



Dear Parents,

This has been an amazingly busy and productive half-term and this was no more evident than at this morning's wonderful House Cross Country competition. Despite the cold weather, our boys and girls ran wonderfully and I would like to thank Mrs Woodford for putting together such a well-organised event. I would also like to thank the representatives of FoBS who braved the elements to provide refreshments for parents.

Further evidence of our business can be seen this week as we have hosted 'Build a Tudor House' for Year 2, educational trips to Neasden Hindu Temple and Epping Forest for Year 6, as well as the wonderful Banangrams Final, Essex Gym competition and our swimmers competing at the IAPS Regional event.

During the past six weeks, our Prep 7-11 pupils have been coming to terms with the exciting possibilities of Google Classroom and, from the end of the first week back after half-term, all homework for Years 3-6 will be posted on Google Classroom. Pupils will have logins and we will be hosting a drop in session for parents between 4pm and 5pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Miss Scotland will be hosting this session and all Prep 7-11 parents are welcome to attend.

Our Year 6 pupils will head into half-term exhausted after their efforts this term and I am delighted that their exam success has now been made official (see below).

### Entrance Exam Success

Following the recent Entrance Examination for the Senior School, we are very proud to announce that all of the Year 6 pupils have been offered places and the following pupils have been awarded scholarships:

**Academic:** Mobolu Olowoyeye, Priyan Balasegaram, Jenson Martell, James MacCallum and Sophia Jones

**Combined Music and Academic:** Alex Lockyer and Savannah Morrish

**Sport:** Varun Gupta, William Howard and Elizabeth Ebden (Honorary)

**Choral:** Ore Fashesin-Souza (Honorary)

### Year 5 Parents – A date for your diary

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, we will be hosting a *Parents' Information Evening* for all Year 5 parents. The rationale behind this evening is to de-mystify the process of the entrance exam to Brentwood Senior School and provide further insight into the pathway for the pupils in the lead up to sitting the exam in January 2018.

Lastly, I would like to wish you and your family a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing the pupils safely back in School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Kindest regards,

Jason Whiskerd

## Headmaster's Awards

Sravan Velagapudi, Reuben Mamelok, Freddie Johnston, James Farrow, William Dowlen

## Bronze Merit Awards

Oliver Whitney, Sophie Cooke, Anna Shore, Amelia Southgate, Jack Travers, Kieran Tsang, Aishani Srikanth, Shalom Likando, Sravan Velagapudi, Corrinne Isaacs, Alex Eghoyan, : Isabella Peacock, Charlie Whitney, Tade Ibrahim, Cole Alabaster-Campbell, Tabitha-Bea Mathieson, Felix Wall-Howe, Hadassah Afolabi, Katie Whatham, Emily Pottinger, Isla Vereker, Sidney Johnson, Grace Stirrup, Maia Parmar, Salman Yaqub, Isabella Born, Adnan Yaqub, Leni Giles, Joe Buggle, Grace Shackleton

## Silver Merit Awards

Jake Horton, Louis Turner, Elsie Playle,

## Congratulations

Maddy Austin has been selected to join the Essex County Cricket Performance Squad for 2017.

## Year 6 trip

This week, Year 6 visited Neasden Temple in London. Whilst there, they found out about how this temple was built and were given an insight into the Hindu faith, which included experiencing a prayer ceremony. Many comments were made about the beauty of this special place of worship and the pupils had the opportunity to ask their own questions as well as to explore the exhibition there.



## Chess News

In the tournament last weekend, the children did really well and kudos to all of them for playing with the right spirit and attitude. Special congratulations goes to Team A (in board order) made up of Adhith Srikanth, Nina Pert, Jake Horton, Dmitry Molostvov and Adhvaith Badhrinath. Each player in team A won at least 3 out of the 5 games which demonstrates a great team effort resulting in a semi-final berth. Thanks to Richard Pert for pulling all of this together and for his continued support. We wish them all the best in the semi-finals to be played in May.

