

Information for you

Dates for your fridge door

Break up for Easter 1pm	Friday 31 st March
Return to school	Tuesday 18 th Easter
School closed Mayday	Monday 1st May
Parent Coffee Morning	Wednesday 17 th May
Half Term Break up	Friday 26 th May
Return to school	Monday 5 th June
Year 6 Transfer day	Tuesday 13 th June
Parent's Evening	Wednesday 5 th July
Coffee morning	Wednesday 5 th July

Hello and Goodbyes

There have been a few changes of staff recently.

We have said goodbye to

Mr Wainwright Field Craft

Mr Bassett History RE

Mrs Darton Cleaning Staff

Mrs Wallond Art

Mr Davis Science

and we welcome

Mrs Stapleford TA

Mr Sperling Behaviour Manager

Mr Cooper Behaviour Manager

Mrs Gomes Pastoral Admin

Ms Wilsher Science



School Fete Day

Saturday 1st July

**We will need your support to run stalls,
raffle prizes, bake cakes and to come along
with your friends and family and enjoy the day .**

Coffee Mornings - Wednesday May 17th and the 5th July

Come and join us for a coffee and chat, meet other parents who may share your problems and concerns.

Talk to our family engagement workers, our local family worker and guest speakers.

Very relaxed, no pressure just coffee and a natter.



Hertfordshire School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service is provided by Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, for children and young people aged 5 to 19 in mainstream schools.

The service provides confidential support and advice on a range of health and wellbeing topics. Some of these include:

- Emotional health
- Lifestyle issues including weight management, stopping smoking, drug and alcohol advice
- Sexual health
- Keeping safe.

The service also manages a local Health for Teens website, designed to deliver topical health messages and advice, so young people can be guided to make the right health and wellbeing choices.

Health for Teens – aimed at those aged 11 to 19 – can be seen, via www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire

The website is kept updated with local information and events.

For young people attending secondary schools in Hertfordshire, an exclusive confidential text messaging service – Chat Health – is available to contact the School Nursing Service. This is in operation between Monday and Friday, 9am to 5pm including school holidays.

The Chat Health number is: 07480 635050

To contact a school nurse with any concerns, a referral form is available to complete online, via www.hct.nhs.uk/forms/school-nursing-form.asp

Brandles Spring Newsletter.

PE

Students in PE worked hard throughout their lessons in half term fine tuning their gymnastics skills. By the end of the term there was a range of skills showcased which were photographed and displayed on the PE board. Students in both KS4 and KS3 achieved success in the County Basketball tournament.

KS3 students won the Junior County football tournament over two legs.

Team: Adam M, Owen M, Tyresse W, Kiar W, Ryan W, Jamie B, Bailey H, Shane C.

It was a competitive two days and all students' involved showed good teamwork and resilience to grind out some results in the more difficult games.

This Term students study Volleyball and Table Tennis and we wish all those involved in the County Cross Country race the best in their



Art

I took the painting 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh and gridded the painting, then each boy in the school was given a section of the grid to recreate in their own interpretation using either paint or pastels. At the end of the two weeks we pieced together the puzzle and created two beautiful versions of the painting and displayed them in the main entrance. It was a brilliant topic that all boys engaged in and the result was fantastic – a wonderful piece of Brandles art!

Visit From Mike Mullen

On January the 25th, BMX World Champion and current British Number 1 BMXer Mike Mullen came to visit the school. During the day he came into some Science lessons and spoke about his life as a BMXer and how Science has helped him throughout his career. During the lunch activities session, Mike taught some students how to do a BMX trick. Mike balanced on the front wheel of his bike just by standing on one of the pegs and the other foot on the front wheel. This was quite a hard trick that some of the boys mastered really quickly.

During the afternoon activity session, Mike demonstrated all the tricks he could do in the gym. Some of the boys even laid on the floor as Mike jumped over them on his BMX. At one point, there were four boys lying next to each other and Mike jumped over all of them using his ramp that he bought in.

At the end of the day, Mike handed out personalised

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 10 organized a charity coffee morning to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Trust. Among the guests were local businessmen, parents and members of our community. The boys had baked an assortment of cakes to sell at the event and served tea, coffee and squash. The morning was a great success and the total collected was £90.74. Well done boys and thank you to all who came along and donated to the cause.



County Football Tournament

Brandles were victorious in the final round of the County SEMH Football tournament, running out overall winners without conceding a single goal.

Winning five games and drawing two, Brandles boasted another unbeaten record, showing togetherness and good sportsmanship throughout. Two tough games against Falconers and Pinewood both ended 0-0, and from there the team was able to push on, winning every other game by two or more goals.

Mr Mussett, their PE teacher and Football Coach, said "I am very proud of the footballing display we showed." After the first two games, we discussed our shape and our work rate off the ball, as we