

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe next week is going to be December, and that we only have 3 weeks in school until the Christmas holidays!

This week our Leading and Learning Partner visited and she was very impressed with the children's work and their behaviour – well done everybody.

Anti-bullying Week

This week we have taken part in anti-bullying week in school, each class discussed the effects of bullying and ways that it can be dealt with by telling adults, teachers or friends. Within their class groups they then did different activities for anti-bullying week which you can read all about on our This Week at Brading pages.

Children in Need

We have already raised an absolutely incredible £603.70 For Children in Need thanks to the children and their sponsored walk and talk last Friday. If you have any outstanding money at home please bring it in on Monday. Thank you.

Christmas Around the World

Tickets are now available for Christmas Around the World, remember there is no limit to how many people you can bring along, tickets are 50p per person. Please purchase at the office. The children have been working really hard to make it special for you, it's going to be a really lovely festive event.

Christmas fayre

We are so excited to have our first Christmas fayre since 2019! It's been a real team effort getting the stalls organised and we're hoping it's going to be lots of fun! The fayre will start at 1pm, children will need to be signed out by an adult to go around the fayre please. If it is someone other than yourself taking your child to the fayre can you please notify class teachers. Also, our first mufti day for the fayre is next Friday and we would like chocolate please for the chocolate tombola stall which has been organised by Galapagos class.

Absence / illness

You should have received an email from the office about cases of scarlet fever in school. If your child does present symptoms then please get them to the GP as they will need to have antibiotic treatment 24 hours before they return to school.

This week we have seen a higher number than usual of children off school for illness – please can you make sure you contact the office either by phone or email on the first day of your child's absence. We then also require the absence to be confirmed in writing by a parent/carer to authorise the absence.

We have included a winter wellness letter from the IW council with this week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend. Remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 2nd December

Mufti day for chocolate tombola

Mon 5th December

Malta trip to Yaverland Beach

Fri 9th December

Mufti day for cakes

Christmas Fayre

Weds 14th December

EYFS Christmas production – 9am

KS1 Christmas production – 10am

Yr 3/4 Christmas production –
11am

Yr 5/6 Christmas production –
1pm

Thurs 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save
the Children

Christmas party day

Christmas dinner

Fri 16th December

KS2 Christingle Service at St

Marys Church – time tbc

Mon 19th - Fri 30th December

Christmas Holidays

Mon 2nd January 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February 2023

February half term

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th April 2023

Easter Holidays

Mon 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June 2023

May half term

Thurs 20th – Fri 21st July 2023

Development days

Lunch Menu – week commencing 28th November 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Gammon	Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Alternative option	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta
Dessert	Crispy Crackle Bar	Chocolate Sponge	Oat Cookie and Fruit Slices	Shortbread and Fruit Slices	Lemon Slice

Merry Christmas

A FESTIVE FEAST

MAINS

Roast Turkey

or

Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Stuffing,
Cocktail Sausages and Gravy

DESSERTS

Chocolate Orange Muffin

or

Festive Shortbread

REMINDER

Christmas dinner is now available to pre-order on SchoolMoney. Please make sure you place your child's order otherwise they will miss out! School sandwiches, pasta or jacket potatoes will not be available to order on this day, you will have to provide your child with a home packed lunch if they do not want the Christmas dinner.

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Maldives

Year 1 had an excellent discussion about what it means to be a buddy not a bully - they were able to tell me what to do if they saw a friend in need or somebody by themselves in the playground. They have been reminding me all week that year 1 are buddies not bullies! We have also started singing our Christmas songs in preparation for our school play of 'Christmas around the world' so hopefully they are impressing you with their Spanish!

Iceland

In Iceland class this week, we have been completing our anti-bullying poster. We have been writing and performing our river poems and in maths we have started our journey on multiplication. In science we have been learning about the moon and in geography we have been using the eight points of a compass.

Jamaica

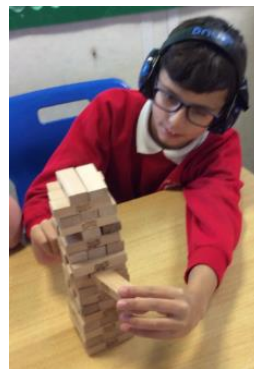
On Tuesday we had a BBC Teach live lesson. We were learning about how to stop bullying if you were getting bullied and how to stop it if you were the person who was bullying someone. We also learnt who to tell such as teachers, parents and friends.

Malta

This week in Malta class we have been busy carrying out an investigation towards our science topic. We have been investigating the human bone structure and investigated the enquiry "people with longer femurs can jump further". On Thursday we also discussed ways that we can prevent bullying from taking place in school. We made anti bullying posters and have promoted "be a buddy not a bully".

Hawaii

This week at school, Hawaii Class have been exploring different sensory activities. We have used water beads, play doh and blocks. We have been learning new turn taking games, especially Jenga. We have also been thinking about kind words and the impact this has on people as part of anti-bullying week. The children added their own kind words that they like to use.



Cuba

In Cuba class we created our own pictures inspired by the motto "Be a buddy, not a bully".



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Antigua & St Lucia

We have continued to explore space this week. We have been doing space dancing, learning more space songs, making paper mache planets, creating aliens and making rocks cakes.

When we have been creating our aliens and talking about them, it has been ideal for exploring our feelings and how to be kind to others regardless of our differences.

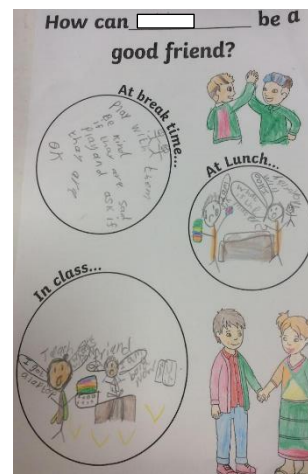
We also had a visit from the nurses to teach us how to wash our hands. We sing happy birthday twice when we wash our hands to make them all clean!



