

OCTOBER DIARY DATES...

Maths Parent workshops : all year groups

Monday 3rd, 3.30-4pm (in class rooms)

Phonics Parent workshops

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th October, 9am

GOVERNORS—Strategic meeting

Wednesday 5th, 6-8pm

Bikeability for Yrs 5,6

Monday 12th—Friday 14th

Zoolab visit for Yrs 1,2,6

Wednesday 12th

Cat Ninelives—Theatre group for Yrs 1-4

Friday 14th, 2pm

Learn to Ride sessions for Yrs 3,4

Monday 17th—Tuesday 18th

Cycle/Scooter awareness day for Rec-Yr2

Wednesday 19th

Reception trip to Thorndon Country Park (Gruffalo Trail)

Friday 21st

BRICS (Brady's Reception and Infant Creative Sessions)

Friday 21st October - SPOOKY FUN



ADVANCE

Parent Evenings - Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th November

Christmas Shopping event - Thursday 10th November



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A DYNAMIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The past few weeks and months have been very dynamic for education and the Brady community. The dictionary defines dynamic as: (of a process or system) characterised by constant change, activity, or progress. The new curriculum introduced in 2014, along with associated Life Beyond Levels in 2015, the academy agenda and changes to the Education Secretary and white papers within the past 6 months are examples of such change. These can be seen as obstacles to progress or positive opportunities for growth and improvement.

Here at Brady, the past 2 years have seen rapid changes that have brought about positive growth. Particularly pleasing is the significant improvement in Early Years and Key Stage 1 results providing a strong bedrock for the future. Key Stage 2 has demonstrated progress in most areas, and with continued focus will further strengthen in 2017 (see the statutory information tab on the school website for further details). Of course the school is not just about outcomes and is proud of it's strong partnerships with the Friends of Brady and the parents involvement in enabling holistic development of all pupils.

Read all about exciting opportunities for parents to attend workshops this coming month in Maths and Phonics, along with events planned by the Friends of Brady to enhance the provision at school. I am very grateful for the support that the whole community provides in these dynamic times, ensuring that Brady "achieves considerably more" each day.

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS ARE BACK

I have the privilege of walking around the school on a daily basis and seeing the learning of your pupils in class. Their attitude to learning, and their resilience is inspirational. It is with this in mind that we have decided to re-instate the learning snapshots in order to share this experience with the wider community. Weekly and without prior warning, a brief 3 minute wander around the school to 'capture' the teaching and learning across the whole school is published on the school website under the Multimedia tab for you to view. May I encourage you to engage with these videos and respond in the comments box (once you have signed in) to encourage both staff and pupils in their daily lessons, it is greatly appreciated. Other ways you can provide feedback is through the Ofsted Parent View link (on the homepage).

SNAPSHOT

FRIENDS OF BRADY

Following the AGM on 26th September, I am pleased to confirm that Kerry Matthews continues as Chair, welcoming Lyndsey Lucas as Vice Chair, Julie Loynes as Treasurer and Helen Munroe as Secretary. It was pleasing to see a good turnout for this meeting, and I encourage all of you to try and make these meetings a priority. Lots of ideas and discussions for events and activities was discussed (outlined below). The match funding letter that is being sent out by the FOB is just one of many ideas coming from the group and a fabulous way of helping to raise much needed funds to support the teaching and learning of the Brady pupils. If you have any thoughts, or can help please do get in touch, via the school office, as it is YOUR committee.

AUTUMN DISCO

- * **Wednesday 2nd November 2016**
- * **INFANTS - 4.30-6pm**
- * **JUNIORS - 6.30-8pm**

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

- * **Thursday 10th November**
- * **6-9pm**

CYCLE FOCUS MONTH

The month of October is Walk to School month, so when possible please leave your cars at home and encourage your child/ren to walk, cycle or scooter to school. Look out for letters being sent home this week for our special events:

- * **10th—14th October - BIKEABILITY for our Year 5 pupils**
- * **17th and 18th October - Learn to Ride sessions for Year 3 and 4**
- * **19th October - Cycle/Scooter Fun Awareness Day for Infants**

HARVEST

We are delighted to be able to take the Key Stage 2 pupils to Wennington Road Church for our annual Harvest celebration on 10th October. The Infants will be holding an assembly on the same day at school. It's not too late to bring items to the school office to donate to the Foodbank for this celebration

CLUBS

We are currently running the following clubs at Brady for the Autumn Term, with extra clubs being added for the Spring and Summer Terms:

CLUB	YEARGROUPS	DAY and TIME
CHOIR	3,4,5,6	Monday (12pm)
GYMNASTICS (Premier Sports)	1,2	Monday (3.30pm)
HOMEWORK CLUB	1,2,3,4,5,6	Tuesday (12pm)
MULTISPORTS (Premier Sports)	1,2	Tuesday (3.30pm)
MORNING STORY CLUB	1,2,3,4,5,6	Wednesday (8.10am)
ARCHERY (Premier Sports)	1,2,3,4,5,6	Wednesday (3.30pm)
PERFORMING ARTS (Premier Sports)	1,2	Thursday (7.45am)
GYMNASTICS (Premier Sports)	3,4,5,6	Thursday (3.30pm)
DODGEBALL (Premier Sports)	3,4,5,6	Friday (3.30pm)

The Breakfast and Afterschool club provision is still currently under review. We have a provider that we are working closely with and are currently going through Ofsted registration prior to starting. We have been advised that this may be at some point during November, therefore the proposed start date will be January giving ample time for setup and ensuring we have a strong start for the provision. Further details and an informal meeting will be communicated in due course, along with registration for interested pupils.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION

CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM - Goes live on 17th October 2016

As from the 17th October, Brady's going cashless and will no longer be accepting cash for payments of school trips, ties etc. Payments will be made using sQuid ePayments—you'll use this too to pay for dinner tickets. Information will be sent home to you over the next week, so please make sure you read the letters and notices that will be given to you and displayed around the school.

Please remember to register your details on the school website, as only registered users will be able to book appointments for parents evening after half term.