

# Summer Newsletter 2024

## Bramfield House School

**So much to celebrate and be proud of!**

It seems a very short time ago that I wrote a message in the end of Autumn Term newsletter. Indeed, my first year at Bramfield has gone incredibly quickly. As a now fully fledged member of the "Bramfam," as Ria likes to call us, I can tell you that I feel very lucky to work here and lead such a wonderful team of committed and highly skilled Staff. The Ofsted report that we received in February was testament to this!

Since then the school has been awarded Flagship Status by the Inclusion Quality Mark and my thanks goes to Zahra for all the hard work and hours she put into collating the evidence for this incredible achievement.

During the year, I have seen boys grow and develop as learners and individuals. As I get to know them more and more, I see what a special group of young people that they are and I am fully invested, along with all the staff in ensuring that they maximise their potential during their time at Bramfield.

We recently said goodbye to our year 11s at a very emotional leavers event. It was inspirational to hear about their individual journeys and how much they have achieved throughout their time at Bramfield. I am looking forward to August when they receive their results and confirm their plans for the future.

As we hurtle towards the end of term, the boys have been involved in a range of fun and educational activities which have given them different experiences and learning opportunities that form part of the wider educational offer here at Bramfield. My thanks to Adam and learning mentors for the planning and time put towards ensuring that the activities weeks have been packed full of engaging and fun experiences.

There are many great opportunities that the boys have had this term and I am so proud of each and every one of them. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I cannot wait to get started again in September!

Ben Price

happy  
SUMMER!

# World Bee Day

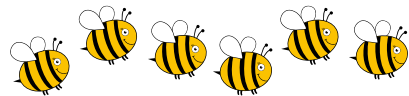
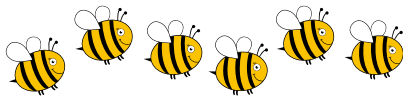
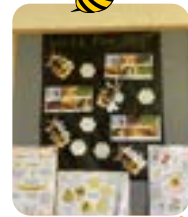


There was a buzz about the school as we celebrated, and learnt about, all things 'Bee'.

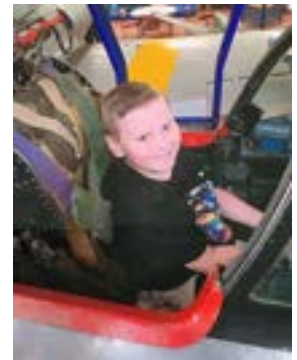
World Bee Day this year saw many of our students and staff dress up in yellow, black and even the odd 'bee' print dress. Classes took part in tailored lessons and activities relating to the day and created an amazing display full of drawings and information about our favourite garden visitor.

Classes were invited to have close up look at a working beehive that one member of staff, who happens to keep Bees, was able to bring in. Most were fascinated, some were less than impressed, and the odd student ran out of the room!

A successful, and informative, day all round!



## Flixton Air Museum



On Wednesday 15th May, Holly and Sycamore classes went to the Norfolk & Suffolk Air Museum in Flixton. Accompanied by our Guide, Graham, we were shown around all areas of the museum and saw 1000's of artefacts, planes, equipment and paraphernalia. The boys really enjoyed looking at the exhibits and reading some of the information. They tried on pilots' helmets which they said were very heavy. They had a go on a flight simulator and had the chance to try out some of the cockpit seats for themselves. They looked at Royal Air Force and Royal Navy jets.

Joe made everyone laugh when he triumphantly exited the 'Vickers Valetta' declaring "We beat the enemy and we won the war!"

All the boys were engaged throughout the trip and asked Graham lots of questions. They were amazed to find out that about 15 years ago Graham was a Bramfield House taxi driver.

"It was really incredible, a real blast from the past!"

"I've learned plenty about WWI and WWII from Flixton, and I would go there again" - Alaric.

"They had very nice staff, who are all volunteers, they showed us how to use some of the equipment" - Josh.

"My favourite part was when Graham told us about the Ghost in the Storage Room that might tap you on the shoulder if you stay too long! Believe me, I didn't stay long in there!" - Riley



# A Spanish Giant

Holly class had the privilege of visiting a Spanish replica ship while is docked in Great Yarmouth earlier this half term. The Galeon Andalucia is a replica of a famous Spanish 17th Century ship and has been sailed around the world as a floating museum since 2009.