New Zealand

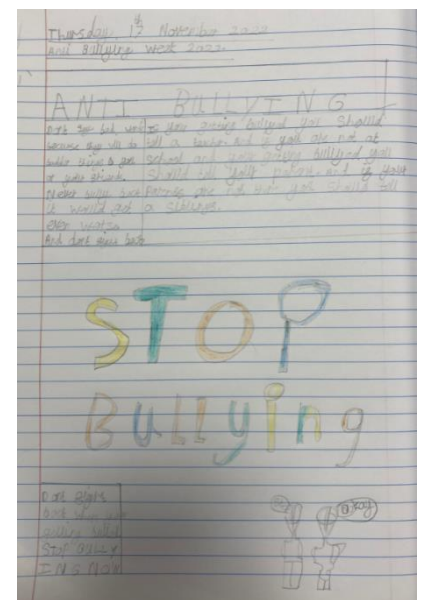
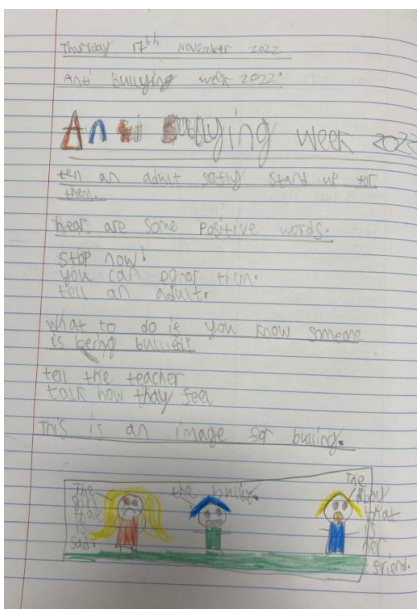
Year 2 made anti bullying posters and explained what a good friend looks like.

In maths, we have been looking at 10 more and 10 less and have written wonderful acrostic poems in English. In science, we discussed the importance of being healthy and how we can achieve this. In geography, we carried on looking at continents and the oceans that surround them.



Galapagos

Galapagos have been learning about earthquakes this week and what to do in the event of one. Separately, we have been carrying on with discussions around the anti-bullying week we took part in last week. Their posters were lovely and showed what they can do to support one another!



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Tickets now on sale!

50p per ticket – purchase at the office

SHOW TIMES:

EYFS – 9am

Year 1 / 2 – 10am

Year 3 / 4 – 11am

Year 5 / 6 – 1pm





School meals are £2.40 per day (£12 a week). If you think your child could be eligible for Free School Meals, especially those who have moved from year 2 to year 3 and are therefore no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals, please see a member of office staff for a form.

Wraparound care prices:

Breakfast club - £3

Wraparound until 4pm - £5

Wraparound until 5pm - £6

Wraparound until 6pm - £7

All to be booked via SchoolMoney.

PE Days:

St Lucia – Wednesdays

Cuba – Wednesdays & Fridays

Maldives – Wednesdays & Thursdays

New Zealand – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Malta – Thursdays & Fridays

Galapagos – Mondays (swimming) & Thursdays

Iceland – Thursdays & Fridays

Jamaica – Mondays & Fridays

Children should wear PE kit to school on their allocated PE days

Class emails:

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stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

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jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

Coats, Hats and Scarves

Now that the temperature has dropped, can you please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat in school every day.

Children can wear hats and gloves and break and lunch times, but scarves may only be worn to and from school for health and safety reasons.

Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost! Thank you.

Bible Reflection

‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble’

Psalm 46:1

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



National
Online
Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Following our successful open day last week, we are delighted to have extra children joining our Early Years, and we already have some children booked to start with us after Christmas. Two year old spaces in particular are filling up very quickly, so if you are considering sending your child to Brading Early Years then we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible. If your child will be turning 3 years old prior to 31st December, they will automatically be eligible for 15 hours of free early years education from January 2023. In addition, if eligible (e.g. you, and any partner, earn on average at least £152 a week), you could also be entitled to an additional 15 hours of funding. Two year old funding is also available from 1st January, 1st April or 1st September following your child's 2nd birthday for families receiving certain benefits (e.g. Income support or Jobseeker's Allowance). To check your family's eligibility for early years funding please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Whether you are looking for childcare for a few sessions or for the whole week, we are committed to ensuring your children are cared for in an environment where they will feel safe, happy and nurtured. If you are interested in your little one joining us, or know anyone else who might be, then please ask at the office for an Early Years Application pack or give Mrs Stubbs a call on 01983 407217.

As you may be aware from news reports, there is a severe lack of NHS Dentists up and down the country, nowhere more so than here on the island.

At Damira East Cowes we are seeing a rise in child emergency patients, and because of this we have decided to do something about it.

All children should have access to better oral health and the knowledge to go forward knowing they are doing their best for their own oral health.

We will be opening our NHS books to all children on the island, this is anyone under the age of 18 or 18 years of age and in full time education

To book an appointment with us please go to <https://damiradental.co.uk/practice/east-cowes-isle-of-wight> and click on the 'book an appointment' tab.

We look forward to seeing you in practice soon.

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18th - 24th, 26th - 28th, 30th & 31st at 2pm

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Tickets can be purchased until December 4th from Farnsworths Newsagents,
Town Choice Cafe, Harwoods Garage or at the Beacon Magazine office,
8-10 Dodnor Park, Newport.

Raffle will be held on December 5th, at midday.

All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase toys for the Toy Appeal.
The Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal aims to spread festive cheer to thousands of less-fortunate children
across the Island every Christmas.