



# Braidwood School

Respect, Honesty, Effort

## Bird Watch.

A2 group went to a local garden to identify common garden birds. This was linked to their science work where children have looked at the different animal groups and named some of the species. They sat quietly with pictures of the birds and tallied off every time they saw each



species. They will then create a graph with this information and discuss what their findings suggest.

They also visited a local garden centre to see fish and ducks in a different habitat.

## Headteacher Comment

We are currently updating our radio aid provision and your child may be assessed for a radio aid. Last week the Educational Audiologist was in school and commented on the **very poor condition** of our children's hearing aids: weather covers missing, tubing that needs to be changed, etc. Can I please ask that you take a good look at your child's aids and help them to keep them in good condition: change the tubing, make sure the elbows are secure and weather covers on, are children even wearing their aids in the correct ears? These were all issues just last week. We want our children to be independent, but we have to show them the standard expected. Just taking hearing aids off at the end of the day and putting them in a draw etc, until tomorrow, isn't enough - they need to be checked everyday.



A2 Group loved taking part in a bird study.

## BSL Classes

**FREE BSL** classes every Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Two hours a week for your child - that's all it takes to improve your communication with your child.

Again and again I am asked by parents to *tell* their child something, because he/she *doesn't understand*. This really means: **the parent cannot communicate with their child.**

**There is no excuse.** Please accept this invitation to BSL classes, two hours a week, for your child is so little, and it will make such a difference to your relationship, maybe not immediately but later on in life.

## Fruit

Ms Weston will continue to sell fruit to pupils every break time in the food technology room.

A variety of fruit will be available depending on the season and will be sold between 10p - 20p.

Please encourage you child to buy some fruit or to bring a healthy snack to enjoy at breaktime.

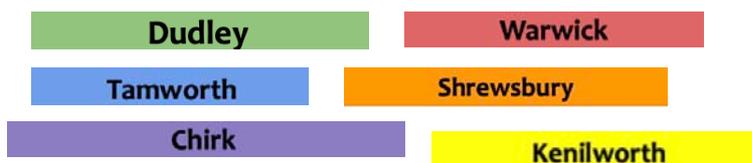


## Form House Groups

This year we have 6 form tutor groups made up of pupils from our six houses - Tamworth, Kenilworth, Shrewsbury, Dudley, Chirk and Warwick. You child should be wearing a pin which indicates the first letter of the house group that they are in.

Form tutor groups are vertically streamed with approximately 10 pupils of different ages and 4 members of staff per group. By arranging groups in this way, pupils will experience a stronger sense of belonging and will build friendships across the school.

House groups meet every morning and afternoon for registration time and they will take part in a variety of competitions throughout the year as well as trying to win the most house points each week.



## House Points

This year we have altered the way we reward effort and kindness to others. We continue to require learners to reflect and score their effort. The grades run from grade 1 (not enough effort) to 4 (additional excellent effort). Staff then enter the grade they feel that the learner is working at and have a dialogue with the learner to establish a shared grade.

Grade 3 is rewarded with one house point and grade 4 two house points. Learners then get a token to put into their house group tube and their house point is electronically recorded.

On Fridays, the top KS3 pupils and top KS4/5 pupil will receive a £5 voucher. The top three learners from each key stage will also receive a fun gift. Learners are incredibly motivated and are working hard to achieve the coveted house point tokens!

**Last week's highest achievers were:**

First: Ahmad. Joint second place: Fikunmi and Tahmida.

Well done!



## Young Carers

Here at Braidwood we are working to improve the support we give to children who are Young Carers. You can help us by letting us know if you think your child is a 'young carer'. This will enable the school to direct you towards support that may be available to your family.

You're a Young Carer if **you're under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem.** If you're a young carer, you probably look after one of your parents or help care for a brother or sister. You may do extra jobs in and around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone get dressed and move around. You may also give a lot of physical help to a brother or sister who's disabled or ill. Along with doing things to help your brother or sister, you may be giving them and your parents emotional support, too.

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Carers may be able to apply for grants of up to £300 for items or activities that will benefit them in their caring role, for example for: Breaks for carers, with or without the person they care for, courses and materials to develop carers' skills and personal development, home repairs, etc.

Please, let us know through a note, a text, a phone call or whenever you are in school, if you believe your child to be a Young Carer we can offer then additional support and advice.

### What's happening?

#### This week

<b>Mon 30/9/19</b>	Helene Elia SaLT working with selected pupils. 'Animal Man' in school as part of the science curriculum
<b>Tues 1/10/19</b>	Dr Glenn in school working with selected pupils Horse-riding trip for selected pupils
<b>Wed 2/10/19</b>	BSL lessons for parents 10am - 12pm - all welcome!
<b>Thurs 3/10/19</b>	Dr Aktar's Clinic in school Growth group visit to a local shop
<b>Fri 4/10/19</b>	PE - please make sure your child is wearing their kit Growth Group visit Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

#### The Week After

<b>Mon 7/10/19</b>	Helene Elia SaLT working with selected pupils.
<b>Tues 8/10/19</b>	Dr Glenn in school working with selected pupils Horse-riding trip for selected pupils
<b>Wed 9/10/19</b>	BSL lessons for parents 10am - 12pm - all welcome!
<b>Thurs 10/10/19</b>	Dr Robertson's Clinic
<b>Fri 11/10/19</b>	B1 and B2 to Drayton Manor park Loudmouth Theatre Group working with Year 11/12 PE - please make sure your child is wearing their kit