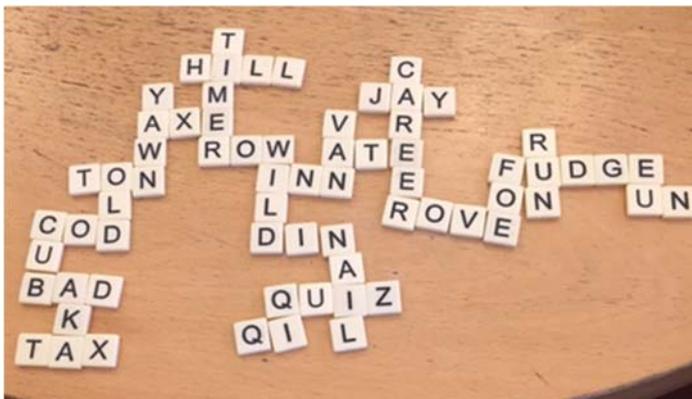
T.R. Srikanth

**Friends of Brentwood School Curry Night**

Tickets are now on sale for the very first FoBS curry evening being held at the award-winning Maharaja Restaurant in Benfleet on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm. This is a chance to relax, socialise, and enjoy a fun night out with excellent food, good music and the opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause. Tickets cost £25.00 per head and the evening will consist of a welcome drink and four-course buffet menu. There is a fully licensed bar, dance floor, raffle and DJ. Further information is available on the [FoBS page of the school website](#) or by emailing Mr John Killilea JLK@brentwood.essex.sch.uk



The Bananagrams final came to a dramatic conclusion on Monday with a fantastic game which came down to the very last tile. The Library was packed with excited children and staff who held their collective breath right up until the end of lunchtime. Alex Lockyer was the eventual winner but credit must go to Dmitry Molostvov for some fantastic playing strategy, even though he only began to learn English at the age of four. However, Alex kept his cool and, despite picking up some early 'shocking' letters, he ended triumphantly. Both boys did incredibly well to beat off competition from well over a hundred children. Alex will now go forward to an online version of the game, in the hope of making it through to the national finals next month. Good luck, Alex!



## Library News

During Book Club we have been discussing an idea featured in *Feather Boy* by Nicky Singer. A group of school children visit a care home, pair up with an elderly resident and share "wisdoms". Some of our group delved into their own family history. Elizabeth Jones did a huge amount of research and wowed us with her stories and photographs. We particularly liked her great uncle who was a boxer and her grandfather who fell asleep on a ship during WW2 and ended up as "galley boy!" Faris Fahal shared lots of information about the tribe he originates from in the Sudan and showed us photographs of his great uncle, an ambassador, meeting the Queen. Salman and Adnan Yaqub brought in their grandmother's jumper. It was part of her uniform when she was in The Royal Medical Corps, in Pakistan, during the 1960s. They told us about her experiences there. Lucy Shackleton revealed that she is the great granddaughter of the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton. She told us a bit about his expeditions and showed us a picture of him. Finally Alice Stonebridge told us some very funny stories about her great granddad who was a fireman in WW2. Although it has not been our favourite book, *Feather Boy* has inspired some terrific discussion.



## Harry Potter Quiz

Last week, I hosted a Harry Potter themed lunchtime quiz to coincide with Harry Potter Book Night. Congratulations to "The Terrific Teachers" who came 1<sup>st</sup> with an incredible 773 points, out of a possible 775 and to "The Firewolves" who were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 768 points, also amazing. It was hard! We had games in the library the following lunchtime including: HP Trivial Pursuit organised by Amy Read, Discover your Hogwarts House and "Pin the Glasses on Harry," won by Sara Yuen. A BIG thank you to Sophia Jones for the original idea and making sure I was on task! A great time was had by all. Mrs Pike



**ROYAL MAIL CHRISTMAS STAMP COMPETITION 2017**

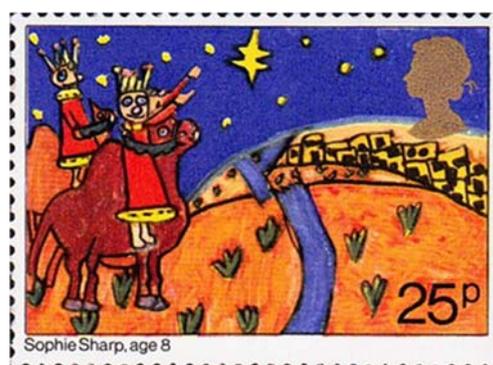
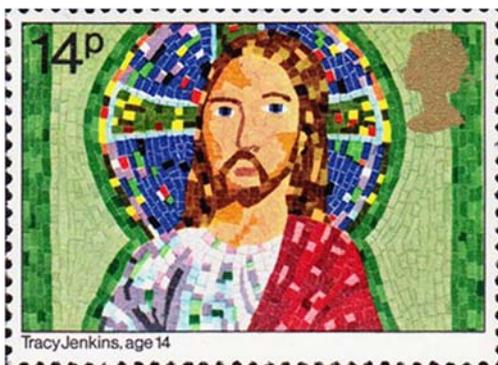
Brentwood Preparatory are delighted to invite your child to participate in this national art competition to design stamps for Christmas 2017.

