

Bramfield House School

TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Spring 2021

Bramfield House has another stonking term!

As I look back on another amazing term it's hard to believe that we've been able to achieve so much against the adversity of the National Lockdown. Despite this, the school seems to have flourished. Staff and young people have worked together and everyone spirit has held up our fantastic sense of Team has seen us through these dark winter months and now thankfully boys and staff are looking forward to spreading their wings and getting out and about in the summer term, restrictions permitting.



As always, the term has been action packed and full of fun, we have raised money for Red nose day, had a Bungee run and Superhero challenge and not to forget our Rodeo, which was a source of much hilarity.

Highlights for me were seeing Jack Gardener having his head shaved for Red Nose day by Charlie Franklin and Leigh Bailey getting gunged.

All of our young people have made exceptional progress this term, we can boast better attendance at the school than mainstream settings this is testament to the fact that our boys love being at Bramfield.



We are all really excited for the summer term, building work will start on our new sports facility and classrooms and we will be constructing new Horticulture area and eco classroom at our farm- exciting times ahead

Hello Mr Postman

Well-done to Cedar class pictured here meeting our local post van and posting letters to their families. Boys have been working really hard on their writing skills this term. All were thoroughly exhausted after the long walk!



We look forward to some even better writing next term!





Artist in Residence Darcy Turner



This term we welcomed world renowned Artist Darcy Turner to work with boys on a 3D recycling project .

Darcy invented an ingenious machine which rolls paper up tightly and can be bound together to create all manner of objects.

Boys had a go on the machine and created their own ideas using

this approach. Boys learnt how to join the sticks together using the specialist tools and think in 3D. We had a multitude of different designs ranging from a stool, to a bed , a



sword all the way up to an amazing elephant produced by Byron Ward (year 10)

Many of the boys wanted to take there creations home , pictured here a stool made by Bradley Gooding.





Photography



This half term boys in Beech and Hickory have been exploring Photography. We have started with the theme of Nature which boys have expressed in different ways. Some boys have focused on traditional ideas of nature like flowers and insects, others have looked at texture in nature. Some boys have consider toys interacting with nature. The boys in both classes are looking forward to using the new DSLR after Easter which will allow them to take even better images and express more control.

Sam Coe– Curriculum Leader KS4





The School Farm

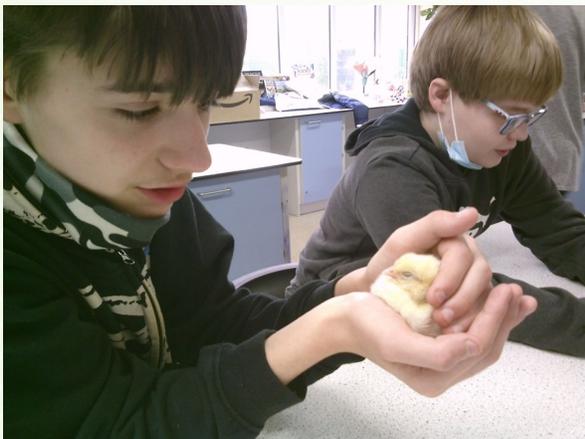
An Egg-cellent term!

Since returning from Lock-down part 3, it is all systems go on the farm. Chickens and ducks are beginning to lay eggs and eagerly await the end of their quarantine for bird flu along with the Guinea fowl. Our two rabbits, Peter and

additions to the animals. Firstly we were in awe of the hatching of 10 chicks over two days. I think every boy in the school visited the Science lab in order to have a cuddle with a chick! These are now down in the rabbit and guinea pig shed literally growing before our eyes. After

Easter the plan is for these to go outside into one of two new deluxe coops that should be arriving.

- *Chris Faiers teacher*



Philip are full of the joys of spring so a visit to the vet awaits for them for neutering and vaccinations so they can safely spend the summer outside!

We have had some new



The Science lab has seen the arrival of a three and half year old male bearded dragon. After a vote the dragon is now called Bruce! Very appropriate for an Australian lizard! He has settled in very nicely and seems to enjoy being held, going from black to yellow very quickly. He seems very content to sit and watch, although I think he leaves his running around to when everyone has gone as I caught him out when he thought the coast was clear!!



Proud fathers Alex and George



Cultural Day 2021



Bramfield House Primary and Middle school boys celebrated a day of diversity together.

In their class groups the boys enjoyed a range of activities throughout the day. In

the middle school area the boys enjoyed Italian taste testing and made delicious spaghetti dishes; accompanied

by Mario and Luigi. *Belissimo!*

Next stop, Japan and a stunning 'Konnichiwa' greeting from Hannah and Jess.

Boys tackled origami and

delicate Japanese decorating. They also enjoyed a trip to a noodle bar. 'Hallo' next from The Netherlands. A lesson in Dutch culture from Seb and Anthony where boys sampled traditional chocolate sprinkle sandwiches!) and created fact-files about the country and traditions of Holland.

Howdy! A trip across the pond to the good old USA with Debs and Karon where all the boys and staff added a star to our version of a '100 hour' quilt. These quilts were traditionally made by African slaves who incorporated escape routes into their designs. The boys also worked in pairs to make popcorn served in cinema-style popcorn boxes.

To conclude our cultural trip around the world, Zahra and Amy greeted the boys with a Brazilian 'Olá' and a speedy 'Vamos!' and then out into the school grounds on a Brazilian themed scavenger hunt. Unfortunately some of the boys were disappointed not to find a real sloth! Maybe the next idea for the farm... Davina?!



World Book Day

**GRYFFINDOR
COMMON ROOM**

With a 'swish and a flick' Bramfield House became Hogwarts for the day when we celebrated World Book Day with a Harry Potter themed cycle of activities through the Primary and Middle school areas.



First lesson of the day was Potions with Professor Hannah and the boys enjoyed making and brewing a range of Hogwarts themed potions, including hot chocolate with little marshmallows! (I was clearly in the wrong room!) Thankfully no-one blew up the classrooms and much fun was had.

After a lesson in-doors it was time for Quidditch practice with Professor Seb out on the field. Who knew broom-stick-sport training would be so popular! One for Bramfield Boy for the future maybe Seb?



Next it was time to 'bewitch the mind and ensnare the senses' with a Harry Potter quiz and a taste-test challenge set by The Minister of Magic himself, Professor Leigh. The boys' taste-buds were tantalised or tormented with 'Bertie Botts Every Flavour Beans' - some boys got bubble-gum and



candy floss but some 'enjoyed' the more extreme flavours of chilli, dog food, rotten egg or even 'barf' flavour - not one that poor Freddi will forget in a hurry.



Now time for Recess and a relaxing break in the Gryffindor Common Room. Suitably set up with comfy chairs and sofas, soft blankets and a bucket of popcorn, the boys chilled-out whilst watching one of the films from the series or playing Harry Potter games.

Their final activity was a frantic and energy boosting orienteering expedition around the grounds hunting for QR codes. These were clues to a Harry Potter themed treasure hunt with chocolate frogs being the reward. Alaric proved to be not only an excellent Pokémon trainer but a pretty good frog-hunter

(Disclaimer: No real frogs were injured or consumed during the duration of this activity).



Zahra Jones – KS3 Curriculum leader