

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for your kind words and gestures during this very difficult week in school. All of your children have been amazing this week and it has really emphasised to me that we are a TEAM that TRUST each other at Brading.

Time is really flying by and there are only two and a half weeks left of this academic year. We still have lots to pack in so please keep an eye on the diary. I know the year 6 children are so excited about their leavers trip next week as well as their transition day to their secondary school (please remember that for some secondary schools there is only one transition day this year due to the strike days). The rest of the school are also looking forward to meeting with their new class teacher next week, it's always an exciting time.

## Sports day

Just a reminder for the sports day that you will need to bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on. After drop off please go straight up to the field and we will start as close to 9am as we can. We are hoping the weather will be lovely and sunny so please put on sun cream and provide your child with a hat. They will also need a water bottle. However, if it is raining we will text you by 7:30am to let you know if we are postponing them, the reserve dates can be found in the diary section. There will be areas set up for each class so that you can sit with your children. Can I please remind you that no photos or videos can be taken, thank you for your support with this.

## Reminders for September

Looking forward to September can I please remind you:

- Lunch boxes need to be plastic or tin – no soft ones thank you.
- Reading – we will provide a plastic reading cover to put reading bits in. All reading records will be online and we will be using Boom Reader. For EYFS / KS1 we will also be using Collins Little Wandle for our online reads. Children will bring home a sharing book. Mrs Attwell will send out more information in September.
- Water bottles – please make sure these are in daily, during lesson times children are encouraged to drink water to keep them hydrated. If they wish to drink juice they can do so at lunch time only.
- PE kits will continue to be worn into school on PE days – timetables will come out in September.
- I know it is difficult when carrying everything to school and unfortunately, we don't have room for rucksacks, however if your child would like to bring in a draw string bag or a cloth shopping bag that they can hang on their peg they are more than welcome to from September.

## School reports

Reports will be coming home next Friday. We have set aside a parent/carer session on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, just if you have any questions following the report that you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about. These will run from 2:45-5:00pm and can be booked via the office.

## Arts week

Next week we are having an arts week in school and our themes for the week are Natural World and Connecting Across Generations. I am really excited to see what the children come up with!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gilbert.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Yr 6 trip – Winchester Science Centre

### **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Move up day

Secondary school transition day

### **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Maldives trip to Osborne House

Yr 6 trip – LaserQuest & Bowling

### **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Yr 6 trip – Robin Hill

Reports going home

### **W/C 10<sup>th</sup> July**

New Zealand trip to Bembridge RNLI

Sports week

### **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July**

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – 9am

### **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July**

EYFS & KS1 reserve date – Sports Day – 9am

### **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July**

KS2 Sports Day – 9am

### **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July**

KS2 reserve date – Sports Day – 9am

Parent/carer sessions re reports

Yr 6 Leavers Awards evening – 5pm

### **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Royal Navy visiting school

### **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers Service – 1pm at St Mary's church

### **Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Break up for the summer holidays

### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Development days

### **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July – Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Summer holidays

### **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September**

First day back for the 23/24 academic year

### **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September**

First day back for EYFS

## **Bible Reflection**

1 Chronicles 29:13

Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

## Lunch Menu – week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon	Lasagne	Fish Fingers & Chips
Alternative option	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Quorn Nuggets Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Dessert	Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate & Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Shortbread

## Attendance – 19/06/23 – 23/06/23

Class	Attendance
St Lucia	90.5%
Maldives	94.1%
Cuba	95.7%
New Zealand	94.8%
Malta	88%
★ Galapagos ★	96.5%
Iceland	90.8%
Jamaica	97.5%
Hawaii	86.3%

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

Our pupils will be benefitting from a variety of equipment including a Practical Outdoor Learning Kit, a Small World Learning Kit and a Wildlife Learning Kit which will be used to support our children in Early Years. In addition staff will receive training to help children learn outdoors. Pupils played an important role in applying for the grant and selected equipment that they felt would benefit their peers. The children are really excited to have fun new things to play with. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by People's Postcode Lottery, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust or Postcode Community Trust all of who which receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

# THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

## St Lucia

This week in St Lucia our book has been focus has been 'Are you the Pirate Captain?', the children have really enjoyed this story, we have made a motley crew to do list, a shopping list, we discussed what good qualities you would need to be a pirate captain such as being brave, bold and a heart of gold. We made pirate hats and eye patches and sang sea shanties.