Boys were amazed by its size and giant stature as well as by the crew, who were dressed as sea farers and called the ship their home. They enjoyed looking around the 5 decks, learning about the history of the Ship and pretending to be pirates! Aaarrrr!

# Hola!



## All things Art...

This Summer Term the middle school students have been studying the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser, one of the most important architects of the 20th century he is best known for his use of "bright, dark colours" and organic lines, including his shamus spiral shapes.



Students were taught the different techniques Hundertwasser used in his artwork to help them create their artwork inspired by Hundertwasser. Their task was to create a 'House Tealight' in clay making sure that the house showed organic forms, bright colours, and flowing patterns.







# Upper School Sports day



JUMP



HAPPY



TEAMWORK



MEATY



FUN



Upper School Sports Day at Bramfield was a highly anticipated event for the boys, filled with various engaging activities that tested physical abilities and teamwork skills. The day kicked off with classic races such as the Egg and Spoon Race and the 100m Sprint, which provided a fun and competitive atmosphere for all. The shotput, long Jump, and relay races offered opportunities for the boys to demonstrate their strength, speed, and endurance. These events challenged them to push themselves to their limits in order to achieve success. A fantastic time had by all!

## 3D Design

An enjoyable Summer term all round in 3D Design. Our current year 10 3D Designers have been busy researching and developing ideas for an animal habitat project. The pupils have been experimenting with different production processes, such as wood joining methods and shaping acrylic plastic using a hot wire strip heater. After this initial stage of the design process is completed, the pupils will come up with their own design in the style of their chosen theme and will then go on to manufacture it.

In lower KS3, pupils have studied and experimented with a range of manufacturing techniques, before going on to design and produce their own functional desk tidy product. Skills introduced, included using a scroll saw to cut safely, marking out accurately and safely using a disk sander.

In upper KS3, pupils have been designing and making containers in the style of the 'Memphis group' design movement. They have used this bold design style along with newly introduced wood joining methods to create well produced jewellery box style containers.





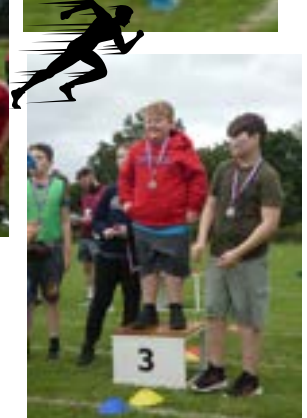
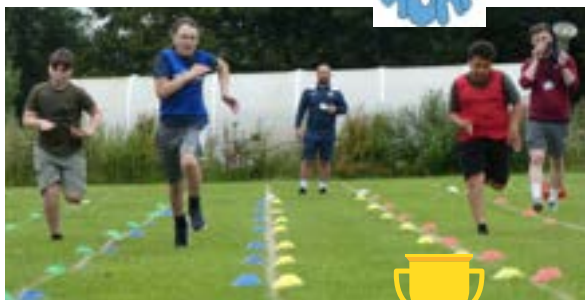
# Lower School Sports Day

Lower school sports day was a fantastic success once again, with boys taking part in all different races.

A massive thank you to all the parents/carers that came to watch and also the ones that took part in the races too! Overall a fantastic morning had by all!

GO!

YAY!





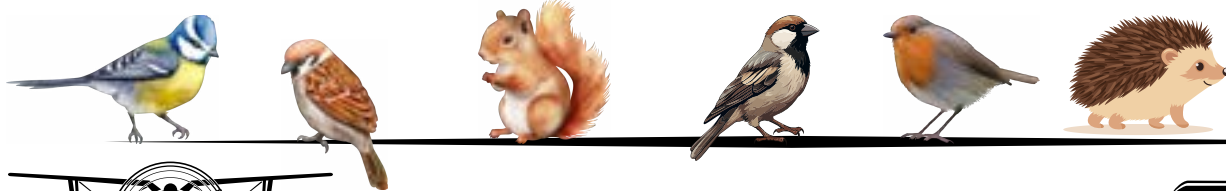
# Minsmere

This year has seen Bramfield House foster a wonderful new relationship with nationally renowned RPSB nature reserve, Minsmere. A significant number of the boys have visited the reserve, and, in the future, we will be involved with community projects, work experience and free warden lead walks.

There are huge benefits for us as a school as Minsmere, occupies a beautiful and vast site, is a haven for wildlife, is a perfect place for well-being walks and gives the boys time to reflect and time to get closer with nature.

