

## SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

On the 20th Nov, 11 children from Y5 and Y6 travelled to the Shaw Theatre in Euston to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream as a part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. It is a drama festival where over 1100 schools performed in 131 theatres around the UK this year. Ark Brunel performed with two other schools on this rainy, Monday night, and they were fantastic! The children were praised for their comedic timing, projected voices and reactions to one another throughout the show. The antics of Bottom by Zach Macainish were both dramatic and funny at the same time. The children all enjoyed themselves and said they hoped they could perform again next year. Congratulations to Mehdi Moghadasy, Rayne Joseph-Vitalis, Angel Ruiz-Leon, Mohammed Daidai, Ana Power, Ezekiel Romain, Olivia Middleton, Zach Macainish, Imani Oduja, Sidrah Salihu and Ameera Abokor. "All the world's a stage..."



#### **PARENT WORKSHOPS**

We've received some great feedback this year about how useful parents have found the workshop programme that we run on Friday mornings. Keep your eye out for upcoming workshops after the Christmas break.

## **ASSESSMENT WEEK**

Next week is our termly assessment week, so children throughout the school will be sitting tests and being assessed to see how they are progressing. It's especially important that children are in school on time next week as many assessments will begin soon after registration at 9am. Children who miss assessments will have to sit these at other times which is disruptive for them and their learning. We look forward to positive outcomes that reflect the tremendous hard work that the children have done this term.

## **KEEP SMILING - UP TO YEAR 2**

Please make sure that you have signed up to this free initiative to promote good dental health, starting next week. Contact us if you need assistance.



## **END OF TERM PERFORMANCES**

Preparations are underway for our end of year performances. Please try to come along and see the children perform if you possibly can. Details are on our website and below.



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# Y5 VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Year 5 have been working hard to develop their artistic skills by studying and producing their own portraits. They got lots of inspiration in their recent trip to the National Portrait Gallery.



## WIDER CURRICULUM

At Brunel, we make no bones about the fact that literacy and numeracy skills have a high priority in our curriculum. Developing these skills during the primary years gives our pupils a solid grounding for further success in secondary school. However, we do find time to develop skills in other areas. Over the last fortnight, children have been acting in the Shakespeare Schools Festival (still awaiting our professional photos), practising our tennis skills and winding back the clock by experimenting with catapults!





Class Attendance		
BUSS	94.82	
CARPENTER	95.11	
CAXTON	96.7	
DARWIN	95.44	
DICKENS	96.07	
FARADAY	97.74	
FRY	95.86	
JENNER	96.76	
JOHNSON	96.4	
NEWTON	95.68	
PANKHURST	97.06	
SEACOLE	97.24	
SHACKLETON	95	
WILBERFORCE	93.55	
WOLLSTONECRAFT	94.4	

Upcoming	
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Theatre group – Y2, 3, 4
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Trip: Buss to Lyric Theatre
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pobble Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec I	NSET DAY - school closed
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Performance (2:30pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Performance (2:30pm)
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Performance (2:30pm)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term – school finishes at 2pm



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