



Being the best we can be

# Bramble's

# News



11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Message from Mrs Gynn

Hello everyone,

I cannot believe that it is the end of the term already. Please do remember that we now have a week's break. The children are due to return back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you so much for all of your support, both in school and at home too. It has been a term like no other, but everyone has worked together to ensure that all of the children's learning could continue in these very strange times. All parents - please take this opportunity to close your 'home classroom' and have a break yourselves.

The term has finished with a flurry of activity:

Chinese New Year is tomorrow, all of the children in Poppy class have been finding out lots and lots about it; they have made dragons, drawn pictures of all of the animals in the Chinese calendar, tried picking up objects with chopsticks and learnt a dragon dance too! It is no wonder they are all tired! As always, they have been so busy!



In Reception, they have been thinking about Valentine's Day and using it as a chance to say hello to all of the friends they are missing at the moment.

In Key Stage 1, children have been finding out all about hibernation and the animals that do it. This has helped them to answer part of our big question for this term, 'What if the sun doesn't shine?' The whole school will continue to answer this question after the half term break.

We have focussed upon 'internet safety' across the whole school on Tuesday. I hope you have all had a chance to look at some of the advice that was posted on the School Story. It is always useful to check the parental settings on devices at home. Hopefully, this week has been a good time to do that.

Finally, we have finished the week looking ahead to pancake day. children in school had a lovely afternoon. Hopefully, we will all own pancakes next Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>).



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enjoy our



We have started to run a 'book exchange' this week. We will be offering the chance for you to come and collect reading books every Tuesday and Thursday after the holidays. Do come along.

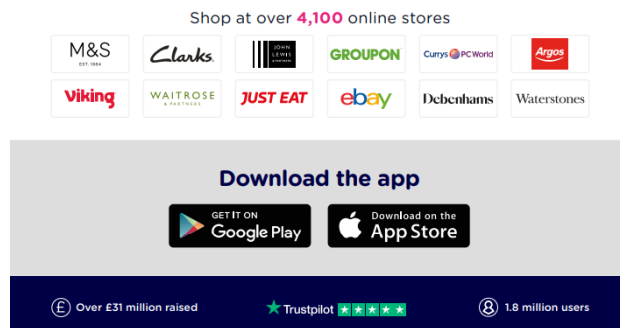
I hope you have a nice and safe half term break.



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Certificates have been awarded to:

**Let's Investigate**

Fantastic maths or science work

**Edward and Majesty - at home**

**Exploring the World**

Super history, geography or religious education work

**Raul and Ecoh - in school**

**World of Words**

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

**Phoebe - in school, Thea - at home**

**Being Your Best**

**Annabelle B - at home**

**Wow!**

**Dylan H - at home**

Handwriting Award

went to:

**Oscar**

## Remote Learning Champions!

The most engaged class this week is:



**Daisy Class**

and



**Sunflower Class**

Well done everyone!

Well done to the children and parents too ☺

Look at how amazing our school was



last week:

2,249 stories

1,908 skills celebrated

21 messages shared

99% positive feedback



We celebrated with:



**Annabelle B, Harry C and Leila, who are now all 7!**

**Happy Birthday to you all!**

We also celebrated with:

Miss Bagley ☺

Our value for February is:

**Independence**

- Initiative



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring

Involvement

## Reminders & Notices...



### Technology at home

Are you using a play-station or xbox to access home learning resources?

If yes - we now have a limited supply of keyboards and mice for loan.

Are you using a mobile phone to access home learning resources?

If yes - we now have a limited supply of magnifiers for loan.

Please contact the school office for more information.



During the national lockdown, everyone is asked to stay home.

### The four reasons you ARE allowed to leave home



Shopping for food or medicine



Exercise for yourself or pets alone or with members of your household only



Medical appointments or as a carer visiting a vulnerable person



Travel to and from work for essential workers only

## What's Coming Up?



11.2.21 - Break up for half term

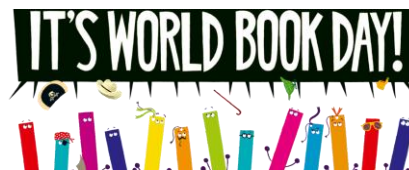
12.2.21 - Teacher training day



22.2.21 - Term 4 begins



Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.30 p.m.



We shall be hosting a reading week - do look out for details when we return back to school