

Bramble Infant School & Nursery Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be impressed by the efforts of children and parents alike for the high levels of engagement with the remote learning that is happening for the majority of children in the school. Thank you to everyone that is persevering during what is a challenging time for all.

On Tuesday 9th February we will be marking **'Safer Internet Day'**. As children are spending more time online and in front of screens it is very important that children are made aware of how to be 'e-safe'. On Tuesday 9th Feb there will be a special 'live' assembly for children in school and at home about safety and 'Safer Internet Day'. During the week teachers will be planning e-safety focused activities. The PCC Community Learning Service are also holding a 'Digital Families Workshop' on 'Safer Internet Day' details of which are included within this newsletter.

Kind Regards

Mr O Bradley—Headteacher

Half Term Support

For children that are in receipt of benefits related free school meals Portsmouth City Council will be providing £15 food vouchers via the EdenRed system during the upcoming half term week. Families that are eligible will be contacted about this in due course to let you know when the vouchers can be redeemed.

Whilst schools will be closed as normal during the half term break we have been made aware of various activity clubs that will be running to provide care for children of critical key workers should they need it. Please contact the school admin office to ask for more details.

Digital Device Donation

Thank you to all those that have kindly donated digital devices to the school. We have had many laptops, desktops and tablets donated that we will be passing on to children who are in need of them to support their access to remote learning.



Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body is looking for a new governor who has skills and experience in the management of organisational finances; it doesn't need to be in an educational context as you will be able to learn that as long as you have this type of background. If you meet this description, or know someone who does, and would be willing to consider becoming a governor, please make contact with us through the admin office. Anyone taking on this role would attend our Finance Committee (which is usually during the school day) and the Full Governing Body meetings which take place on Monday evenings. This exciting role could easily fit around 'working from home' expectations.

SEND Parent Survey

The SEND and inclusion team at Portsmouth City Council have launched their annual SEND parent survey. The feedback received helps to shape the future of SEND provision across the city.

<https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/now-live-2021-send-survey/>



COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE



Family Learning are offering a free online Digital Families Workshop

This will be an online course via Zoom
(once you have enrolled on this course an invitation will be sent).

It will be on **Tuesday 9th February**

Starting at 10am and finishing approximately 11.30am

It aims to help you to keep your child safe on the internet and support them in their online world.

Hope to see you there!

To enrol on this course or if you have any queries please email: TheLearningPlace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Family Learning Fun in the Afternoon

For parents and children to enjoy together.

A selection of fun activities using your art, craft and Maths skills. **Suitable for KS1**

This will be a 3 week online course via Zoom
(once you have enrolled on this course an invitation will be sent).

Tuesday afternoons

16th, 23rd February, 2nd March 2021.

Starting at 1.30pm and finishing approximately 3.30pm.

To enrol on this course or if you have any queries please email:
TheLearningPlace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



Our Learning

The children in **Primrose Class** have been practising and developing their physical skills. They have been strengthening their arms and legs with soft play, the A frame and the younger children have been finding ways to move through the tents and tunnels.



In **Bluebell Class** the children have been using their self help skills, they have been peeling and cutting their own snack as well as pouring drinks. When going in and out of the garden we have been supporting children trying to put on their own coats and taking them off and hanging them up ready for when they transition.



The children in **Blackberry Class** have really enjoyed dolly play this week, they have had a face painting station for the dollies and the children have enjoyed having a tea party, feeding their dollies with porridge oats



In the **Pre-School Class** the children have enjoyed being back in following a 'bubble' closure. A popular activity this week has been role play! Mmmmm, what a delicious feast!



In **Year R** the children have been enjoying The Three Billy Goats Gruff story in school and at home. They were challenged to use different 2D shapes to make a 'troll' face. "Who's that trip trapping over MY bridge?"



The **Year 1** children have loved working together to complete a 100 piece puzzle of London landmarks. Learning about the well known landmarks has helped as they have recognised the distinctive shapes of each building.

In **Year Two** this week, the children have been thinking about the Maori people and their culture. They have made some Raranga style mats as seen in Maori culture and have had lots of fun making them!

