

Brambleside Primary

Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

Issue 2

Reception news

We've had a lovely few days welcoming the children this week for their 'settling in' sessions. We hope your child has enjoyed their time at school with us so far. We look forward to getting to know our new starters even more next week for our first full week together. How exciting. We have lots of fun things planned.

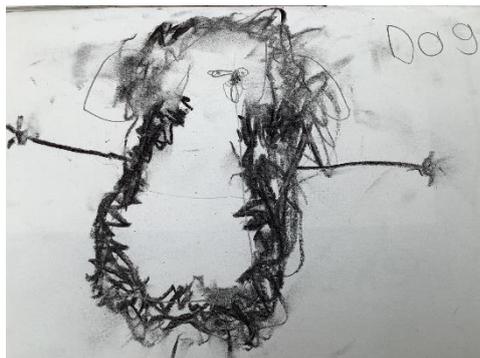
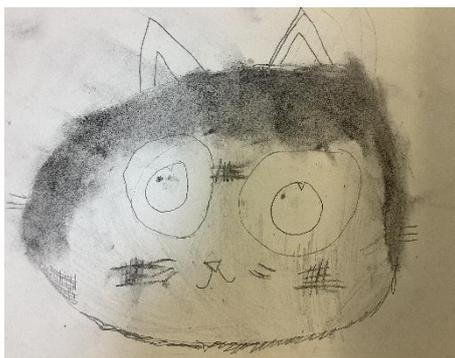
School Dinners for our new pupils – starting Monday 13th Sept

Hopefully by now you will have booked your child's hot dinner for next week (unless they wish to bring a packed lunch from home). Hot dinners are free of charge until your child reaches Year 3. If you haven't already booked, please visit www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. You will be sent PIN number via text. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway. (Please note you must use the **same mobile phone number and email address** as listed on your child's school admission paperwork). If you have any problems doing this, please let the office know on Monday morning and we will book lunch manually for you. Thank you.

Year 1 and 2 news

We have had an enjoyable first week in Key Stage 1. We would like to thank the pupils, parents and families for their positive support in making it such a wonderful start to the new academic year. It was a delight to be able to all sit together in the hall and share two assemblies, one of which was VIP, instead of using Teams. The pupils acknowledged each other's ideas and achievements with an increased enthusiasm because we were altogether.

Year 1 have enjoyed using their new art book and have been exploring mark making using pencil, charcoal and pastels. They have been practicing the effects of crosshatch and monochrome using the theme of animals. They shared the work of the German artist Albrecht Durer and then worked on their own pieces choosing an animal to explore their new art techniques.



Dates for your Diary

13 Sept – Year 4 swimming
13 Sept – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Trial
14 Sept – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Trial
27 Sept – Individual student photos
31 Oct – Year 6 secondary school application deadline



Year 2's focus this week in Reading has been 'Grandad's Island' and they have selected many compound words from the text. Having enjoyed the book they shared ideas of how to keep memories alive and read the book aloud to each other. In Geography they have been learning what human and physical features are and to complete their lessons, we went on a local walk to identify the features around Brambleside. So please during your own family walks ask them to explain the difference between physical and human geographical features.

Year 3 and 4 news

The children in Year 3 have made a flying start to the new academic year! In English, the children have been learning about the features of poetry with a theme. Next week, they will be using these techniques to write their own piece of poetry based on emotions. In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning about place value using resources to replicate three digit numbers. The class book we are studying in our reading lessons is 'Greta and the Giants' based on Greta Thunberg and her fight against climate change through peaceful protest. Art has included learning about Vincent Van Gogh's style and the techniques used in mark making. We have covered three ways including Impasto (adding flour to paint), Sgraffito (scratching marks onto layered paint) and Tonking (blotting paint away with a tissue). Even though this made for very messy children they produced some imaginative and creative pieces of Art!

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the term! In English, we have started reading our class text, 'The Queen' Nose' written by Dick King Smith. In Maths, we have completed a place value pre-assessment and have started learning about rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. We have completed our drawing project in art lessons, where we have explored the contour lines of still life objects and the negative space created between the objects. We also used a viewfinder to select a focal point for a composition. The children have had their first swimming session where they all had an opportunity to get into the pool and swim. Some also practiced their glides and treading water.

