



'A lifelong love of learning;
a love of life.'

Dear Parent/carer,

Ofsted 9th and 10th May



At last! After a long wait, we are proud to make our Ofsted report available to you via our website – please use the following link http://www.bramberprimary.com/website/ofsted_report_2018/357610

Paper copies are available if you have no internet access. We are delighted that, having only been a full primary school for just two and a half terms, the strengths of the school, including the amazing staff and of course the children have been recognised. All of the areas for development highlighted by the Ofsted inspectors in the report were identified by the Senior Leadership team and have already formed our School Improvement Plan May 2017-2020.

The '*Outstanding*' judgement for personal development, behaviour and welfare was especially pleasing to read; considering how hard we all work to develop this in our school. We all believe that we do this well but it is of great worth when very experienced inspectors who have seen many schools across the country acknowledge it too. Well done Bramber children (staff and parents/carers too!).



Learning and Curriculum Reception

Green fingers and muddy finger-nails are rife in Duckling class as they are growing a range of plants including sunflowers and beans. They'd better grow, as they are certainly being watered within an inch of their lives!

Caterpillars have been delivered and the children are patiently waiting for them to turn into beautiful butterflies which they can then release in the gardens.

Year 1

Wow! The children have been sculpting lighthouses that demonstrate how artistic they are and I would urge you to take a look in the entrance at the amazing display of Robin's work.

Year 2

Phew! They all came back from their visit to Preston Manor where they had applied for various in-service jobs including maids, odd-men, cooks and foot-men. Apparently, they all worked extremely hard doing a range of tasks that were typical of life 'downstairs' in Victorian times. The excited recounts I have heard from some children indicate that the trip was very worthwhile indeed.

Year 3

After exploring Tutankhamen's tomb and finding out about Egyptian artefacts, the very informative instructions for making a mummy are enough to make your stomach turn! The children have enjoyed finding out the gory details and have really revelled in the grotesque too!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a smashing start learning about the effects of sugar on their teeth. They made decaying teeth sculptures, investigated the effects of sugar on eggshells and produced leaflets to inform others about caring for their teeth. They are now moving on to learning about the digestive system, starting with the mouth. Alongside this, they have studied the work of Giacometti and have been inspired to sketch in charcoal and make 3d figures.



Year 5 – Enterprise 'Fiver' challenge

At Bramber, we want to develop lifelong learners who challenge and reflect on their own learning. These 'softer' skills are those that will make the difference ultimately in the world of work and for their future. This is why, in Year 5, all children are given the opportunity to engage in enterprise topics.

The constant change of modern day life means our young people need to be resilient, innovative and intellectually curious – all key characteristics of entrepreneurs. Enterprise plays a key part in our Year 5 curriculum, providing the children with an opportunity to learn about:

- how to make informed choices and be enterprising and ambitious;
- about the economic and business environment;
- how personal financial choices can affect oneself and others;
- rights and responsibilities as consumers.



It also allows the children to apply their maths and English in a real life situation whilst working as a team and solving problems. They are working on their plans for the rest of this term and we have already seen some interesting ideas and eaten some tasty popcorn! Thank you to all the families for supporting and encouraging our young entrepreneurs so well. Who knows, in the future we may see them on The Apprentice or Dragon's Den!

Legacy Games

The Legacy Games have been celebrated annually since the Olympic Games were held in Britain in 2012. It is a coming together of all schools in our locality to participate in different events.

It was a great success again this year despite the drizzly start; all the children involved themselves in various sporting activities and tried their very best.

It was marvellous to be with so many Worthing schools all having fun.

This is an account given the following day by Poppy Tarrant from Chaffinch class:-

Yesterday, I went to Durrington Middle School because I was going to do Legacy Games. First up was football, I was in pink team and there was a blue team. Blue team had 5 goals and pink team has 0 goals. The blue team won the game! After that was a tag game called stuck in the mud. When you got tagged you had to stand like a star. Also when you needed to get free someone had to run under and around your arms.

Next was Zumba – it means dancing! We copied a lady dancing and we were just like her. After that we did racing with the other schools. We got 1st place in the first round! When it was 2nd round one other school won and we came 3rd.

In the first round I felt so happy that I nearly cried! I had a perfect day.

Worthing Children's Parade

Our sorting hat, Hogwarts houses and pupils looked fabulous as they wound their way along Worthing seafront and through the town centre. We had a lovely day and managed not to fly away! Thank you to Mrs Dunkley and Miss O'Hara for organising the big make and the parents and children who joined the workshops. Thank you also to everyone who supported Bramber on the day.



May Fair

FOB did a grand job as always and the May Fair received lots and lots of praise for the wonderful atmosphere and we were able to raise funds as well. Thank you to all the parents and staff who worked together so well to do this for Bramber community.

Year 6 Update - SATS and transition to Secondary School

Yes they were challenging, yes expectations are incredibly high and we are very proud of our Year 6 children who arrived at school each day before the SATs with a smile on their face. They have reassured me that they didn't feel anxious and we of course gave them plenty of encouragement. I am sure they have done brilliantly! In addition, we had two visits from West Sussex County Council to monitor our administration of SATs which was rigorous but so were we! Also, our Year 6 writing was moderated to ensure we were accurate in our judgements, which we were.

At the end of the day we all know that SATs do not test the things that matter: kindness, honesty, respect for all, teamwork, empathy... or even the skills a child might excel at such as art, music, P.E, speaking, drama, etc. We want to create confident, well rounded children who are really prepared for the next stage of their education and beyond. Yes SATs are part of it, but they are not everything!

