



Brandles Newsletter



Watford FC Senior Football Tournament

08/10/13

On a sun filled Tuesday morning the senior football team consisting of T. Durham (capt), T. Needham, R. Brigham-Slow, J. Quarrington-Gray, H.Aylott, J.Males, M. Birch and J. Fuller set off for a hard days physical exertion at the special schools Hertfordshire county football tournament.

It was a new team working together some of whom had not played together before and their response was very positive. The tournament displayed a good standard of football demonstrating the progress all teams had been making and the games were competitive but played in a sporting and respectfully conducted manner.

Brandles students throughout the day showed great individual skills and a solid team ethos which resulted in 2-0 victory over the tournament leaders, other games were hard fought and after 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses we have secured a solid start to the league placing around mid-table.

As the term continues other students will look forward to tag-rugby fixtures and some friendlies in preparation for the next tournament on the horizon.....



Fishing trip September 2013

Each year we are invited to take part in a fishing event organised by the Masonic Fishing Charity.



It is usually a great day for the pupils and this year was no exception. Each of the pupils are assigned a skilled fisherman who will either take them coarse fishing or fly fishing, the boys are able to choose. The lake for the fly fishing is well stocked and normally the fish bite quite readily but this year that was not the case. It transpires that the lake had been restocked just a few days before and the trout were swimming in just one area of the lake and were staying put regardless of what was put on the end of the line to entice them. However, the coarse fishing was the complete opposite; fish were being caught in abundance, which was very exciting for the boys.

The charity put on a great BBQ lunch which always goes down well and there is a presentation at the end of the day. All participants receive a certificate and in addition other pupils receive medals for their perseverance and effort. Two of our pupils were awarded medals for their attitude and perseverance through the day which was very satisfying. We look forward to another trip next year.



Congratulation to Year 11 pupil Connor who has been selected to become an Executive committee member for Ambassadors against bullying .. Connor now attends trainings in London to help find ways of supporting schools and educating pupils to work together to stop bullying.



Visit to RAF Hendon museum

Each year I take a group of pupils to either Duxford or Hendon. This year we went to Hendon for the day. This normally coincides with events leading up to Remembrance Day. Three year 7 boys and four year 11 who are currently studying for a GCSE in history came on the trip. They were able to walk around the Barnes Wallis exhibition and watch a short film on how he developed the bouncing bomb. There is also an interactive zone where you can experience what it is like to fly a plane, test the strength of different metals and how the shape of aircraft wings enable an aircraft to fly.

Our **School Attendance** has improved this term ,and a big thank you goes to all the parents and carers who have supported us. Sadly a few of our families have been served with penalty notices and fines . Please continue to help us by keeping appointments and holidays outside of the school day .





A number of our key stage 3 boys were lucky enough to go into London by train last week to see a Horrible Science stage show at the Bloomsbury Theatre. The idea for the trip was to see how science is important in so many areas of our lives and also have some fun at the same time!

We left school at 11am and headed for Baldock station where we took the train heading for Kings Cross station. This was a new experience for some of the boys and they really enjoyed the journey, playing card games and listening to music. Public transport is great way to travel and, with the Groupsave deals you can get, quite cheap tickets too. When we got to Kings Cross we spent some time looking at the way the station has been redeveloped. This was a bit lost on our boys but made the adults on the trip happy! We found our way out of the station and headed down the Euston Road towards Bloomsbury.



We decided to stop at the British Library to have our lunch and I am sure that some of that knowledge held within the walls of this historic site will have rubbed off onto us all! The photo here shows the boys sitting near the statue of the genius scientist Sir Issac Newton just outside the library.

After our lunch we carried on to Bloomsbury Theatre where we settled down to watch the show. Horrible Science live was a show about a boy called Billy who was trying to solve some science puzzles to stop The Intelligent Machine (TIM) releasing all the horrible science into the world. He was helped by some very funny crazy professors!

It was a fantastic show which took the audience through a journey of horrid science facts and a world where we saw how bacteria live everywhere and can get us at lots of places around our bathroom. We were confronted with giant germs that tried to eat up Billy but fortunately he escaped. We saw how to make a circuit with conducting metal and a battery and how lightening is really hot and is conducted through water and metal. To stay safe in a storm - lie flat on a field!

The best thing was using boggle vision to see inside Billy and see how food is swallowed and digested in the stomach. It was really pretty gross and Ryan thought it was grim! The computer animation and 3D effects were brilliant with bugs and bones flying out of the screen at us, although at times we did need ear protectors to save us against the screams of the girls in the audience!

All in all it was a great day and our boys represented Brandles School impeccably. We ll done boys and thank you!

Diary Dates Half term and Inset day –Monday 28th
October –Monday 4th November

Return Tuesday 5th November

Occasional Day - Monday 2nd December

Level 2 Christmas Lunch –Tuesday 10th December

Panto - Thursday 12th December 2pm

Christmas Lunch - 17th December 1pm

Christmas party - Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas Friday 20th December 1pm

Return to school - Tuesday 7th January 2014



Enrichment

Friday afternoons have changed.

After a lot of discussion with both pupils and staff it was felt that enrichment was not enriching for the pupils. This term the pupils have been split into groups with each group having a different activity. Over the course of the school year each group will have taken part in each activity and the work they have completed will be collated and used towards a qualification.

The activities are Cooking, Art, Robots, Hockey, Fitness, Outdoor pursuits.