## Iceland

This week in Iceland Class has been full of exciting adventures and new learning experiences. We began by completing our writing journey on a recount. It was amazing to see how much our writing skills have improved since the start of the year!

In our Maths lessons, we delved into the world of 3D shapes. We learned about different types of 3D shapes like cubes, spheres, and pyramids and used mathematical language such as faces, edges and vertices.

During our Geography lessons, we explored different locations in the UK and compared their land use. We learned how cities are often filled with buildings and busy streets, while rural areas have more open spaces and farms. It was fascinating to see how the landscape and human activities varied across the country.

As the week came to a close, we embarked on our final adventure – sailing! In the past 10 weeks, we learned how to navigate a sailboat, tie knots, and work together as a team. It was thrilling to feel the wind in our hair and the waves beneath us as we sailed across the water.

Overall, it has been an incredible week in Iceland Class. We have grown as writers, mathematicians, geographers, and sailors. We can't wait to see what the next week has in store for us!

## Antigua

This week in Antigua we have continued to explore pirates and under the sea. We have explored many sea creature activities, painted our starfish salt doughs and threw balls into the pirate's mouth. We completed an experiment using oil and water to see what would happen to the water when it is polluted with oil, talking about how important it is to keep our seas safe and clean.

We went to the field for a nature scavenger hunt where we found items from our lists.

We also went hunting for numbers and shapes as our maths focus this week.



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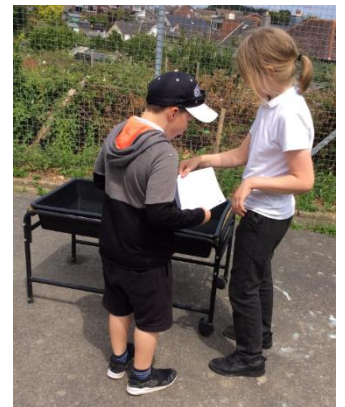
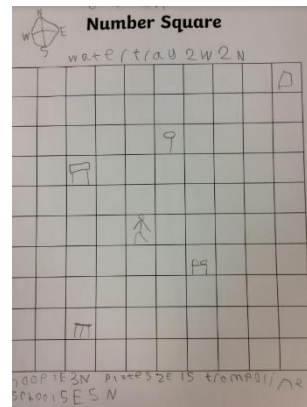
## New Zealand

Year two have been working on statistics in maths and have now created super non-chronological reports in English. In science, we investigated fizzy paint and the children made predictions of what they thought would happen. We used our geography skills to locate places. We refreshed our alphabetical skills and then found the locations using the index. A busy but fun week again!



## Hawaii

This week in Hawaii Class the children have been designing their own maps and using these to navigate their classmates around the playground. They used language of north, south, east and west and said how many steps they needed to take to reach their destination.



## Galapagos

We have had the most amazing time at the Needles this week! The children loved going on the boat which we had all to ourselves! They did not like the walk back up the steps! A brilliant time had by all!



## Malta

This week in Malta class, we have been busy planning our narrative for Sir Edmund Hillary as he ventures towards the summit of Mount Everest. In science, we have continued to look at the 8 compass points and have used this knowledge to look further into map work in topic. On Friday, some members of our class participated in the peach games, whilst the other half carried out team games at school. Well done to everyone, this week has been a busy one and I am really proud of you!

# THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

## Maldives

This week the children have produced brilliant diary entries written from the point of view of Queen Elizabeth's maid or butler. It can be quite tricky at this age to fully understand writing in first person as someone else, so I was very proud that they all achieved this. In maths we have been learning about number and place value to 100, working hard to partition numbers into tens and ones and having lots of fun making huge number lines to 100! In PE the children have been practising the egg and spoon race and relay race in preparation for sports day which was lots of fun and hopefully alleviated some of their nerves. In history the children were split into groups to act out the timeline of Queen Elizabeth 2nd, they were all brilliant and were able to discuss how she would feel at each stage in her life that they covered.



## Cuba

This week in Cuba class we have been focusing lots on our fine motor skills. We have had lots of fun using painting, cutting spaghetti, cutting playdoh, threading string boards, using peg boards and using magnet boards to practice this. We are getting really good at using a pincer grip and have worked really hard.



## Jamaica

This week we have been looking at lots of vocabulary activities in different contexts and we have recapped loads of French words and sentence structures as well as finding out the French words for school subjects. We have taken part in a Skills Builder Challenge to create our own businesses to pitch to Year 5 like Dragon's Den. Last week, we had a great time at UKSA learning how to sail a dinghy.





## Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days! Summer Holiday Clubs!

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**10:00 – 15:00 each day**

Sea Cadets Cowes,  
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

**£27 per Child for the Whole Day  
(£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)**

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable  
Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)

**A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available**

### HOW TO BOOK

Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book  
your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319  
Thank you ☺

## QUAY ARTS OUTDOOR THEATRE

William Shakespeare's

# ROMEO AND JULIET

## ROMEO & JULIET

@ IW STEAM RAILWAY, HAVENSTREET

### WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

7PM | £18 adv | £20 on the door

CHILD £10 adv | £12 on the door

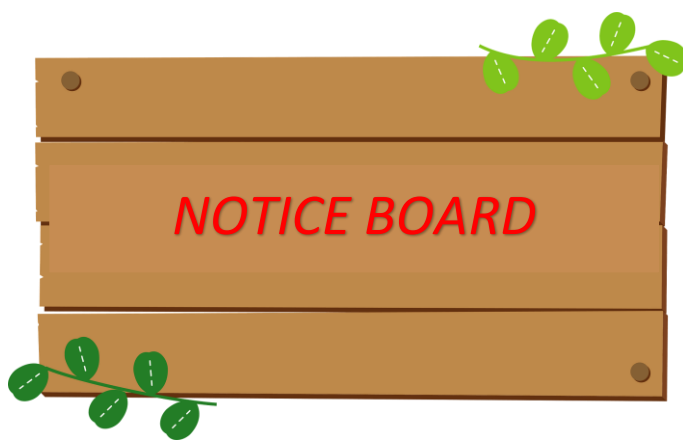
The Lord Chamberlain's Men invite you to join them this summer for the timeless and classic love story, Romeo and Juliet. With a history stretching back to William Shakespeare himself they present this great play as he first saw it, in the open air, with an all male cast and Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

Packed with memorable poetry, devastating twists and turns, and burning passion this is without doubt the greatest love story ever told. A play about the power of true love, the extraordinary sacrifices we make for it and the futility and devastating consequences of entrenched conflict.

Bring a chair and a picnic and prepare to be entertained and transported. Book early to avoid missing out!

**BOOK NOW AT [QUAYARTS.ORG](http://QUAYARTS.ORG)**





**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

**Session one: 1000 – 1200**

**Session two: 1400 – 1600**

*Sailing & games on the water*

**At Sea View Yacht Club Boat Park**

**On the Duver Seaview**

**What three words.** [///yours.lavished.curls](http://yours.lavished.curls)

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

**PETS**

# AMINO

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

### UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

### INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

**MUSIC**

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

### REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

**COMICS & COSPLAY**

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

### STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

### MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

### MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

## Meet Our Expert

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