The boys have enjoyed the opportunities to bird watch (seeing and hearing bitterns booming, marsh harriers and kingfishers), for photography, to learn more about insects in "Digger Alley," to take part in bird-ringing, to meet a BBC film crew, to sketch and to discover the wonderful world of wildlife on our doorstep, including close encounters with deer, grass snakes, otters and water voles! The way the wardens and members of the public have engaged with our boys and our boys with them has been quite wonderful.

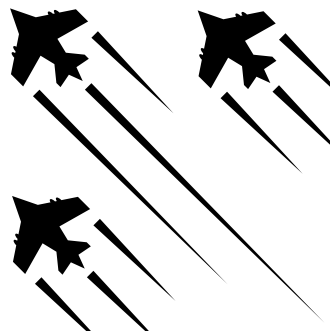
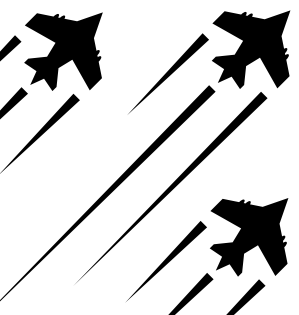
Hopefully, this can be something that can grow and become another special and indeed inspirational part of a Bramfield House education.



## Duxford Air Museum



Fir class took a successful trip to Duxford Air Museum, they were a delight to take out and thoroughly enjoyed it. They saw Concord, SR18 Blackbird (which is the fastest plane in the world) the boy's touched a part of the twin towers, the Berlin wall and saw the Saddam Hussein statue that was pulled down in Baghdad. As a class, we had the best day together!





# Construction

We have been constructing a concrete base for a new shed on the front field. After a few weeks of digging out the footings we have finally got round to mixing and pouring the concrete for the base. All the boys have worked well as a team and we cannot wait to see the final product! Great work boys!



# Skate Park



For Willow Class's end of term trip, we had the opportunity to visit Southwold Skatepark. This was an exciting outing for all the students as they were able to showcase their skateboarding skills and enjoy some time outdoors.

Additionally, some of the boys from the class also took the opportunity to visit the arcades in Southwold. This provided them with a chance to unwind and have some fun after a long term of hard work and studying.



# Oulton Water



Over the term, classes from middle school took part in water sports activities in Oulton Broad. They all had great fun and displayed such adventurous qualities and teamwork skills. Well done Middle School!



# Eco News

We have had a busy time on the eco front this term. We have celebrated several days which have highlighted prominent issues on a local, national and international scale and shown what we can do to help. Someone did ask the question "What can we do? There are eight billion people in the world, what difference can I make?" We found out that everything we do to help the environment, no matter how small will make a difference!

We have celebrated Earth Day with the planting of some Oak trees, assemblies including a live one involving schools across the country, making a model of the Earth, (which saw seed bombs, Lego models, paper mâché models to name a few), and boys composed poems on the subject of the Earth.

Every year on the third Friday in May, thousands of people around the world participate in Endangered Species Day by celebrating, learning about, and taking action to protect threatened and endangered species. Bramfield marked this by dressing up as animals and saw some endangered animals getting lost and then rescued by lower school! We had a cake sale and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We were raising money for World Wildlife Fund, who work to preserve the animals we learnt about during the day. Thank you to those who donated!

We also had tutor time activities for World Environment Day, celebrated annually on the 5th June. This day encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment run by the United Nations, and World Ocean Day for Schools to raise awareness of the threats facing the marine environment, which include plastic pollution, rising sea temperatures linked to climate change, and over-fishing.

Our own Bramfield Eco Rangers have again had a busy time, making a stumpery, looking at reducing plastic use and pollution. Some of the group have also presented assemblies to lower school. Lower school have also been involved in the Big Schools litter pick, tidying up the school grounds and even some beaches. They have also been producing evidence for the application I am currently filling in for Eco Schools Green flag.

We have taken delivery of a Ridan composter which will allow us to compost any food waste produced at school, which can then be turned into compost for use on the farm and school grounds. This should get under way in September.

The swift boxes have been decorated and put up on the main house along with the speaker playing swift calls. This has been working its magic and we currently have eight swifts (we haven't had swifts on site in the time I have worked here) swooping over the school and checking out the nest boxes. So, fingers crossed we will have some babies next year!

