

Newsletter

Friday April 1st 2022

Reception news

We have had a great last week of term!

In phonics, the children have learnt all about the short 'oo' sound like in 'look' and the long 'oo' sound like in 'moon'.

We really enjoyed the Easter bonnet competition and were so impressed with all the wonderful creations! We also had lots of fun on our Easter egg hunt on Friday afternoon, and we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny!

In Maths, we have been using Rekenreks and Numicon to explore numbers to 10.

The children have enjoyed sending parcels from our new Post Office outside! We have had lots of exciting deliveries being packed and delivered!

Year 1 and 2 news



Both **Year 1 and 2** have been studying the religion Christianity this term, with Year 1 learning about Palm Sunday and Year 2 retelling the Easter Story with a focus on Resurrection. We wish everyone a Happy Easter and have had great fun making Easter cards this week. We hope you enjoy them.

Year 1 have been learning about the lives of significant people in history and have been excited to find out about Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison, Bernard Harris Jr and Tim Peake. They have studied their timeline and been interested how they became astronauts and what they achieved. They have compared within their discussions the first mission to the Moon and space travel today.

Dates for your Diary

- 19th April – 1st day back after holidays
- 19th April – new catering provider and new menu commences
- 20-22nd April – Year 4 residential trip
- 26/27/28 April – Parents evening



This week **Year 2** finished writing their non-chronological report on 'What are materials used for?' In Science they were able to use the technical vocabulary confidently in their writing of the same title. Using sub-headings to clearly organise their work has allowed them to share the writing for other readers to follow the information. Within



their work they have also used pictures creating a caption to reinforce the information being

provided. In Art this week Year 2 have been using textiles with the technique of collage to create an abstract image. As well as using various fabrics they created their own patterned paint pieces using the techniques they developed in the Autumn Term. They have explored layers of textiles within their collage to give them a final piece.



Year 3 and 4 news



As this term is drawing to an end so do many of our units for **Year 3**. We have finished our reading book 'Operation Gadgetman', children enjoyed this adventure story about spies. Next term, we will be reading 'The Dancing Bear' written by Michael Morpurgo. A story of an abandoned bear cub and an orphan child. The children have finished their final piece of writing. It is based on a sea creature (that the children have chosen) that comes across a problem. In Maths, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions, we will continue with fractions after the half term. Homework for the holidays has been stuck into the children's homework books and is asking children to use Curriculum Visions to read and research The Romans.

Year 4 have had a lovely last week of term. Our fractions unit in Maths has concluded and the children completed an end of topic assessment. Next term, we will start looking at decimals. Miss Pass and Miss Turnell have been impressed with the children's ability to create coding in Scratch during computing lessons. We have finished reading our class text 'The Wind in the Willows' this week and will begin reading a new class text new term. Many Year 4 children submitted a decorated Easter egg to be judged and staff were impressed with the submissions. Miss Pass and Miss Turnell want to wish children and parents a well deserved Easter break.

Year 5 and 6 news



In **Year 5** this week, we have been learning lots of useful information on how to stay safe whilst using the internet. We have focused on apps and the permissions that we give to use them. The concept that a free app may take our data as a form of payment surprised a lot of us. We have also looked at how we communicate online and how we identify positive and negative comments. Mr White and Mr Wright were really pleased to see the great effort put in for the 'Egg-cellent' 'Eggs-hibition' of Easter egg creations. It was 'cracking' to see all of your contributions!





An egg-cellent final week of term - well done, **Year 6!** The children have really enjoyed finishing their class book, *Rooftoppers*, this week, especially when they realised that their French language skills would come in handy to solve the mystery (vert = green)! In Maths, most children have learnt about measuring using a

protractor, angles on a straight line, angles around a point and angles within a triangle. They have enjoyed improving their Arithmetic skills too. In Writing, the children wrote their own fantastic first person narratives with a moral - ask a Year 6 what the moral of their story was and who the villain of their narrative was! In RE, the classes have enjoyed debating the topic: Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth? Through heated but reasoned arguments, the children made justified points for and against the discussion. Some children also enjoyed entering the Easter raffle and egg decorating competition - well done to all of the winners! Have a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Ukraine Appeal: Thank you to every single person that has donated essential items or money over the last 2 weeks.

Check our facebook page for a video of Brambleside's essential items (donated by families last week) arriving in Ukraine. 'Northamptonshire Help for Ukraine' posted a wonderful video showing our boxes of essential items being unpacked at a refugee centre in the city of Lutsk, Ukraine. A big thank you to Sabina Bazaud, parent/Ukraine coordinator for her amazing efforts in getting our donations into the hands of the refugees!

Today's book sale and muffin day raised a FANTASTIC ADDITIONAL **£742.85**. This will be used to buy long life food such as pasta/rice for the refugees in the cities of **Kharkiv** and **Donetsk**. To keep updated on the journey of our money raised, check the Northamptonshire Help for Ukraine's facebook page. A very big thank you to all parents and carers Brambleside for your generosity.

You have shown such kindness. Thank you sincerely to the pupils, parents/carers at Brambleside.

TODAY, FRIDAY 1st APRIL

A DAY FOR UKRAINE

All donations from today's muffin day and book sale will be sent to Ukraine to buy food for Ukrainian refugees.

Thank you!

£742.85

Was raised today in our combined muffin day and book/dvd sale. **Thank you!**

This money will buy long life food (pasta/rice etc) for the cities of Kharkiv and Donetsk.





Farewell Mr Marlow

Today was Mr Marlow's last day at Brambleside School today and he will be sadly missed. He has accepted a job working to support SEN children, a task that he will excel in. We wish Mr Marlow the very best of his luck. The staff and pupils will miss his cheery personality.

Sports news

Last Saturday, Sabina went to Market Harborough to participate in the national cross country championships. She performed extremely well, finishing 1st from her county group and 30th overall out of around 150 contestants. This means she is in the top 30 fastest girls group for her age in the country for this distance. Fantastic work Sabina!



Music News

A brilliant performance last Saturday at NMPAT's Brass Band Spectacular concert at Spinney Hill Theatre by Poppy. She is Principal Cornet in The County Junior Brass Band. Well done Poppy!

Additional support for families:

EXTRA SUPPORT FROM NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL TO HELP FAMILIES MEET THEIR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

North Northamptonshire Council is providing families, who are already in receipt of the local School Holidays Meal Support Scheme, a one-off supermarket voucher for each eligible child to the value of £50. This voucher can be redeemed in major supermarkets and can be used to help towards alleviating pressure on critical household budgets.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "With inflation at the highest rate for decades and heating prices rocketing, many people are struggling to make ends meet with balancing their household finances. I'm delighted that we're able to offer this support to the most vulnerable in North Northants to help see them through this difficult time.

