

ACADEMY NEWS

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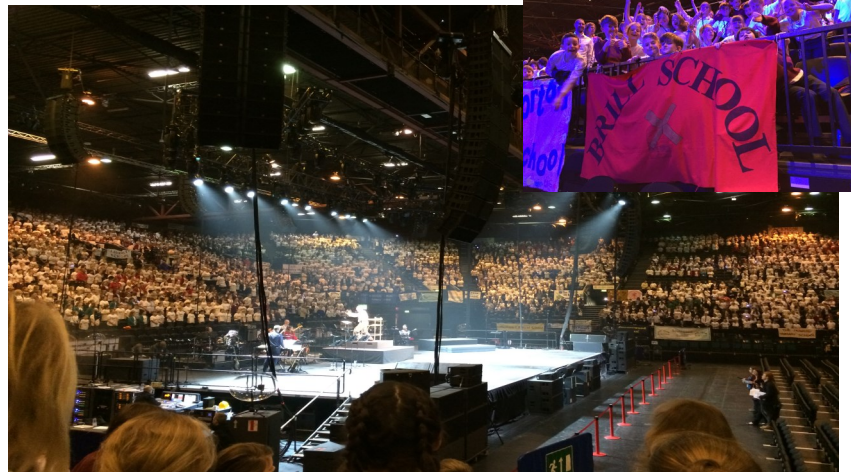
Year 5 & 6 in fine voice!

On the 13th January, Brill School took part in the Young Voices Concert at The Genting Arena in Birmingham. Amelia B and Ella H report—

Year 5 & 6 went to Young Voices again this year, the largest children's concert in the world. During the rehearsal, Barney Harwood and a TV crew came and filmed for the DVD, everyone went wild!

After the practice, the choirs had dinner and started to relax before the show began. We had an unforgettable experience and we felt honoured to work with such great pop stars. Soon the

gates had closed, the lights had dimmed and we were all singing our hearts out. After a couple of songs a group of beatboxers showed the audience how far you can push the human mouth! Also, Urban Strides performed amazing dance routines after most songs. With a few surprises added in for the audience, Tom Billington sang 'Life on Mars' by David Bowie and Laura Wright sang a couple of songs including 'World in Union' (we performed the haka during the verses of this one). Although it was a very late night, it was a great experience that we will treasure forever.



Welcome back.

As this is the first newsletter of 2016, may I take this opportunity to say 'Happy New Year'. As usual we have a very busy term ahead and we'll do our best to keep you up to date with all that's going on—not only through this newsletter, but also via Facebook and the website too. Whilst I mention the website, please note that the topic webs on the class pages have been updated,

to give an outline of what your child's class teacher will be covering this half term.

Another recent addition to the site that might have escaped your notice is an e-safety page.

This page offers a selection of resources to help you support safe internet use with your children and can be found at:

<http://www.brill.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety>

"If somebody offers you an amazing opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes - then learn how to do it later!"

— Richard Branson

Notices

School Art Project

As part of our preparations for this year's Art On The Hill event, we will be focusing on a whole school art project. Please can children bring in any empty cardboard boxes that are no longer needed by Thursday 21st Jan. All sizes useful please—cereal boxes, toy boxes etc and any old magazines (please ensure these are appropriate for younger year groups as all classes will be involved).

Brill School's International Week 2016

Following the success of last year, we are delighted to announce that International Week at Brill School will take place from February 8th - 12th 2016 . Every class will study a country in-depth all week. It is always a very popular and rewarding week's work, and the children enjoy the variety and excitement of working off curriculum and broadening their horizons.

We would like to invite parents in to school on Friday 12th February at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to share with the children what they have been learning about and to see their completed passports after they have "visited" all the other countries around the school.

This year, to avoid the confusion of last year, and to keep the children safe at the end of the school day, we politely request that all parents vacate the premises by 3pm and classes will then be dismissed in the usual way and meet you on the playground or catch a bus.

Energy Kidz

Energy Kidz are looking for people to join their team both as playworkers and club managers.

Postcards with more information will be coming home in bookbags, so please look out for them and if you know anyone who may be interested (perhaps a friend, family member, school leaver, someone doing 'A' levels who could work after school) please pass the details on to them.

Requests from classes

If anyone has any polystyrene packing 'chips' (we need rather a lot of them!) please can you pass them on to Mrs Carr for Yr R.

Yr 5 & 6 will be starting a tapestry project shortly, so would be grateful of any donations of spare wool of any colour.

Calling all young photographers

The Haddenham Rotary Club are once again running their popular photography competition. There are 3 age categories with a total prize fund of £300! Please see the flyer attached for more details.

Two week diary

w/c 18th Jan

Monday

3.00-4.15pm High 5 Club Yrs 5&6

Tuesday

Wednesday

3.00-4.00pm Computer Xplorers KS2

Thursday

3.00-4.15 pm Arts Award Club Yr4

3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr5&6

3.45-5.30pm Waddesdon BISI Badminton Festival Yr5

Friday

3.00-4.45pm Friday Club

w/c 25th Jan

Monday

3.00-4.15pm High 5 Club Yrs5&6

Tuesday

Wednesday

10.00-2.00pm Oxford Utd Football Tournament
Yr5&6

3.00-4.00pm Computer Xplorers KS2

Thursday

Sulgrave Manor Trip Yr5 & 6

3.00-4.15 pm Arts Award Club Yr4

3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr5&6

Friday

3.00-4.45pm Friday Club