



Beckmead Park Academy

Bramley Bank &
The Beck

Summer Term 2021

Key dates:

Returning to school (Autumn term)

The Beck - Tuesday 7th

Bramley Bank - Wednesday 8th

The school day will run from 8:15am-2:30pm.

Note from the headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds yourselves and your loved ones well. At the end of a very different school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their engagement, resilience and achievements in 2020-21, as well as our families for your ongoing support during this final term. Our staff have worked very hard to continue teaching and developing our remote school, as well as work in school for the limited return of some students. It has been a remarkable year and we have worked really hard as a community to keep each other safe, as well as provide the best educational experience possible for our students.

I would like to thank you for your continued help and support throughout this incredibly challenging time. The end of term is nearly here and I wish your family an enjoyable, restful and safe break. I am sure that your children will return refreshed and eager to be back to continue their learning in September 2021.

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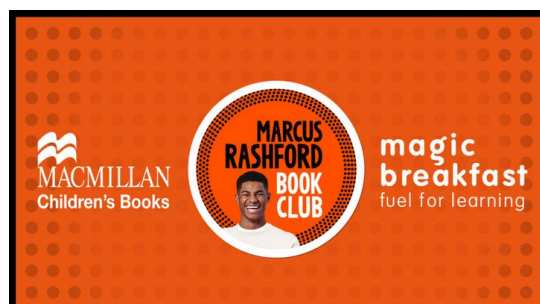
What's been happening at our schools.

Marcus Rashford's Book Club:

'Macmillan Children's Books has partnered with children's food charity Magic Breakfast to launch the Marcus Rashford Book Club, donating 50,000 free books through the charity and reaching children in over 850 primary schools across England and Scotland.

The Marcus Rashford Book Club is a reader-recommends programme created by England International footballer and child food poverty campaigner Marcus Rashford MBE and Macmillan Children's Books, to encourage and nurture a love of reading in children.'

To celebrate this, an assembly was held looking at the life of Marcus Rashford, and despite his age the amazing things he has been able to achieve. All students received a book, personally picked by Marcus Rashford with an inscription inside for the reader!



Harry Potter Day:

Across the UK, Harry Potter Day was celebrated in schools. It was a day for magic where Bramley Bank was turned into Hogwarts and classes were organised into houses by the Sorting Hat, carefully managed by 'Professor' Dean Monfries. The winning house was Slytherin (Primary 4) with 770 House Points. Congratulations Slytherin (Primary 4).



School Council:

Bramley Bank and The Beck have joined forces to make a school council to give the pupils a voice, a chance to voice their opinion and suggestions of the school. Meetings are held every 2 weeks on Friday over Google Meet. There are two representatives from each class. We look forward to seeing what they can implement.

School Council

We are Writers:

Bramley Bank and The Beck took part in a national competition which gives students a chance to show off their skills in creative writing.

The winners of each class are:

Rainbow- Chanel & Kaion

Primary 1- Rezvan & Kayla

Primary 2- Suade & Kayden

Primary 3- Rodrique & Maison

Primary 4- Macy & Joseph.



Science Week: Each class planned, tested, then carried out some scientific experiments. These were then shared in the assembly. Primary 4 looked at recreating the Dead Sea floating effect. Primary 2 looked at the effects of oil in water, creating a Lava Lamp.

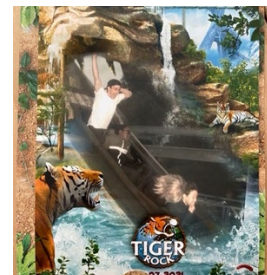


Minecraft Education: All pupils have now been given a Minecraft login from their class teacher. Here you can follow the Minecraft lessons and develop your skills in computing and coding. There are challenges to try on each level or you can just have some fun and build an amazing world around you! Enjoy!



Trips this term:

There have been trips to exciting places such as Frylands to do Sumo Wrestling. Primary 1 have been exploring the woods in Forrest skills led by Ms Kelly. As restrictions were lifted some classes have been lucky enough to go on some thrill-seeking adventures. Bramley Bank teamed up with Tharreo House to take on Legoland which proved a big success. Chessington World of Adventures was then conquered by Primary 2 and 4. Primary 2 have been making some unlikely friends at the ARK centre where they have been learning and caring about all the animals the ARK centre has to offer.