Children were given their weekly homework (Maths, English, Spelling and Reading). We have also encouraged the children to complete Pixl times tables, MyMaths and Spelling Frame at home.

The teachers have been impressed with the children's attitude towards learning and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Year 5 and 6 news

Well done to Year 5 for settling into the new school year so well. This week we have started our Science topic of Living Things and their Habitats. Everyone has done an amazing job of identifying the key features and stages of lifecycles of insects, mammals, birds and amphibians. Make sure to test your child on these and see what they can remember! In Writing we began looking at third person narratives, using the example text "The Mimi", based on an indigenous Australian myth. In reading we have started our story of 'Shackleton's Journey', a story based on an expedition to the Antarctica. Once again, well done for an amazing start Year 5, keep it up!

Year 6 have had an excellent start back after the summer holidays. Ms Kinley, Miss Stowers-Veitch and Mr Fortune are excited to begin working with such friendly, enthusiastic children!

Year 6 continued overleaf...

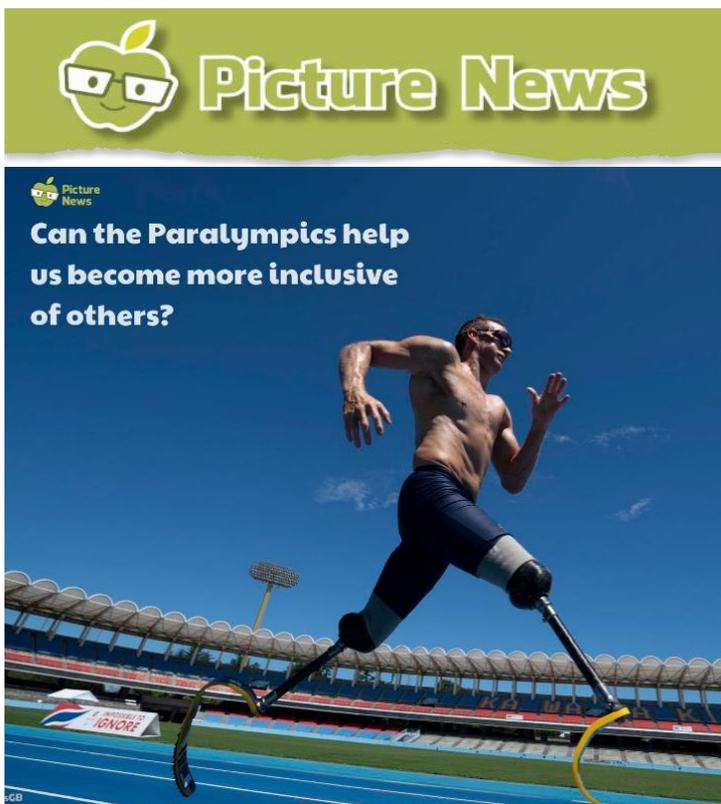


The teachers were proud of children who had attempted some of the summer homework challenges and enjoyed sharing some of the artwork with the classes. In their learning, Year 6 have been working on numbers to ten million in Maths, including rounding. They have also enjoyed showing off their mental Maths and arithmetic skills to Mrs Esselmont and Mr Fortune. In reading, children have been looking at texts on the theme of migration, with a particular focus on the SS Windrush, which links to their learning in history this week. In these lessons, children have learnt about people emigrating from the Caribbean to England with the promise of a better life or job - ask a year 6 child if this is what the Caribbean people were greeted with by British people...

Secondary school places – Current Year 6

North Northants Council are now accepting Applications.

No sooner are we back at school, than year 6 families need to think about secondary schools! We invite parents to make contact with local secondary schools to enquire about their Open Week/Evening arrangements. Many schools offer guided tours (some may be virtual due to Covid and government guidance). The application submission deadline is **31st October 2021**. For further information visit: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>



Story: Paralympics

At the start of the Tokyo Paralympics, Paralympics GB launched a campaign to change perceptions of those with disabilities called, *Impossible to Ignore*.

Question: Can the Paralympics help us become more inclusive of others?

