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Chinese New Year Celebrations

We have been enjoying celebrations in the run up to Chinese New Year which is on 16th February. This year it is Year of the Dog!

We had a spectacular Chinese New Year assembly at the Infants where the children acted out a Chinese story. Some children played the part of the dragon whilst others shook ribbon and shakers making music to frighten the dragon away. Years 1 & 2 performed an energetic dance that they had rehearsed to the tune of 'Kung Fu Fighting'. The children had great fun learning about Chinese culture. Activities have included: making Chinese lanterns to hang in in the



playground, making hats, lion masks and fans to wear, making cards to exchange, snapping open fortune cookies, trying on Chinese clothes, listening to Chinese stories and songs, folding paper dragons, putting chocolate inside 'lucky money envelopes' and trying to eat noodles with chopsticks! Mr &



Mrs Edmunds also showed the children photos, books, artefacts and souvenirs from their trip to China and the children watched a video about pandas in China. This really helped bring all the children's learning about China to life.



Safer Internet Day drama workshops



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Katie - If there is a scary video, we must tell our parents.

Jude - I liked deciding whether something was block, zip or flag it.

George - When you are playing online don't talk to strangers.

Tyler - Don't tell people your passwords.

Luke - If someone wants to know your passcode, do not tell them.

Bertie - I liked it when we did the warm up with our partners.

Jadesola - I liked learning the actions for the 3 safety rules - zip it, flag it and block it.

Debbie - We shouldn't share photos or where we live.

Lawrence - If someone sends you a nasty message, block it and tell someone.

Caitlin - I liked it when Laura was pretending to trick everyone to get their information.



Internet Safety

To reinforce our learning about using the internet safely, we invited Perform Drama group into the school for really enjoyable interactive workshops in the Infants and Juniors. Children learnt ways that they can stay safe online by working together sharing knowledge and ideas. A specific message of,

"Zip it, Flag it, Block it!"

was incorporated into the workshops.

The juniors particularly enjoyed creating actions to go with this slogan and imaginatively performed adverts to promote this! A highlight amongst the children of the juniors was creating freeze frames which demonstrated the impact of **cyber bullying**. The children acted maturely to create these freeze frames that were engaging and emotive for the other students and the viewing staff! Well done to all who took part in such a powerful workshop!



Internet Safety is an extremely important for children especially as the use of technology has grown so rapidly in recent years. We urge parents to please help reinforce this message further at home. We hope the copies of the NSPCC booklet for parents we sent home provides some useful advice about keeping children safe online. Mrs Platford and Mrs Notley

Junior House Points-Star of the Week-Assemblies

House points are awarded to the children in the Juniors for behavior, work and many other positive acts by the children. A visual running total is displayed in the hall. Each week in assembly the points are called out and added to a cumulative total. At the end of each full term the House with the highest points is awarded a treat. The children are divided into each House when

they join the Juniors in year 3. The houses :

Wallace (Blue)
Adams (Yellow)
Marlowe (Green)
Dickens (Red).

Star of the week certificates are issued during assembly. The star of the week is given to a child in each class that has done something 'outstanding'. Here are the stars in the Juniors this

half term: **Yr 3:- Faith, Scarlett, Malachi, Amelia.** **Yr4:- Hugh, Lara, Isabella, Victoria.** **Yr 5:- Mya, Fatima, Ruby, Gordon** and **Yr 6:- Lucy, Mabel, Jesse and Tanaka.** Well done to all of you.

The assembly topics for this term have included:- acts of kindness (a core British value), famous people and their houses in Kent and Internet Safety.



Year 2 have been studying the works of the French impressionist artist Claude Monet and the children have made beautiful collages in the style of the artist. Year 2 have also been busy making craft with clay. It's been so much fun!

Mrs Paice & Mrs Farnes



Pre-school walks to the park

I liked the roundabout. I played with Rosie, Isabelle and Sienna.— Kesi

Look there's a bird! — Elijah

I liked the slide best with my friends. I turned Mrs Reid into a frog! I saw triangles on the wall.. — Sienna

