



"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

Our vision:

We constantly strive to promote the overall development of all our pupils and staff. We want the children to come to school happy and eager to learn in a caring environment, where all members of the school community feel that they can reach their full potential.

Dear All

It has been another busy fortnight! Walking around the school and into classrooms, I have been impressed with how hard your children are working and their positive attitudes towards learning. They are always so keen to talk about what they are doing and how they are improving.

Brunel and Raleigh classes shared their learning with the whole school and their families in their Celebration Assemblies and afterwards in their classrooms. Dawn has continued to take our Wednesday assemblies where she has been focusing on one of our school values each week. These are displayed in the hall as well as in our KSI area.

It was lovely to see so many children and their families gather together on Remembrance Sunday in Bradninch. The Duchy School was represented by Emily Crawford and Keon Byrne who laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Our children have been representing the school in sporting events which have included athletics and girls football. Brunel class went to sing to the senior citizens at the Baptist Church and a great time was had by all!

We were sorry to say goodbyes to Mrs Ripley and Miss Brown. Mrs Ripley has supported many of our children and their families over the last 13 years and is now using her skills to support children living in care. Miss Brown, who has supported Mrs Stanbury so well in the office, has also moved on to resume working with vulnerable adults. We wish them well as they move on to new challenges.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Samantha Coles to join our LSA team on a permanent basis. Mrs Coles has been working with us in school since September and has already formed strong relationships with children, parents and staff.

The School Council have been busy setting their aims for the next few months. These are: to keep the cloakrooms tidy, save money by turning off lights and encouraging everyone to wear the correct school uniform. I am pleased to see how keen they are to help make our school even better!

As we move into the Christmas period, please look out carefully for information of our Christmas celebrations. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Alison Bourne

Our fortnight in pictures...



Remembrance Sunday



Raleigh Class assembly



Girls Football against
 Wilcombe
 The Duchy girls won!



Brunel singing to the senior citizens.



Children in Need 2017
 Thank you for your donations!

Our Notice Board

PARKING

Once again this is something we and the local residents continue to be very concerned about. Please do not park on the pavements or on other people's driveways. Residents in Townlands would appreciate it if drivers could slow down and take care. The safety of our children and local residents is very important to us.

CHANGE TO THE MENU

Please note changes to the menu on the 7th and 8th of December. On Thursday, 7th December the menu will be as follows: oven roasted chicken breast nuggets/quorn sausages/chipped potatoes and baked beans/chocolate cookie and on Friday, 8th December the menu will be: hearty beef and root vegetable pie/halloumi and roasted veg stuffed peppers/potatoes and vegetables/peach melba slice.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is something that we are proud of. It allows the children to feel a sense of belonging. Thank you to all of those who adhere to our school uniform policy. This is something that we do monitor regularly. If you are unsure of our uniform code, please look on the website or ask at the office.


PARENT FORUM

We are still looking for a Brunel parent to come and join the Parent Forum. There are 3 meetings per year and their role is to represent the parent's views on school matters in that class. If you would like to represent Brunel class, please leave your name with Mrs Stanbury. The minutes of last week's meeting will be out very shortly!

Celebrations!

Mathematicians of the Week	
	
Our mathematicians for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Issac & Sofia
Cook	Millie & Megan
Raleigh	Michael & Tati
Drake	Faith-Ella & Flora
Acland	Jack, Bethany & Isobelle
Reynolds	Ruben & Coral
Brunel	Alfie & Emily

Stars of the Week	
	
Our stars for the last fortnight are:	
Foundation	Sofia & Izzy
Cook	Lyra & Annabelle
Raleigh	Lily & Georgie
Drake	Tyler & Daisy
Acland	Josh & Sophie
Reynolds	Chelsea & Isaac
Brunel	Katy & Cody

Friendship Points	
	
Our current Friendship totals are:	
Holland	260
Wales	290
Italy	250
South Africa	240
New Zealand	260
Japan	270
Brazil	240

Well done to all our Stars and Mathematicians as well as to Wales Friendship Group!

Diary Dates

Date	Event
4 th December 2.30pm	Foundation/ KSI afternoon performance
4 th December 6.30pm	KS2 evening performance
5 th December	Flu Vaccinations F-Y4 children
5 th December	KS2 afternoon performance 2.15pm Foundation /KSI Evening performance 6.30pm
6 th December 6.30pm	KS2 Evening performance
7 th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
8 th December	Christmas Craft Morning
11 th December	Christingle Service at St. Disens Church
12 th December	Foundation & KSI Christmas party
13 th December	School Christmas lunch
14 th December	Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Party
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children) Yrs 5 & 6 Christmas Party

TERM DATES 2017/18
AUTUMN Term will end on 15 th December.
SPRING TERM will start on 3 rd January and end on 29 th March.
Half Term 12 th - 16 th February
SUMMER TERM will start 17 th April and end on 26 th July.
Half Term 28 th May - 1 st June