Finally, a big thank you to Wyatt and his family who have been sending in bread bags, empty biscuit wrappers, laundry packaging and batteries for recycling. We have received a £30 book voucher for the school library from the batteries we have recycled, and we are building points with Terracycle for recycling the plastic to receive equipment for the school. Thank you!





# Down at the Farm...

This term down at the farm the boys have continued with planting our vegetable crops in the raised beds as well as harvesting some of the vegetables planted earlier in the year. They have also been busy caring for the tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and chilli plants in the polytunnel. All the farm animals have been enjoying themselves, goats have been walked and have been getting lots of visits from boys plus lots of yummy treats.



## The Royal Norfolk Show



We took a group of boys to the Norfolk show and we all had a great time. Tractors were the main theme of the day, and all boys relished the chance to be able to explore and sit in all the tractors



Visiting the animal tents was also popular, especially the sheep, rabbits and guinea pig tent. We also visited the rare breeds survival tent, saw piglets, sheep, goats and a Suffolk Punch Horse.







# Media and Photography

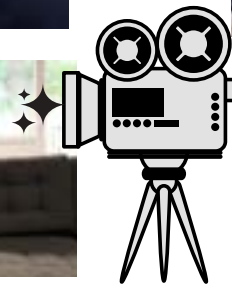
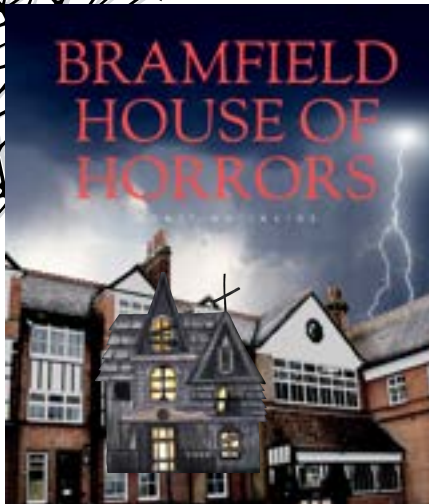
In these lessons this half term pupils have had the chance to make their own short films and we have had quite the spectrum of topics! From missing people in the woods to a documentary about siblings, the boys have exercised their creativity to come up with their own ideas, script and develop these, plan to film them and then edit them into a final film. Below are some screenshots from some of their films which give you a good idea what they might be about!

**LOST**

**READY,  
STEADY  
PUKE!**

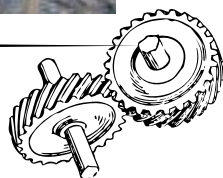
## House of Horrors

In YOLO this term we planned, filmed and edited the final instalment of the Bramfield House of Horrors which saw 5 boys work brilliantly together to create what is considered to be the best one yet! The story was of an unknown pupil receiving the 'Death Note' a book where if you write in someone's name, that person will then meet their untimely end in rather gruesome and unfortunate ways. The boys had a lot of fun filming this and were really proud with their final film. Here are some screenshots from the film for you to look at.



## Porsche Visit

On Wednesday the 19th of June the Key stage 4 Mechanics group went to Norwich Porsche centre to have a tour and see how a prestige motor vehicle garage operates. During the tour we were able to see the whole process of ordering a new Porsche including personalising it. We were also very lucky to see the workshop in full operation and watch their Mechanics carry out repairs to customers vehicles.





# Wimbledon



On Thursday 11th July we took a group of boys to Wimbledon. We all had a fantastic time, meeting players and watching tennis games, We were even on the TV!



## Sports competitions

In the Summer term at Bramfield House, we have seen the boys compete in a Swimming Gala and a Rounders match against Bramfield Primary. The upper school also took part in a football match against Wetheringsett Manor.

### Swimming Gala

In the swimming gala the boys completed in head-to-head races and a relay. Bramfield House won seven out of the nine races. The boys represented the school with great determination and sportsmanship.



### Football Match

It was an end to end game against Wetheringett with both teams displaying perseverance and teamwork skills. The final score 5-4 to Bramfield!



### Rounders Match

The Rounders match saw an exciting display of skill, teamwork, and strategic play with Bramfield House finishing second this time around. We are really proud of the team and they were a credit to the school! Well done Bramfield!