I liked the slide best. I climbed up the ladder.— Honey

I liked the roundabout with my friends.— Celeste

I liked the big slide. — Isabelle

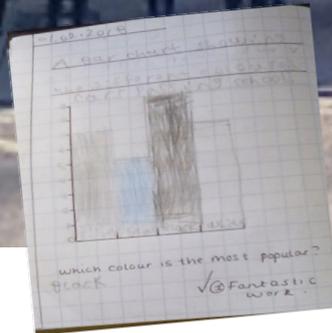
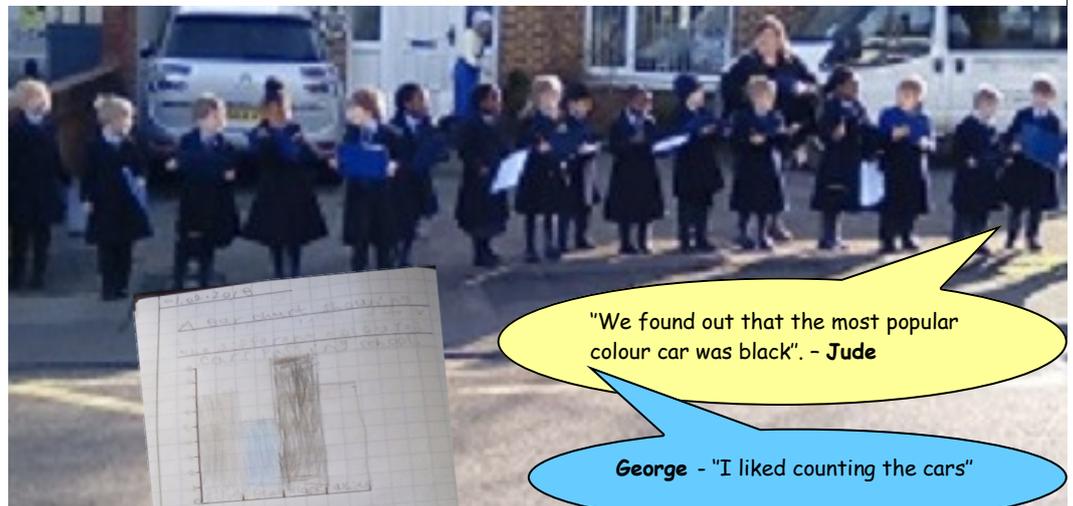
I liked the roundabout. It was gold and I really like gold.—Amrita



Year 1 Conducting a Traffic Survey

This term, the children in Year 1 have been learning about Data Handling. We took them out onto the school forecourt with clipboards and recorded information about the most popular colour of cars that drove past during a 10 minute period. We then used this information to learn how to draw and show our results as a bar chart.

Mrs Dyne & Miss Hills



"We found out that the most popular colour car was black". - Jude

George - "I liked counting the cars"



Florence Nightingale

Year 1 have been learning about the Victorian era. This has include learning about Florence Nightingale. The children delivered a fascinating assembly and each held up a lantern which they'd made with a letter spelling out 'The Lady Of the Lamp' which the children had coloured in beautifully. They took turns to remember an important

fact that they had learnt about her. The children wrote a letter to the government for items that Florence would need to help the soldiers such as bandages money and medicine. Year 1 will be visiting Kent Life next term and will take part in a Victorian Workshop to further their learning on this topic.

St Valentine's Day

The Reception classes held a special assembly this term about St Valentine. They all had lines to learn and they said these beautifully in front of the infant department.



Children have made some lovely cards and are looking forward to giving them to the people that they love...

Bryony School is going Google ...

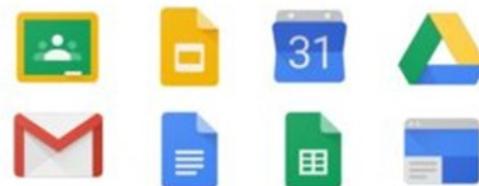
G Suite for Education

We are excited to be trialling the use of G Suite for Education to help enhance the way we use technology and share information within our school community.

G Suite is a service by Google that will allow us to access some of the best web based software available to help pupils learn and prepare pupils with

communication and collaboration skills for life. To complement G Suite, we are looking to **improve and update our ICT equipment** in order to support learning across the curriculum.

After February half term, we will be starting with a trial of **Chromebooks** in both the Infant and Junior departments. Please see your ParentMail for more details and to provide parental permission for your child to use this service. **Mrs Notley**



News from Friends of Bryony School (FoBs)

This term was a quiet one activity wise for FoBS, but behind the scenes we've been busy spending some of the hard earned funds from our many fundraising efforts. Suggestions and feedback were given from parents and staff. We are proud to announce that we've put over £2000 to good use. We've spent £500 on Reading books to supplement the

library in the Juniors, £740 on science and sports equipment which included archery arrows, turbo javelins, a measuring tape and high jump bar.

We also bought a P.A. System, outdoor play equipment and storage box for Juniors. We also compiled new wet play activity boxes for each class at the

Juniors and some learning resources for the Nursery.

