



Brundall School News - 15

June 2009

A huge thank you goes to the staff who organised and accompanied the Year 5 and Year 6 on their residential trips. Miss Brown in particular played a big role in dealing with all the pre trip details, including the extensive health and safety/risk assessments now required between school/the local authority and Holt Hall. Mrs Morrish, Mrs Blackman, Mrs Utley and Mrs Crowe helped ensure the children had a wonderful time and it was wonderful to see such happy children returning from a great experience. The Year 6 pupils are waiting for their bus as I type this and are incredibly excited. Miss Glover, Mr Morgan and the team of Mrs Utley, Mrs Sims and Mr Dooley have all made an extra commitment in terms of time and effort for this weekend residential and I am grateful that all these staff are prepared to do this to enrich our children's experience and learning.

It's always amazing to see the 'bigger picture'. This half term we've been starting to prepare for the Fortieth anniversary of the school in September. Through a good connection, we were fortunate to have Mike Page, an aerial photographer, to fly over the school and photograph the children standing in the shape of '40'. The project has taken off in unexpected ways. Two year sixes drew up a plan to get everyone organized for the shoot; then we made an effort for everyone to be in red, and took our places at the appointed time. Mike donated a prize for the child who could estimate the flyover height to the nearest foot.

We did well the first time, but could see from the photos that we could tighten it up even more, moving part of the 0 from the cover of a tall tree, and putting the 4 in line with the new block. Version 2 was even more impressive, and this week a child announced to me they had seen a clip of the event on youtube.

As we prepare for our current Year 6 to graduate on to Secondary School, and to welcome new children in September, it's interesting to consider the profound changes in education in this 40 year period. We will see a new curriculum coming into schools, based on the premise of all children becoming successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. This is the clearest articulation yet achieved to answer the question 'what is Primary education all about?' and it is our intention that your child's journey through Brundall will result in a child who is successful, confident and responsible. As we work towards achieving this, we are constantly trying to see how things look from a different angle or perspective, and with this in mind, I ask you to return the parental questionnaires to the school. We have engaged an external company to give us feedback benchmarking the results against other schools. This will enable us to continue on our journey improving the quality of learning on offer for all the children at our school.

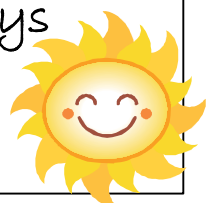
R. Stuart-Sheppard, Headteacher

CLASSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10

We are finalising Class arrangements for next year. Parents of children who are joining Reception in September have been informed of their child's class and teacher. Current pupils will be told of their new classes on 10th July when they will spend the afternoon with their teacher for next year.

Reports to parents will follow on 13th July.

School closes on Friday 17th July for Summer Holidays
Autumn Term starts on Monday 7th September
(3rd and 4th September are Staff Development Days)



Term Dates

Summer Term Ends 17th July
Staff Development Day 20th July
Autumn Term
Staff Development Days 3rd-4th September
Autumn Term starts 7th September

Diary Dates

30 th June	Acle High School transition day.
2 nd July	Primary Science Olympiad - UEA
3 rd July	First Aid Awareness - Y5
6 th July	Kookaburra Class visit to North Norfolk Railway
6 th July	Robins Class visit to Holt Hall
7 th July	September 2009 Reception intake visit
8 th July	KS2 Sports Day
10 th July	Y6 Music Taster Day, Thorpe.
9 th July	KS1 Sports morning.
15 th July	Parents' Evening
14 th July	Y6 Production
17 th July	Celebration Assembly

Open Evening - 15th July **3.45 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

The school will be open for all parents to have a look at their child's work. You may wish to have a chat with your child's teacher, although if you wish to have a longer discussion, please make an appointment. Please feel free to look around the school.

SPORTS DAYS



Key Stage 2 - 8th July

During the morning all children will be taking part in activities towards the 10-Step Athletics Award. Parents are welcome to come and support.

The school site must be cleared for the lunchtime period.

During the afternoon there will be competitive sports, starting at 2.00p.m. These will include a Parents' Race and a Tug-o-War (thick gloves are recommended for all children).

Key Stage 1

9th July - morning only

From 9.30 a.m. onwards

Parents welcome



Friends of Brundall School

Family BBQ and Disco

3rd July

Please send donations of wine and chocolates for the raffle to the school office.



Save the Date

40th Anniversary Fete - 19th September

VACANCIES FOR MID-DAY SUPERVISORS

Required from September 2009. Please contact the school office for details.

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE'S SHAKESPEARE SHOW

On 17th, 19 and 20th of June some students from Brundall School took part in Mosaic Youth Theatre's Shakespeare Show. They performed sections from a Midsummer Night's Dream and wowed the audience with their focus and understanding of some potentially tricky Shakespearean language. A special mention should go to Adam Alderton who had the audience roaring (braying?!) with laughter as Bottom, but the whole cast did brilliantly. Many members of the audience commented that they wouldn't have imaged that Shakespeare could be performed so successfully by Primary School aged children - you proved them wrong. Shakespeare would be delighted and so am I! Thank you to everybody involved on stage and off for contributing towards such a successful performance.

Enjoy the Summer.

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Norwich City Children's Library Wordwind

Creative Writing Club for 8-12 year olds. Writing games, wordplay, imaginative workouts.

Bring your stories, poems and plays. Sunday 5th July 11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Fantastic Fossils. Create your own fossils. 12th July 2.15 - 4.00 p.m.