Two lucky national winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017. Let's hope that someone from our School can come up with a winning design. Any winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty the Queen, and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season. It's a fun and engaging art activity for children aged 4 to 11 years.

Every child at Brentwood Preparatory School should receive an entry form from their class teacher. Entry forms will also be available from The School Reception and Mr Garratt's Art Room. All rules can be found on the entry form found at the end of this Newsletter.

Entries must be received by Mr Garratt (or Prep School Office) by 13th March 2017.

**Winning designs from the same competition in 2013, 1981 & 1966**



## KS1 and Early Years

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your attendance at "sharing hour" this week, it really is a lovely opportunity for the children to take charge and show you all the achievements they are proud of for this half term.

Your formal consultation appointment with the class teacher will take place in March.

Mrs Bartlett will be making a welcome return for two days a week after half term in class 2 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Trevelyan for all her hard work from September.

On a personal note, may I thank you all for the kind words, cards, prayers and flowers during the difficult time I have experienced this half term. Your support has been much appreciated and has provided comfort to myself and to my family.

I hope you have a happy and restful Half term break.

Kind regards  
Vanessa Audas

Dear EYFS Parents,

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that no images from "Tapestry" should be shared on social media. This was clear on the agreement you signed and must be adhered to.

Many thanks  
Vanessa Audas

## Reception

We have been thinking about how the cold weather has been affecting all our feathered friends and in Reception last week the children have been making bird feeders. We used pieces of apple, lard and bird seeds to make bird cakes on pine cones and in plastic cups. Robins' class hung their feeders around the playground and were very excited to see which ones had been nibbled after the weekend. We had some very interesting conversations about which birds may have eaten them and whether the location of the bird feeder made any difference. It was a lovely learning opportunity and the birds had a good feed too.



## Year 2

Year Two enjoyed an amazing day of "hands on" History last week, with a practical Design and Technology-based workshop. The result was a one-third scale Tudor House, which was made by the children during the course of the day. Charlie Lupton, from the "Make your own History" company, brought the features of Tudor homes to life, as the children were taught an array of different techniques, from carpentry and bodging needed for the main frame, to tiling, thatching and weaving for the walls and roof. The children were thrilled with the results of their hard work and enjoyed revealing the house and explaining the processes to their parents at the end of the day.

Here are a selection of photos from the day, but if you would like to see more of your children hard at work, follow this link to the website photo gallery:

<http://www.brentwoodschool.co.uk/build-a-tudor-house>



## Recent Sports Results



### Netball

#### Netball Vs Chigwell

U11 'A' team won

8-7

Player of the Match:

Araminta Smalley

U11 'B' team drew

2-2

Player of the Match: Savannah Morrish

U11 'C' team drew

6-6

Player of the Match: Emily Hill

#### Netball vs St. Helens'

U11 'A' team

Won:

20-8

Player of the Match: Ellie Foley

U11 'B' Team

Won:

7-2

Player of the Match: Flora Gunn

## Football

### U10 Vs Loyola

Prep U10 'A' 4

Prep U10 'B' 5



Loyola U10 'A' 4

Loyola U10 'B' 2

U11 boys won their quarter final match against West Horndon 7-2 to progress into the semi-final of the Langhelt Cup.

Goals from: Gennings x 3, E. Okafor x 2, Noble x 1 and an Own Goal x 1



## Hockey

U11'A' Vs Elm Green

Prep 3 Elm Green 2

## London Schools' IAPS Cross Country Championships

U11 boys were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 teams

Josh Knightbridge: 15

Calum Donovan: 19

Tom Eastwood: 22

Finn Hennessy: 27

Freddie Johnston: 31

Jacob Leslie: 33

Ted Buggle: 43

Damifola Odelusi: 65

Jackson Booth: 115



## Cross Country Chelmer Park

The Year 5 and 6 cross country held at Chelmer Park yesterday was one of the coldest events that I have ever been to. Bracing was an understatement! The children acquitted themselves brilliantly though.