We hope that you agree that these were worthwhile purchases and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in all the FoBS fundraising efforts.

Have a wonderful half term break!
Mrs Jarvis on behalf of the Friends of Bryony School

Medway School Cup - Netball

We competed in the Netball competition as part of the Medway Schools Cup Netball saw us take 2 teams, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 to the development competition. The teams played some great Netball and were very competitive. On this occasion we narrowly lost by 1 goal in the year 3/4 game and by 2 in the year 5/6 game.



It's all good practice and we were very proud of everyone who took



part in this event and thank you to the parents who came along to support their children on Saturday morning. **Mrs Atkins**



Kickball

Three Bryony teams took part in the recent round of the Medway Schools Cup. Our Year 3/4 team were victorious winning 29-9. Year 6 won all three of their games and were the cup winners while Year 5 won the plate competition! All the children



played some wonderful kickball and as usual demonstrated our excellent team spirit and fair play. Well done. We are very proud of you. Mr Johnson



MYG Swimming

Our Year 6 swimming team competed in a Mini Youth Games gala at Medway Park on 18th January.

The children took part in all 25m races in the normal swimming strokes, front crawl, back-stroke and butterfly. They also swam relay races. Special mention must be made to **Mabel** who overall came 1st in the girls freestyle with a time of 16.7 seconds! A fantastic achievement and effort.

Mabel also came 7th in girls back stroke and 7th in girls butterfly, this was out of over 120 girls! Our other swimmers also achieved good times too. We finished a very proud 15th place out of 45 schools. Well done to our great swimming team.

Mr Johnson



Netball at Kings

netball while gaining experience. The umpires were able to coach the girls and therefore help them develop their skills. We played several games against other schools remaining unbeaten by any other school throughout!



We were invited by Kings to play a development tournament, where the purpose was for the girls to enjoy playing

Parents enjoyed the afternoon supporting the children. Well done to Lucy, Mabel, Aylin, Mia, Isla, Jesse, LuLu and Ruby. Mrs Atkins

What's Coming up.....?

February

12th - 16th Spring Half Term
19th - Back to school
19th /20th - Yr6 Bikeability Course 1
21st - 3A Parents' Evening
21st/22nd—Yr 6 Bikeability Course 2

March

1st - 4H & 4C Parents' Evening
1st - Official World Book Day
2nd - World Book Day (Dress Up as a Book Character Day)
6th - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents' Evening
8th - MYG Tag Rugby
9th - Year 1 Victorian Day at Kent Life
9th - FoBs Mothers Day Shop
21st - Year 6 Open Afternoon
23rd - Sports Relief
26th - Reception visit to Chatham Historic Dockyard
28th Spring Term Ends
29th - MYG Netball

After School Clubs

This term the clubs have been extremely popular, so much so that Raz-zamatazz, Multisports and Circuit Training will be continuing into the next half term and the new clubs will be Netball and Softball.



If you think your child may be interested in any of the clubs please reply promptly when the ParentMail forms are sent out and send your payment in to secure your place. If you have any questions regarding the extra curricular clubs please contact the school office.

Gardening Club will be returning in the summer term at the Juniors. There will be opportunities for all the juniors to take part in this activity. Following the success of the previous Gardening Club it is important to register your child early so watch out for the ParentMail towards the end of next term.

Our new 3 week rotating lunch menu seems to be proving



popular. Copies of the menu have been sent by ParentMail are on our website and on the school notice boards. New homemade items on the menu include:- sausage casserole, potato wedges, Polish cake, flap jacks and cookies.

Feedback is always very welcome!

Message from our School Principal

I hope you enjoyed reading our Newsletter, This is just a snapshot of what we have been doing. There is certainly never a dull moment! Thank you to FoBs for your very generous donations - they have been very useful. We are so grateful for your continued hard work and support.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and staff who have shown a great deal of support with the recent Council proposal related to **Meresborough Hamlet**. I will keep you informed as I learn anything further.

If you haven't already, please do take a moment to provide feedback on ways to **enhance our communications** and for news on our **G Suite for Education** plans. Further information has been sent to you all by ParentMail or in hard copy.

May I give a warm welcome to **Mrs Daffin** and **Mrs Mirza** who join our friendly team of staff. Both are providing lunchtime supervision in the Infants and Mrs Daffin will also be at the Junior gate in the mornings. Finally a big thank you to all children and staff for your continued hard work and energy this term. I hope you have a relaxing half term break. See you back on Monday 19th February! **Mr Edmunds**

For more information, including on our policies, please see our website which is undergoing a complete reconstruction!
www.bryonyschool.org.uk

