

Newsletter

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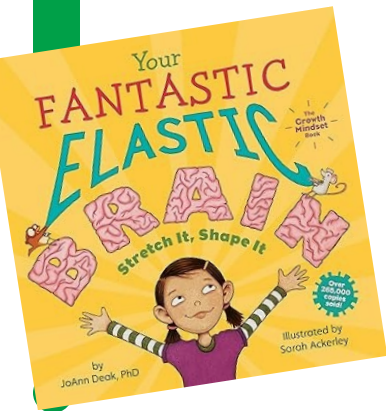
Message from the Headteacher



Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

Our assemblies in the last two weeks have started to look at what attitudes and skills we need to be the best learners that we can be. I have shared part of the book 'Your

Fantastic Elastic Brain' in assembly which helps children to understand that even if things are difficult at first, having the resilience to persevere means that learning becomes easier and more enjoyable. This is a theme that we will continue to explore across school as we learn to become super learners! One of the most important areas to understand for children is that it is important to make mistakes, because mistakes help us learn. Here is a quotation from the book:



'The more you learn and think about different kinds of things, the more you can learn, know and enjoy. The harder you try without giving up, the more you will learn.'

You really can train your brain to be fit and strong and to keep stretching and growing through out your whole life!

If you have a space few minutes in the car or at the dinner table, why not talk about how to be a good learner with your child/ren? Learning is a life-long skill—and we all learn, every day.

I hope you have a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

School News

Swimming lessons for Class Bray will take place on 25th February, 4th March, 11th March 18th March, 25th March. A letter has been sent home providing you

School News



Calvert Trust Residential

A reminder that the final payment was due last Friday 31st January.

Bratton Fleming Community Orchard Planting Day

This will take place on Saturday 1st March @ 10am at the Recreation Ground. (top of the village) Plant a fruit tree and sow wildflower seeds. Everyone welcome. For more information, please see flyer attached.

Ventrus Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Please remember: **Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone**

Curriculum News



Taw Class

In English we have been reading *Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña. As part of English experience day, we recreated the breakdancing that Milo saw while riding the subway. We learnt 5 moves; Baby Freeze, Helicopter, Kick-up, Back Spin and Frog.



Science—Taw Class

In Taw class last week we revisited looking at the names for body parts and the names of different bones in the human skeleton. We then conducted an experiment measuring bone lengths and comparing them to people's ages. This linked well with Taw classes Maths, where they have been learning about measurements and how to measure length accurately. Next week we will use this data to make some statements about bone lengths and people ages.



Science - Torridge Class

Torridge class continuing with their Forces work this week. This week our focus was air resistance. We planned and conducted an investigation to discover which type of paper 'spun' to the ground the quickest. It was a fun experiment with some interesting results. Well Done to all.



Mr Ashton

Curriculum News

Bray Class

Gymnastics

This half term, Bray Class have been learning how to be 'Champion Gymnasts' in our PE sessions. The children have worked hard to build up a sequence of moves across the half term based on the words 'high' and 'low'. We then put these together to create a gymnastics routine, which we then performed to each other. The children were very pleased to see that their hard work and practice had been worth it.

Mrs Sluman





Diary Dates

10 th February	Parents' Evening
11 th February	Parents' Evening Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
13 th February	Tempest photographers to take class photos PTA Disco
17 th – 21 st February	Half Term
24 th February	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
26 th to 28 th February	Residential Yr 3&4 to Calvert Trust
3 rd March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
5 th March	Yrs 2 to 6 Fire Safety & Prevention talk by Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue
7 th March	World Book Day
10 th March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
17 th March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
19 th March	Taw and Torridge Class visit Royal Albert memorial Museum & Art Gallery, Exeter
24 th March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
31 st March	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 interschool football at Orchard Vale 3.45 to 4.45
7 th – 21 st April	Easter holidays
22 nd April	Non-Pupil Day
24 th April	Science Fayre in school hall
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs assessments (Year 6)
5 th May	Bank Holiday
21 st May	Wilcombe Wobbler sporting event
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
2 nd – 20 th June	Phonics Screening window for assessment (Year 1 pupils)
24 th June	Sports Day weather permitting
30 th June & 1st July	Yr 6 transition Day PCC



2 nd – 6 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
9 th – 13 th June	Multiplication Screening window for assessment (Year 4 pupils)
8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
16 th July	KS2 performance for invited community members and grandparents
17 th July	KS2 performance for parents/carers afternoon performance and at 5.30pm
22 nd July	Year 6 leaver's assembly for parents/carers of Yr 6 children only
23 rd July	Last day of term



PTA News



The PTA would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to the school disco. The children looked like they an absolute blast!

We would also like to say big Thank you to Mrs Fernyhough, Mr Bailey, and Mrs Sluman who gave up their spare time to join us at the disco, and to those who generously donated towards the edible goodies.

Together we raised a total profit of £218.85 !