



Dear Parents,

Our Year 6 pupils have breathed a collective sigh of relief this week as they have overcome the small matter of the entrance exam to the Senior School. I hope to give you some good news regarding offers of places and scholarship awards in the coming weeks and I am guessing that parents are also breathing a little easier! The pupils have worked extremely hard and they have so much to look forward to in the remainder of their time with us.

Meanwhile in the Prep, a multitude of external candidates took our entrance exams this week and the competition for places has been very strong in both the 7+, 8+ and 9+ age groups. Our own year 6 pupils were wonderful ambassadors for the School and no doubt helped to settle the nerves of our visitors.

We now have over 1000 followers on the Prep Twitter account and this number has grown significantly in the last year or so. We try to tweet on a daily basis about events in school and the wider educational debates which may impact upon your children. Please do try to follow us if you haven't already done so. Our twitter handle is [Twitter@Brentwood_Prep](https://twitter.com/Brentwood_Prep) #Giveitetry.

Last Friday, our Year 5 pupils performed at the O2 Arena in front of 18,000 people at the Young Voices Charity Concert. For most of the children, this was a once in a lifetime experience. I know that parents also greatly enjoyed the evening and could clearly be seen to be rocking in the aisles. May I take this opportunity to thank Mr Barber and all members of staff who escorted the pupils to this hugely popular and very much oversubscribed event.

This Friday I shall be attending the annual British Educational and Training and Technology Show (BETT) at the Excel Arena and I hope to be better informed regarding the use of emerging technology in schools like Brentwood Prep. At last year's show we first set eyes upon George, our School robot so who knows what I may find this time?

Kindest regards,

Jason Whiskerd

Headmaster's Awards

Evie Harris, Alice Stonebridge, Scarlett Johnson, Oliver Collard, Jonny Hourihan, Archie Stronach, Ted Buggle, Adhvaith Badhrinath, Sophie Young, Devanshi Sinha, Brooke Skinner, Emily Davies, Imogen Eastwood, Elsie Playle, Sophie Cooke, Seerat Sandhu, Jaideep Cheema, Katherine Hak, Finlay Pattison

Bronze Merit Awards

Imogen Eastwood, Muhammed Ali, Jaideep Cheema, Archie Stronach, Emily Davies, Tobi Olajide, Oyinda Fadayomi, Lucy Trevelyan, Anna-Kaye Fullerton, Freddie Johnston, Ned Broderick, Wren Taylor, Alyssa Wyatt,

Silver Merit Awards

Alice Stonebridge, Dmitry Molostvov

IB Learner Profile Awards

Sophie Young: *Caring*, Salman Yaqub: *Principled*

2017 Parent and Pupil Surveys

Thank you to those who have already completed your online Parent Survey. We value your opinion and the survey findings will make a difference to how we run the School and plan for the future. If you are still to take part in the survey, it should only take 10 minutes, you have until Monday 30th January to complete the questionnaire and return it directly to Kirkland Rowell Surveys. All your answers are anonymous and will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Prep New Year Disco for pupils in Years 3 -6 on Thursday 2nd February – 6.30pm – 8pm

I am sure the children are looking forward to the Disco next week but I would like to go over some housekeeping issues for the night. Please note that children will not be allowed to bring mobile phones or cameras into school for this event. Registration will open for children in the smaller Prep Hall from 6.15pm so please do not arrive before this time. Please come into school through the main KS2 reception and enter the smaller Prep Hall from the side doors opposite the MFL Room.

It would help us if you take home any outer coats which the children arrive in and bring them back at 8pm. Access to the School will remain restricted until the disco has finished at 8pm. For the safety of all our pupils, will be operating a one way system for the collection of all children; please enter the School via the Conservatory doors and follow the directions. I hope that everyone enjoys this evening which is one of a main fund raising events for the year.



Battery collection point in the foyer

Please save your used batteries and recycle them at the new collection point in the foyer.

Ultimate Activity Camps and Schools of Sport

Ultimate Activity Camps and Schools of Sport are returning to Brentwood School this year with their fun and engaging holiday programmes, with plenty of new activities for 2017 including more art and craft, initiative games and dance sessions. Ultimate Activity Camps offer exciting childcare with over 40 activities every week delivered by engaging and enthusiastic staff who will instruct and encourage children to try new activities and make new friends – and naturally have lots of fun! The Camp dates are: Easter: Monday 3rd to Thursday 13th April (closed Bank Holidays); Summer: Monday 17th July to Friday 25th August. Please visit www.ultimateactivity.co.uk for details and their latest offer - you can also call them on 0330 111 7077 (local rate).

Schools of Sport offer girls and boys inspiring sports coaching academies during the school holidays and an outstanding opportunity for children to receive first-class, hands-on coaching from leading coaches and sports stars! Their dates are: Half Term: Athletics Academy with Dean Macey 30th & 31st May; Summer: Netball Academy with Melissa Hyndman 22nd to 24th August. To book, please visit www.schoolsofsport.co.uk or call their team on 0330 111 9077 (local rate). Further details can be found on [holiday activities page of the School website](#).

FoBS 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

KS1 and Early Years

Dear parents

What a busy half term the children are having with topics in full swing. I can't believe that our Reception and Year One teachers managed to command the weather to freeze and then snow to support their "Frozen" and "Very Chilly" topics! How exciting for the children!

It is wonderful to see so many parents from Nursery and Reception engaging with Tapestry and I hope it is providing you with useful information on things that you can practise with your child and a good means of communication.