What's been going on in our classes?

Primary 1

In Primary 1 we have been very busy this summer term. In Maths we have been focusing on partitioning numbers and working on our multiplication. In English we looked at Jack and the Beanstalk in great depth and reviewing the emotions of the characters. We have had a very creative term with Ms Kelly. We have been doing so many activities. These include gardening which is helping with organisation and fine motor skills as well as exploring with arts and crafts creating wonderful masterpieces. In history we have been looking at the life of Florence Nightingale and what she has done. In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets in world around us. During activity time Primary 1 have been visiting the Frylands centre where pupils have been taking part in various activities.

Primary 2

This year is another year that is going to go down in the history books. It has been such a pleasure teaching Primary 2 through the ups and downs of Lockdown, returning to school, being in bubbles and social distancing. All the children in Primary 2 have all done so well, socially, emotionally and academically they have managed to make progress throughout the year. During Science this year we have explored different types of habitats and learnt how to take care of the environment. We have also done some fantastic experiments during Science week, making lava lamps, measuring the weight of gas in cold drinks and making rain clouds.

Note from Ms Vikki:

As my time at Bramley Bank has come to an end, I will fondly remember this class for all their wonderful sense of humour, many laughs and care and compassion they have shown throughout this year. I wish them all the best for their futures and trust they will all remember that they can achieve anything they set their minds to.

Primary 3

Primary 3 have been very busy this year, with a big focus on sports and play management, building on social skills vital for the progression to Key Stage 3. In Literacy we have been looking at poems. The class managed to write poems that personifies the weather. In Science we have been looking at the concept of light and the life cycle. Primary 3 produced some excellent work. In History we explored mummification in Ancient Egypt!

Primary 4

Primary 4 have been very busy, they have read Louis Sachar's 'Holes' which the pupils provided some beautiful pieces of work in their Big Write lessons as well as looking at the bizarre 'Salamanders Dream' by Hope Larson. In Maths, most recently, students have been looking at the properties of shapes and then furthering this knowledge by looking at the angles in shapes. Whilst COVID-19 put a halt on SATs, Primary 4 were still very busy doing revision for assessments, whilst doing this they have been exploring their artistic side to break up the academic learning. It is evident that Primary 4 has some Banky's in the making! Science has been 'Shocking!' We have been exploring the topic of 'Exciting Electricity'. They have been giving being a scientist a try by doing experiments such as the 'Egg VS Gravity drop' and the 'Dead Sea Test' which replicates the Dead Sea. We are sad to see our leavers go but we are so impressed with journey each pupil has taken, how much they have grown and accomplished and what greatness lies ahead. Good Luck!

The Beck

In English this term we have been learning some of the Greek Myths including King Midas, turning his daughter into gold and Icarus, flying too close to the sun. In Science we have been learning about forces, such as air resistance and water resistance and life cycles. In art we have been using clay, making tiles which we decorated with Greek patterns. Other highlights of his term have been our visits to Frylands; wrestling in the sumo suits and practising our archery skills. We also enjoyed our mini-sports day ending in a tug of war! It's been such a busy end of term and it's always sad to have our Year 6 leavers assembly, but we wish them all the best for next year.



Useful Information:

The Beck have changed the times of their school day. The day will now run from 8:15am-2:30pm. This will include the first day back (08/09/21). We look forward to seeing you all when you return.

Activities around Croydon this summer:

Here are some activities that are accessible over the summer break

Upper Norwood Library

<https://www.uppernorwoodlibraryhub.org/>

There is the summer reading challenge

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

Kinetika Bloco summer school 10-18yrs

<https://www.kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/>

Legacy reloaded youth zone

<https://www.legacyyouthzone.org/legacy-reloaded/>

Wildern Garden at Hall Grange Care Home are open to the public over the summer

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wilderness-opening-saturday-17th-july-tickets-162167494341?aff=erelexpmit>

There is a butterfly walk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guided-butterfly-and-wildflower-walk-at-dollypers-hill-nature-reserve-tickets-162541406723>