



Open Class Morning

Thanks to parents who attended the Open Class Morning on Tuesday 24th November. This was another opportunity for parents to come in and see Brunel children learning. The focus in the younger classes was phonics and parents told us that they found it very useful to see how phonics teaching is delivered as it helps them support learning at home more effectively. Also, it provides a good opportunity to come and see children in the classroom interacting with their peers and teachers and engaging with learning activities. Thanks for feedback forms too – these help us know what we can improve and what we are doing well. One parent wrote, “I love the way my child is learning and I can see him improving by the day 😊”. When asked how we could make things better, one parent replied “It’s brilliant the way it is.” We’re glad parents are being so positive about what they are seeing but we’ll keep trying to get better and better...



SPARKS Workshop

Year 5 children have been lucky enough to take part in music sessions during school. These have been led by the Royal College of Music as part of their SPARKS programme. The children have had the opportunity to play, listen and sing songs from around the world, and

have been playing a range of instruments including the bongos, triangle, tambourine and composing their own music in this workshop. 'We had loads of fun. I really enjoyed playing with the drums and creating my own rhythm,' said Mubashir. Yasir added 'I like playing the drum. I have learnt about lots of different instruments. It is good because we hear music from lots of different countries.'



Singing assemblies are back!

We've made sure that this year we are offering more opportunities for children to take part in arts activities. Music has featured heavily in our calendar since September. Furthermore, there are several enrichment music clubs currently underway both during and after school. Classes have taken part in workshops with outside organisations like the Bach Choir, Rhythm Studio and the Royal College of Music. Also, we are pleased that we have found an opportunity to hold a weekly singing assembly for both key stages, which began this week. Children reacted very positively when they discovered this and took part enthusiastically in this week's sessions. Singing is a great way to bring the school community together to take part in an activity that is energising and good for our well-being. Thanks to music leaders Miss Lintott and Mr English for making it happen.



Alice in Wonderland

This week children in Years 3 & 4 took part in an Alice in Wonderland workshop delivered by members of Opera Holland Park. They listened enthusiastically to the opera singers perform part of Alice in Wonderland the Opera and then took part in a re-telling of the story. Children performed different roles from Lewis Carroll's famous tale and staged a mini production with the opera singers at the end of the session.

Elmer's 4th Birthday

This week Nursery have been preparing for and celebrating Elmer's 4th birthday party. They wrote shopping lists and then went to Sainsbury's to buy what was needed for the party. They had lots of fun!



Parent workshops

We held another in our series of parent workshops on Friday 20th November. This workshop looked at the new Speech & Language Centre in school and what learning goes on within. Feedback told us that this was very helpful. We hope parents continue to

join us for our workshops and that they continue to be as popular as they have been so far.

Y6 at Into University

Year 6 have been attending IntoUniversity all week. They have had a Shakespeare focus, learning about the characters and themes of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The children have enjoyed learning how to perform Shakespeare raps, speak his language, met actors and performed live on the Globe Theatre stage, as well as learning how Shakespeare and his plays have influenced today's popular culture. They have also been exploring University life - what to study, which clubs to join, and what type of residences they will possibly want to live in when they go there. Their week is ending with a tour of Roehampton University campus today, and they will be having a graduation ceremony to celebrate all of their hard work this week.

One of our school HEART values is ambition and it's great to see our Y6 pupils already showing ambition and aspiration about their future lives.

Attendance

Last week was a disappointing week with attendance well below target at 92.6%. This week has been much better with attendance at 96.2% at time of writing. Please keep making sure your child attends every day unless they are unable to do so due to illness. Remember – one lucky pupil with 100% attendance for the term will win a brand new microscooter at the end of term.

Finally, thanks to a huge well done to Jenner Class for a brilliant class assembly and thank you to parents for attending and providing costume. Have a great weekend.