



KSI at London Wetlands

Key Stage 1 visited the London Wetlands Centre as part of their project, 'Wonderful Wildlife.' The children explored a vast nature reserve and observed animals in their natural habitats. They learned that the wetland had changed over time and is now an important sanctuary for birds and other wildlife. Many children did not realise how many birds can be found in the UK and were amazed by the variety that they saw. This trip has further engaged the children's interest in their project and we look forward to the children producing some excellent writing as a result.

Parent partnership

One of our aims this year is to make parents feel more welcomed into school and part of school life. We're glad that events such as open classroom mornings have been popular and that more parents are seeing the fantastic learning that goes on at Brunel.

Our programme of workshops has been another strategy designed to enable school and home to work together to help the children achieve all that they possibly can. Our Maths Mastery workshop was designed to show the strategies the programme uses to enable the children to become masters of mathematics and lay solid foundations for further success in the future. Thanks to parents for completing the evaluations. We love receiving feedback as it helps us to get better next time.

Some comments received are below:

"It's very good to have these workshops to understand what the school is doing... please do regularly."

"Very useful. I'm really pleased with this method of teaching."

"Got some good ideas of ways to make it fun and to teach my child at home."

Brunel Mathletes

Lots of our pupils spend time out of class practising their maths skills using the Mathletics website (www.mathletics.co.uk). They can access this at home and it gives them great opportunities to practise the skills they have learnt in a safe, online environment with rewards to be earned for effort and success. We see real improvements in the maths results of children who are regular users of the site and would love all of our pupils to be regular users. Well done to Venus in Y4 who broke

into the UK's top 100 students this week. Great effort, Venus.

Mathletics Hall of Fame				Time Remaining 08 : 38 : 57
World Top 100 Students	World Top 50 Classes	UK Top 100 Students	UK Top 50 Classes	
92	Shannon S	The Cedars Academy Trust, Gateshead, United Kingdom	2,370	
93	Taylor W	Charter Primary School, Coventry, United Kingdom	2,364	
94	Joe T	Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Horsham, United Kingdom	2,360	
95	Cian W	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Kent, United Kingdom	2,360	
96	Dorina H	Houghton C of E School, Carlisle, United Kingdom	2,330	
97	Amelia R	Farsley Farfield Primary School, YORKSHIRE, United	2,310	
98	Mitchell J	Deansbrook Junior School, LONDON, United Kingdom	2,292	
99	Venus L	ARK Brunel Primary Academy, London, United Kingdom	2,287	
100	Freja O	Westhead Latham St James' Church of England Primary	2,280	

Christmas Performances

We hope that parents enjoyed the EYFS Nativity today. KSI and KS2 children have been very busy preparing for their performances next week. We're sure they'll put on as good a show as ever.

Science Workshops

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed City Year scientists to our school. From Year 1 to Year 6, all children were given the chance to take part in an hour long science workshop. The workshops in KSI focused on Magnets. Children learnt how they work, the different ways they behave and explored magnets in obstacle courses. The KS2 children investigated forces. After looking at a range of forces, they investigated the forces acting on a paper airplane in flight. Well done to all those budding scientists, who enjoyed their workshops!



End of term

Please remember that school finishes at 2pm on Friday 19th December.