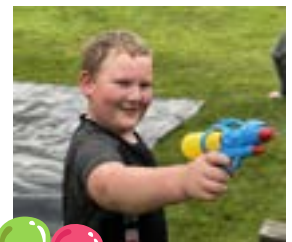
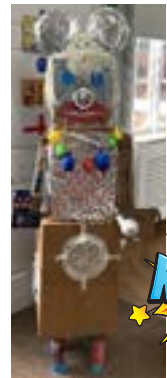
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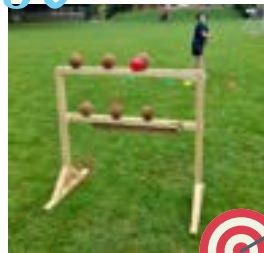
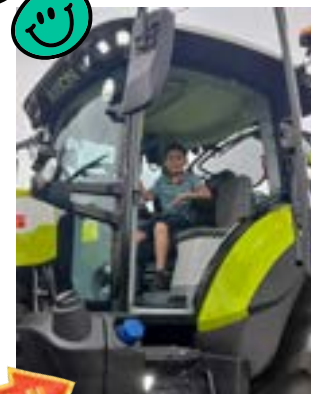
# Lower School Activities

## Week

All of Lower School have taken part in a week full of fun and laughter! There have been trips to Play2Day, Bewilderwood and Colchester Zoo. On site activities included; laser tag, model making, junk modelling, quizzes, pool parties, a visit from a magician and a water fight.



enjoy!



having fun



I challenge you to a water fight!

ARGH!



Watch out! Pew pew pew!



CRASH!

BANG!



Activate giant water bomb



Surrender James!!

WOW!

Say your sprayers!



I'm going to soak you!

BAM!



WOW!

Who got me?? You are in trouble!

BAM!



POOF!

BAM!



We captured the Walrus!

I salute you all, a job well done team



OMG!

Splashing job, well done!



I've captured Gemma



CRASH!





# Upper School Activity Week

All of Upper School have taken part in a week full of fun and laughter! There have been trips to Go Ape, Airsoft, Zorbing, Geocaching, and park trips. On site activities included; Inflatables, Gaming Van, Slime Making, Swimming, A fete day, bracelet making and Arts and crafts.



The highlight of the week was definitely the Fete, where there were lots of stalls and games that the boys took part in. We had a tractor visit, ice cream stand, hook a duck, guess the baby photos, name the teddy, penalty shootout, face paints and much more!



SO MUCH FUN



yummm!







# Bramfield Visits London

Ria, Jack and Barry recently took two groups of lucky boys on an unforgettable trip to the bustling city of London! From shopping sprees to culinary delights, these adventures were brilliant.

## **\*\*Oxford Street Extravaganza\*\***

First stop, for one of the groups was Oxford Street! Adam, Leo and Ronnie disregarded the luxury brands for their favourite shop: Urban Outfitters. Who knew boys could be such savvy shoppers?

## **\*\*Camden Market Adventures\*\***

Next up, Camden Market! This vibrant and eclectic market offered a unique blend of quirky stalls, vintage finds, the epic Cyberdog and delicious street food. Ria and the boys immersed themselves in the lively atmosphere, people-watching and admiring the diverse array of goods on display.

## **\*\*Culinary Delights\*\***

No trip to London is complete without sampling its diverse culinary scene. We treated the boys to a feast fit for kings - a few hundred pounds' worth of delicious Chinese food! From crispy duck pancakes to mouth-watering dim sum, their taste buds were in for a treat. Who knew food could bring such joy and bonding moments?

## **\*\*Iconic Landmarks Galore\*\***

Of course, no visit to London would be complete without ticking off some iconic landmarks. Ria, Jack, Barry and the boys explored the majestic Trafalgar Square, with its grand lion statues and towering Nelson's Column. They then strolled over to Leicester Square, where the bright lights and bustling atmosphere added to the thrill of their adventure. Amidst all the sightseeing, there were plenty of laughs, fun conversations, and unforgettable memories made.

The London adventure was a whirlwind of excitement, laughter, and discovery. Ria reported that both trips with the boys were fun, eventful, and as a result, really memorable.





# What's on this Summer?

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/>

<https://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk/>

<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/asset-library/activities-unlimited-summer-guide-2024.pdf>

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

<https://www.primarytimes.co.uk/norfolk/family-summer-activities-in-norfolk-2024>

## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

# ENJOY THE SUMMER