



HEROISM

This half-term, we will be thinking about the theme of HEROISM and thinking about the question **‘What defines something as heroic?’** This week, we’ve been thinking about all the different ways in which someone could be a hero, whether it be through a heroic act, perhaps of great bravery, or in a smaller, but equally affecting way. Who are *our* heroes?

HEARTS FOR GRENELL

The Brunel Grenfell banners are up in Ladbroke Grove. Winners of the competition have had their hearts made into a large banner which is situated in Ladbroke Grove near the station. Well done to all who took part and especially to those whose hearts were chosen for the display (see below). The organisers of the project will be looking for opportunities to display other children’s hearts in the future if possible.

Y1: Vincent, Betty

Y2: Ruby, Sarah

Y3: Shayla, Elijah

Y4: Sonata, Sarah

Y5: Imani, Chloe

Y6: Olivia, Celia



OFSTED & SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

In light of the publication of school league tables in December, we remind parents that school performance data is available to view on our website in



the About Us section

(<http://arkbrunelprimary.org/about-us/school-performance-and-ofsted>). There are many measures upon which schools are judged each year and results sometimes vary year on year, depending upon cohort. We have been really happy with our results over a number of years and were proud to have our performance recognised by our inclusion in the Parliamentary Review last year. Click the link below and select ‘London’ from the drop-down menu to read.

(<https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/primary-education>).

We were pleased to attain above the national average in EYFS, Phonics in Y1, all areas in Y2, and in reading and maths in Y6. We will aim to improve again this year, especially in Y6 writing. It is worth noting when viewing tables grouping schools within RBKC that our borough is one of the highest performing in the country and is well above the national average.

Y4 AT CITY FARM

Year 4 enjoyed a hands-on introduction to their English unit of work on the book ‘Charlotte’s Web’ this week when they visited Kentish Town City farm. They were observing how the animals move and the sounds they make as well as learning lots of facts about the animals, which will help them to create convincing characters in their farm stories.





Y6 AT INTOUNIVERSITY

Year 6 have been attending Into University all this week. They have had a Shakespeare focus, learning about Shakespearean actors, theatres, genres, and how it is performed in the modern day. The children have enjoyed learning how to perform Shakespeare through raps, using his original language, and performed live on the Globe Theatre stage. They also have learned how Shakespeare and his plays have influenced today's popular culture. Year 6 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. By exploring these ideas, most now have a clear ambition of what they want to do when they are adults. Their week will be ending today with a tour of Roehampton University campus, and they will be having a performance and 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.



GOODBYE & HELLO

Miss Susannah Cox left us at the end of last term. We thank her for all her hard work at Brunel and wish her the very best for the future. We are happy to welcome

Mrs Jessica Lawley to our Speech and Language unit. Mrs Lawley will be joining us at the end of this month.

Class Attendance (year to date)	
BUSS	93.5
CARPENTER	94.2
CAXTON	95.9
DARWIN	95.8
DICKENS	95.4
FARADAY	96.9
FRY	95.5
JENNER	96.0
JOHNSON	92.3
NEWTON	95.2
PANKHURST	96.1
SEACOLE	96.6
SHACKLETON	95.2
WILBERFORCE	92.9
WOLLSTONECRAFT	94.9

Upcoming

- Mon 15th Jan Bach Choir
 Y6 at Rhythm Studio
- Fri 19th Jan Parent Workshop: KS2 SATs (9:00)
- Mon 22nd Jan Y6 at Rhythm Studio
- Tue 23rd Jan Trip: Dickens to Pizza Express
- Thu 25th Jan Open Class Morning for parents (9:00-10:30)
 Robot Workshop for Y3/4
- Fri 26th Jan Class Assembly: Carpenter Class (9:00)