Year Two children had a stunning start to their Great Fire of London topic and enjoyed sampling the different breads they had made. They now have their "Build a Tudor house" day coming up on Monday 6th February, which is an amazing opportunity for them to immerse themselves into that time in history and understand in more depth about the skills used in house building.

The next event for parents is "Sharing Hour" on Wednesday 8th February at 3.15pm. Please remember there is no "stay on" after school on that day. Please collect your child at the end of School as usual. The teacher will then welcome you back in, with your child, to look at their work and the classroom displays. If your child is at a club that evening, there will be time to come in with them after the club pick up. Nursery sharing time will take place on the same day but it will be for 15 minutes before the end of their session (11.15am for AM pupils and 3pm for PM pupils)

Many thanks

Vanessa Audas

Nursery

The Nursery classes have begun their dance lessons with Miss Lucy this term. They are learning a variety of different movements, including skipping and galloping. They are also learning different forms of expression such as using mime. 'Good toes' and 'naughty toes' have featured in the lessons too. All of the children have participated really well and Miss Lucy is delighted with how well the lessons are going.

Reception

This week the reception children focussed on the Olaf character from Frozen. They used different materials to make snowmen. The children enjoyed watching the cookie dough change from sticky to smooth, then rolled it out to make snowman biscuits. Later in the week we made model snowmen using our rolling, squashing and pinching skills to work the modelling clay.



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Year Two

Year Two arrived at School on Monday to find that they had travelled back in time to 1666 and that their classroom had been transformed into Farriner's Bakery in Pudding Lane, London. To the children's surprise, flour covered the floor and desks were caked in bread mixture and crusts! The children became young bakers and their first task was to tidy the bakery, ready to start a full day of work. They made a selection of different flavoured loaves, which were taste-tested during the afternoon!

The children were enthused by the "stunning start" to their new topic "London's Burning" and are eager to learn more about the Great Fire of London during the course of the term.



Forest School Clothing

As you are aware, we take the children to Forest Schools in all weathers except thunder storms and high winds. It has been very cold, and it may be that the waterproof suits we have cannot keep the cold out as much as we would like. We are happy that the children wear their school coats, but please be aware that they may get muddy (even if we advise the children not to go in the mud or water, they seem to be attracted to it!) As an alternative, you may wish to dress them in extra layers of clothing, underneath their tracksuits, to ensure that they keep warm.

Recent Sports Results



Netball

18/1/17

League match vs Long Ridings

Brentwood won

16-1

Player of the match: Maddie Austin

Brentwood vs Ingatestone

U11 'A' Won

14-7

Player of the match: Ellie Foley

U11 B Won

8-1

Player of the match: Savannah Morrish

U9 Netball vs Bancrofts

U9 A

Won

6-0

Player of Match Isabella Peacock

U9B
Drew
1-1
Player of the match: Anna-Kaye Fullerton

U9C Blue
Drew
1-1
Player of the match: Chloe Dewar

U9C Red
Won
4-0
Player of the Match: Devanshi Sinha

Football

U10 v St. Marys

Prep 'A' 9 St. Mary's 'A' 1
Prep 'B' 4 St. Mary's 'B' 2
Prep 'C' 5 St. Mary's 'C' 2



U10 & U11 v Widford Lodge

Prep U10 16 Widford Lodge 0
Prep U11 'A' 4 Widford Lodge 'A' 1
Prep U11 'B' 5 Widford Lodge 'B' 0

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 2 nd February 2017	<p>2.45pm - EYFS - Reception - Maths Workshop for Parents</p> <p>6.30pm - KS2 - Charity Disco - starts 6.30pm ends 8pm</p>
Monday 6 th February 2017	KS1 - Year 2 - Build a Tudor House
Tuesday 7 th February 2017	<p>EYFS & KS2 - ALL PREP SCHOOL OFFERS SENT TO PARENTS TODAY</p> <p>9.15am - 3pm - Year 6 to visit Neasden Temple</p>
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	<p>9am - 3.30pm - KS2 - Year 6 Geography Trip to Epping Forest Field Centre</p> <p>3.15pm - EYFS & KS1 - NO STAY ON</p> <p>3.15pm - EYFS & KS1 - Sharing Hour for parents and pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2</p> <p>6.30pm - Parents' Meeting for Bushcraft Trip in Library</p>
Friday 10 th February 2017	<p>1.15pm - EYFS & KS1 - School Finishes for Half Term</p> <p>1.30pm - KS2 - School finishes for Half Term</p>

Forthcoming Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 31 st January 2017	2pm - U11 Girls' & Boys' Cross Country at Haberdasher's Aske - leaving: 12pm
Wednesday 1 st February 2017	<p>2.15pm - KS2 - U11 Football v West Horndon - Cup Match - (H)</p> <p>3pm - KS2 - U11A&B Netball v St Helen's (league match) - (H)</p>
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	2pm - KS2 - Years 3&4 - Cross Country - Pope & Smith - (A) - Melbourne Park leave 12.45pm
Friday 3 rd February 2017	<p>2.30pm - KS2- U11A,B&C Netball v Chigwell - (A) - leave 1.45pm</p> <p>2.30pm - KS2 - U10A & B Football v Loyola - (H)</p> <p>4pm - KS2 Cricket Academy - By invitation - Les Wingrove</p>
Saturday 4 th February 2017	Chess - Chelmsford Qualifier - organised by Richard Pert
Thursday 9 th February 2017	<p>2pm - KS2 - Years 5 & 6 - Cross Country - Pope & Smith at Chelmer Park- (A) - leave 12.55pm</p> <p>2.40pm - KS2 - U9A&B Football v St Mary's (H)</p>
Friday 10 th February 2017	11am- 12.30pm- KS2 - House Cross Country

