

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

"TELL me and I forget, TEACH me and I remember, INVOLVE me and I learn." (Benjamin Franklin)

Head Teacher Message

Welcome back to our second Autumn half term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your responses to our community survey at the end of last year. I do hope you managed to read all about the results and implications for this year in the publication sent home. Your thoughts and opinions matter, and are constantly used to shape and direct the future of Brady.

Brady's learning community for all continues to be a strength, with adults and children alike engaging in a lifelong learning journey.



This year we are partnering with the Princes Teaching Institute embarking on research into media and the effect on writing (more details to follow). Staff continue to undertake rigorous INSET training, enhancing skills and improving the quality of education for you child. May I encourage you to engage with the adult courses being offered at Brady to equip you in supporting your child with Phonics and Literacy - we can all be part of the learning community!

Jon Bishop

At this time of year we hear lots about remembering and reflecting upon the past. Looking back at October and last half term, it is easy to become amazed at the diverse and broad opportunities that pupils at Brady enjoy. We started the month with workshops looking at Healthy Eating through '**Roots to Food**'. This naturally led into a celebration **Harvest Assembly** at Wennington Church (thank you to all who generously donated food items for the food bank). Key Stage 1 enjoyed learning all about **exotic animals** with some rare insects and creepy crawlies coming to visit. Meanwhile the Reception class embarked on their own adventure finding the **Gruffalo** in Thornton Country Park. The Friends of Brady put on a tremendous **Autumn Disco** enjoyed by all just before Half Term. Year 5 and 6 kick started the year by entering teams for the **Football tournament** and **Tag Rugby festival**, with some pupils taking part in the **Bikeability** awareness training!

WOW! A great start to the year. This month we continue this rich mix of activities by inviting shows, workshops and assemblies across the school. Make sure you make a note of these in your calendars and read all about them on the school website, leaving comments to encourage the team.



DATES for NOVEMBER**TAG RUGBY festival Yr5/6**

- Tuesday 3rd

BRICS - fireworks theme

- Friday 6th

Anti-bullying Workshops

- Monday 9th

Peter Pan Theatre Show

- Tuesday 10th

Full Governing Body meeting**Girl Football tournament Yr5/6**

- Wednesday 11th

FOB -Christmas Shopping event

- Thursday 12th (6-9pm)

Children in Need

- Friday 13th (non-uniform, wear something spotty, £1 donation)

Open Evening (Reception 2016)

- Wednesday 18th (4-6pm)

Parent Evenings

- Monday 23rd November
- Tuesday 24th November

BRICS - Games theme

- Friday 27th

OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Please check your child's book bag regularly for things such as dinner tickets and letters. Thank you.

**NEWS in brief...****Havering Adult College**

Phonics and Literacy courses for parents

You will have noticed the questionnaire that went out last half term. If you haven't managed to complete the form yet, can I encourage you to return it by Friday 6th November. Courses and details will be published shortly once the level of interest has been gauged.

School Day timings change

From today we are changing the end of the school day. Following Governor approval, we are finishing across the school at 3.15pm (therefore a change for KS2 classes). The lunch time will then reduce to one hour (12-1pm). We are excited that this has been made possible following the new Kitchen success and lunches running much smoother. Normal start times will continue (8.45am). Please ensure that if you are running late or have an agreed alternative adult picking up your child, let the office know and they will inform the class teacher.

Parent Evenings

Parents evenings are held later this term (compared to previous years), in response to comments received in the questionnaire regarding the need for more detailed attainment and progress information. An online signup form will be available on the school website from Monday 9th November - please ensure you signup to reserve your child's place.

