



Senior Management News

We are pleased to announce, following a rigorous recruitment process with a range of applicants, that we have chosen and secured a new dynamic and well qualified Head teacher, Mrs Gee who will join us in September 2019. In the meantime, I have one final term as Head Teacher when I will then remain solely as Proprietor. I am supported by a strong Senior Leadership Team and wider staff.

I have divided Mrs Harrison's role between **Mrs Platford** and **Mrs Atkins**. **Mrs Platford**, in addition to Head of Maths will take on overall management of the School Curriculum (*including pupil progress and attainment*) **Mrs Atkins** will be Head of KS2 (*day to day running of the Junior department*). **Mrs Notley** is of course the Business Manager and now also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Dyne, is KS1 Coordinator. This team along with myself and the wider Bryony School staff and Advisory Board will then support Mrs Gee in her new role.

Mr. Edmunds, School Principal

Message from our future Head Teacher

Dear parents, staff and pupils,

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Head Teacher at Bryony School. I am very keen to get to know parents, as well as pupils and staff.

Bryony School has always had a very special place in my heart as I am actually a former pupil. I had never believed the opportunity would present itself that it would lead to my return in a professional capacity. I am truly overwhelmed with excitement that from September 2019 I will be leading the school.

For the past 16 years I have worked in a variety of schools, with experience as a class teacher and subsequently as a Deputy Head. I have experience of both mainstream and specialist provisions. I am passionate that each and every child is given the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential and in order to achieve this I undertook the additional study of the nationally recognised qualification of Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator.

Whilst this may be an unsettling time for parents, I can assure you that the usual high standards at Bryony will remain. My philosophy for education has always been one which is based around the edict of the 'best by every child'. I hold a strong child centred approach to teaching, where consistency, praise, encouragement yet challenge are key. It is a privilege, both as a teacher and as a leader, to be able to inspire, enthuse, motivate and nurture children to fully achieve this. I am passionate and committed to my core values that are based on honesty, integrity and respect.

I am looking forward to meeting both pupils and parents in order to build strong relationships and enable each and every child here at Bryony to achieve their maximum potential.

Kindest regards

Mrs Gee

Coming up next term ..

Wednesday 24th April
- Summer Term begins

Thursday 25th April
- Primary Racket Skills

Thursday 25th April
- Year 4 Swimming

This Newsletter includes

- Thank you and farewell to Mrs Harrison

- Easter Picnic and Hat Parade

- MYG Netball

- Year 6 Assembly to Parents.

- Book Fair at Infants & Juniors

- Pre-school visit to Kent Life

- EYFS / KS1 Musical Theatre Workshop



Happy retirement Mrs Harrison!



The last day of term was also Mrs Harrison's last day at Bryony School after 27 years. Mr Edmunds presented Mrs Harrison with a bouquet of flowers and presents from the staff. All of the year groups then presented Mrs Harrison with their own cards, made with love. Mrs Harrison, you are simply incredible. Thank you for all you have done for the children, staff and parents in Bryony. We will miss you immensely. Please come back and visit us often.



Easter 'Eggstravaganza' Picnic



The children from Pre-School all the way up to Year 6 enjoyed a picnic in the sun at the Junior site. Thank you to **Mrs Margett** and **Mrs Stevens** for preparing the picnic food. We also enjoyed a fun Easter Hat parade around the playground. Thank you to all the children who participated - what wonderful efforts you all made and what fabulous creations you made! The winners were judged by Mrs Harrison who had very difficult choices to make! The winners of the competition were as follows: **Olivia** (Pre-School), **Darcy** (Reception), **Billy** (Year 1), **Maria** (Year 2), **George** (Year 3), **Kelsey** (Year 4), **Lucia** (Year 5) and **Ruby** (Year 6).

Well done to all of you! Thank you to Mrs Atkins for organising their prizes! The Juniors then had an afternoon of Easter egg rolling, Egg decorating, an Easter Egg hunt and dancing. Thank you Mrs Atkins for organising this!



Easter Eggstravaganza Picnic continued

Picnicking in the Spring sunshine on our school playing field

Thank you to our lovely ladies who prepared the picnic!



Impromptu tango by Mrs Ware and Mr Johnson ...as you do..!



Some fabulous posing in the Easter parade by Year 5 (and Mrs Platford!

Easter Celebrations

On Thursday the children enjoyed a celebratory Easter lunch complete with a birds nest desert! In the Infants, the hall was decorated with bunnies, banners, flowers and an Easter tree.



In the afternoon we had an Easter Egg hunt and a very energetic egg and spoon race followed by Easter stories in the hall. The children had made and decorated pretty paper eggs which were cunningly hidden around the play ground. All the eggs were found and the children received a Chocolate egg kindly donated by FoBs.

It was a fantastic day and a great start to the Easter holidays. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and teachers for making this such an enjoyable day.

Mrs Paice



Easter Hats



Mini Youth Games Tournament 'We are the Champions'

Bryony School entered a team for the Netball Mini Youth Games (MYG) held at Rainham School for Girls. **Mrs Atkins** led the team to a fantastic victory scoring 42 goals and only conceding 2. They played consistently well in attack and defence. The teamwork that the players showed definitely was the key to their success **finishing 1st and unbeaten out of over 50 school teams!** Wow well done Bryony! We are so proud of you all!