Mrs Woodford

Year 5 girls' team came 1st overall

Notable (top 30) individual performances came from: Olivia Mitchell (6th), Lucy Shackleton (11th), Sophie Cooke (15th), Solari Robert-Tariah (17th) and Amber Penman (23rd).

Year 5 boys' team came 2nd overall

Notable (top 30) individual performances came from: Ted Buggle (10th), Louis Turner (12th), Fraser Forbes (20th) and Elliot Gibson (28th).

Year 6 girls' team came 3rd overall

Notable (top 30) individual performances came from: Maddy Austin (6th), Emma Dowlen (14th), Ellie Burrell (22nd) and Flora Gunn (23rd).

Year 6 boys' team came 2nd overall

Notable (top 30) individual performances came from: Josh Knightbridge (7th), Finn Hennessy (20th), Jacob Leslie (21st), Calum Donovan (24th) and Tom Eastwood (28th).

## House Cross Country results:

Junior Girls		Senior Girls	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chloe Brown	1 <sup>st</sup>	Maddy Austin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Imogen Eastwood	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Mitchell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eddie Griffiths	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Dowlen

Junior Boys		Senior Boys	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tobi Olajide	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Knightbridge
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Johnny Pilgrim	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Eastwood
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oscar Field	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jacob Leslie

### Team results; Junior Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Quennell and Heseltine  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lawrence  
4<sup>th</sup> Bayman

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1<sup>st</sup> Heseltine  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lawrence  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bayman  
4<sup>th</sup> Quennell

### Team Results: Senior Girls

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## Forthcoming Events

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 - School reopens after half-term holiday
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	9.30am - KS2 - Able Writers Day - Year 6 - AM
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	8am - Chess Tournament being held in Prep School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	2.35pm - KS2 - Lesson 8 & 9 - House Reading Rehearsal
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	4pm - Google Classroom Drop-In Session for KS2 parents
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	2pm - KS1 & KS2 World Book Day and House Reading Competition - (Years 2 -6)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	FOBS Curry Night

## Forthcoming Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	3pm - KS2 - U11 Girls' Football v Long Ridings - (A) - leave 2.30pm return 4pm – 2.30pm - KS2 - U11B Rugby v Alleyn Court - (H) 2.30pm - KS2 - U10A&B Netball v Alleyn Court - (H) - catering ordered
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017	2.45pm - U9A,B&C Netball v St Cedd's - (H) 2.45pm - KS2 - U9A,B&C Football v St Cedd's - (H)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	2.30pm - KS2 - U11A&B Netball v St Cedd's - (H) 2.30pm - U10A&B combined team - Football v Elm Green - (H) 2.30pm - U11B Football v Elm Green - (H) 4pm - KS2 Cricket Academy - By invitation - Les Wingrove
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	1.30pm - U11 Boys' & Girls' District Cross Country - leave 12pm return 3.40pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	2.30pm - KS2 - U10A&B Netball v St Cedd's - (A) - leave 2pm return 4.30pm 2.30pm - KS2 - U10A&B Rugby v St Cedd's - (H) KS2 - 3pm - U11A Football v Long Riding - (H)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	2.30pm - U10A,B&C Netball v Chigwell - (A) - leave 1.45pm return 4.30pm 4pm KS2 Cricket Academy - By invitation - Les Wingrove



# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Royal Mail's Christmas Stamp Design Competition 2017 SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_



Need more entry forms? You can photocopy this form, or they are available to download at [www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition](http://www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition)

Draw in the entire space opposite a picture of **what the Christmas season means to you** and the design you would like to see on a Christmas Stamp. Please use plenty of colour and try not to leave too much (if any) white space, especially around the edges. Do not include The Queen's head, or the 1st or 2nd class value symbols in your design. No entries can be returned.

**Note to adult:** Please complete the correct Covering Entry Form (available to download at [www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition](http://www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition)) and send in with this entry. If you are not entering via a school please put your name and daytime contact details on the back of this entry too. Please note we will only contact you should this entry make it to the shortlisted stage.

The information contained in this form will be used by iChild and Royal Mail to run the competition and, with the consent of the student's parent/legal guardian, to publicise details of the finalists and winners. Further information on this use of the information can be found in the terms and conditions for the competition (available online at [www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition](http://www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition)). All entries that progress to the final stages of the competition will require the signature of the student's parent.

Parent/Guardian signature

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Please return your entries to  
**Preparatory School Reception**  
by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017