We have been very involved in preparing our Year 6 children for secondary school with visits and extra visits from their staff to us and us to them. I have met with the SENCOs, pastoral leads/DSLs and headteachers of many of the high schools and Mrs Scott has met year 7 leaders and teachers. Mrs Poole, Mrs Allwright and I have made extra visits too. Our Year 6 children are facing their continuing journey elsewhere, exactly as we would hope; with resilience, bravery and ambition. We are so very proud of them already.



Assembly visitors

Luckily, we have had many visitors to the school over the last few months including some pupils and staff from Hamilton Lodge School and College for the Deaf who joined us during Deaf Awareness Week. They talked to the whole school during assembly and visited various classrooms, helping children to understand the different levels of deafness and communication strategies. Feedback from the teachers at the school was very positive and they would like to continue to

visit us in the future.

Staff changes

This time of year is always busy as we plan for the next academic year amid staff planning the next stage in their lives too. Our school, as it has grown to a primary has had a lot of change and it is guaranteed to continue! Miss LoPriore leaves us at the end of this week to return back to the retail industry. We hope she is happy in her new role and wish her good luck.

Miss Perkin joined us at Christmas with the intention of working two terms with us then travelling with her husband to Dubai where they hoped to find jobs as teachers. We were lucky to have her for two terms as she has had a significant impact and Miss Perkin has been lucky as they have succeeded. We wish her and her husband a fantastic adventure in the Middle East!

Miss Richardson also feels extremely lucky to have applied for her dream job as learning mentor and to have got it! We wish her much success in her new role; she'll be fab.

We have been so fortunate to have had Mr Cross at this school teaching two classes of children and giving so much to us and the children but he has made the decision to move back home after much deliberation. His new school and children are so fortunate to have him and we wish him continuing success there where I am sure he will be as popular as he is here. I would like to personally thank these members of staff who are consummate professionals that have given so much to the school, staff and children, even in the short time they have been with us.

we have recruited some amazing staff and I will introduce them to you shortly.



Football news



On Friday 15th June, a group of Year 3 and 4 children represented Bramber at the Albion Cup competition at Lancing FC. In order to progress to the finals, the team had to top their very competitive group which included: London Meed Primary, Orchards Junior School 1, Swiss Gardens Primary and The Globe Primary Academy. I am delighted to announce that we won all of our games (2-0, 4-0, 4-0 and 4-0) to progress to the finals which will be held on Friday the 29th June. We progressed to the semi-finals on the day which we lost 2-1 in a very close and competitive game to the eventual winners Southwater Juniors.

There were so many highlights from the day including some spectacular goals, amazing teamwork and rock solid defence and goalkeeping in our group stages that meant we did not concede a single goal. Indeed, Sam in goal produced a fantastic save from a penalty to ensure our clean sheet!

All of the children were amazing and it was a pleasure to watch them work so well as a team and they all fully deserve the opportunity to perform in the finals.

Come on Bramber!

Full team: Sam Hayden, Bobby Fuller, Jacob Parsons, Heidi Foy, Elliott Hood, Austyn Andrews, Thomas Preston and Harry Pounds (unable to attend the competition on the day).

Run for Fun(ds) -a message from Jess, Kirsty & Debbie

After two weeks of gentle persuasion, we are pleased to announce we have a confirmed team of runners for the Arundel 10k on August 26th to form 'Team Bramber'! We will be raising money for school funds in September to be allocated to SEND resources. You can read more about it on our JustGiving page and sponsor us (please!). If any of you can come on the day and cheer us on, we would be really grateful but if not, any donation big or small would be fantastic.

Our team of runners are:

- Kirsty Brett (Charlie)
- Mr. Caswell
- Gemma Dorer (Billy and Henry)
- Jess Hallett (Elodie and Dylan)
- Anne Hindle (Lottie, Tom and Lulu)
- Debbie Knight (Evie)
- Clair Prince (Ruby and Scarlett)
- Lou Sivyler (Jack)
- Mrs Taylor
- Jules Freeman (Cameron)
- Alison Bates (Niamh and Siobhan)
- Janine Waight (Maximilian)
- Helen Watson (Heidi and Finley)



Please look for us in the July issue of 'Inside Broadwater' as we will featured!

Our sponsorship page is here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/teambramber?utm_source=Facebook

Thank you for your support,

P.S If you would like to join the run please let us know - the more the better!

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance for May is Duckling class at 97.67% - well done!!

Other classes are as follows:-

Chaffinch 96.76%

Heron 95.98

Kingfisher and Seagull 95.83%

Kestrel 95.72%

Robin 95.59%

Starling 93.69%

Woodpecker 92.69%

Dove 92.34% - lots of holidays!



Toys/trading cards

Please can we remind you that children can only bring pocket-sized toys into school to play with at break time. Also, because it leads to disputes among children and parents, we do not allow swapping or trading of toys or cards.

Uniform rules - hair gel, Jo-jo bows and nail varnish

Believe it or not, the children with gelled hair in stuck up styles and those with extravagant hair ornaments like **cat's ears and jojo bows** are the most distracted from their learning. Please can you save the 'added extras' for non-uniform, party or dressing up days. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards

Tracy Taylor

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th June – Parent Consultations Year 1 - 6

Thursday 21st June – Parent Consultations Year 1 – 6

Wednesday 27th June – Sports Day

Friday 29th June - Eco Day

Monday 2nd July – Pro-Kick Challenge – all day

Wednesday 4th July – Transfer Day

Thursday 5th July – Year 3/4 Summer Finale performance 9.00am

Friday 6th July – Reception and Year 1 Summer Fun performance 9.00am

Tuesday 10th July - Year 6 performance of Alice in Wonderland 6.00pm

Wednesday 11th July – Meet your Teacher

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Thursday 12th July – Year 2 Victorian Music hall performance 9.00am

Monday 16th July – Curriculum Open Day

Wednesday 18th July – Meet your Teacher

Thursday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers Event

Friday 20th July – Party in the Playground