skills should we learn at school?