It was lovely to see former pupil **Katie** umpiring at the tournament. She umpired Bryony's last game. She really enjoyed seeing Mrs Atkins and the Bryony team.



This picture shows the team at the end of the tournament with their medals and trophy. The children are really looking forward to attending their well earned place at the Night of Champions on 1st May.....

UK Winter Triathlon Finals

Back in January **Ben** and **Stanley** qualified for the Pony Club UK Winter Triathlon Finals. The three phases of the triathlon involve cross country running, swimming and pistol shooting. The finals took place last weekend in Milton Keynes. Both boys performed extremely well achieving personal bests in all phases, Ben came 8th overall and Stanley 17th.



Also competing were their cousins, and former Bryony pupils, **Abigail Holly** and **Megan!**



Year 6 Parents' Assembly

On Monday 1st April, the children of year 6 presented an assembly to their parents and the rest of the Juniors on the theme of the Anglo Saxons. Performed by the children, they led their parents and other relatives through their historical understanding of the Anglo-Saxons. The assembly included an explanation of where the Anglo-Saxons came from, how they settled within Britain, the influence they had on society and still do today and their love of storytelling.



The assembly was presented through narration, acting, dance and music in the form of songs and musical accompaniment. The assembly was to highlight and enhance the programme of study the children had been undertaking in History this term.



All the parents and children appeared to enjoy the performance with some very positive comments! The children performed confidently in their acting, speaking, dancing and singing after several weeks of rehearsals.



Well done Year 6! They represented their year group and school with pride and their parents should be very proud of them too. They would like to thank their parents for attending as well as **Mrs. Lakanu** for helping them with the assembly especially the dramatic aspects!

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ware



The Emotional Easter Story

On Tuesday, the Year 3 children completed their learning journey on the Easter story. They firstly recapped the events of Palm Sunday through role play using made palm leaves to welcome Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The children laid down their coats, representing cloaks, showing their respect for this important religious figure.



The crowds cheered and welcomed him.

Afterwards, the children viewed a Lego version of the Easter story to discuss the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Year 3 were fully engaged in this activity and their questions and understanding on the topic were outstanding!

Mrs. Platford



Early Years and KS1 Musical Theatre Workshop

Ms Holliday from Rainham School for Girls brought a musical theatre workshop to our school today for the Infant children. The pre-school and reception classes enjoyed a 'Disney Under The Sea' adventure.



Ms Holliday brought the *Greatest Showman* to Years 1 & 2. They wore gold sparkly hats to become the stars of 'The Greatest Showman'.



The children picked up the dance quickly thanks to excellent and energetic teaching and really enjoyed the workshop.

A huge thanks to the fantastic Ms Holliday for giving up your time to visit us -we really appreciate it.

Pre-school trip to the Farm at Kent Life



We started our visit with a meet the animal session which the children really enjoyed. We also learnt a lot about animals from Dan, our guide for the day.

'I like feeding the animals.' - Hughie

The children were given food and were able to feed the adult animals.



'I liked the pigs.' - Charlotte

'I like the goats and chickens.' Caleb-Celio



We enjoyed 'Cuddle Corner' as we were able to hold a guinea pig and rabbit.

Overall we enjoyed a fun-packed day.

'I liked stroking the horse best.' - Clara

'I liked the tractor ride.' - Harry



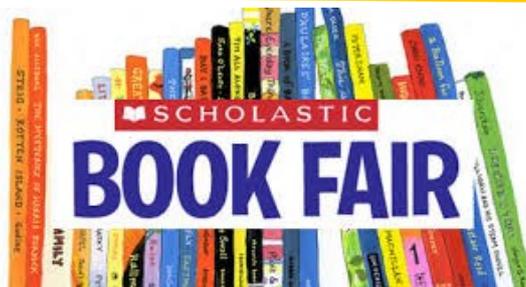
We had a tractor and trailer ride. Later on we played in the soft play barn.

Dan brought out a pony for the children to stroke.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success especially Mrs Margett, Mrs Wood, Mr Sparks, Mrs King, Miss Hills and Mr Reid who came to help.

Mrs Reid and Mrs Robinson



Thank you to Mrs Lakanu for arranging a Scholastic book fair at our school. The event has been very successful and plans are already being made to coordinate this with next years World Book Day. £896 of books were sold during the Fair which mean we will receive over £500 of new books for our school libraries. We would like to thank all the

children, parents, friends and families for supporting this very worthwhile event. Happy reading everyone!



Our chosen charity this term for the Tag day is the NSPCC. The children were able to wear their own clothes to school for the donation. The total this term is **£ 130.88**

Thank you to the FoBS for providing all the children in the school with an Easter Egg

Uniform

Please be reminded that when we return after the Easter Break the children will be required to wear the school Summer uniform.

The school cap and hat should also still be worn when arriving to and leaving from school.

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Extra Curricular News.....

Lawrence and Jude from Year 2, who play for Bredhurst Juniors football team, took part in a half time penalty shoot out at Gillingham Football Club during last Saturdays game at Priestfield Stadium.

Well done boys !

