

NEWSLETTER

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BELIEVE

PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

YEAR 6 GREEK WORKSHOP



The pupils in Year 6 enjoyed dressing up in traditional Ancient Greek clothes, as Ancient Greek soldiers or even as some of the mythical beasts!

They learnt about how the Ancient Greeks believed Earth was created and where it is in the world.

They also acted out a version of Theseus and the Minotaur and had great fun solving Archimedes' puzzle – it certainly wasn't as easy as it looked! They even got a chance to hold some Greek weapons! Their fantastic day came to an end when they held their very own Olympic games!



READING PLANET REVIEWS!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

The Making of Cake—Katie Scott

It is a very interesting book and I like that it has recipes that you can make yourself at home. I have made the Victoria Sponge cake. It was delicious! You should definitely read this book.



Ilyana—Year 3

Guinness World Records 2023—Free Reader

I like this book because the facts that it tells me are fascinating and it tells me more about the people who break world records. My favourite record in the book is the man whose eyes pop really far out of his head! I would recommend this book to anyone in Key Stage Two who likes to find out more about the world.



Maiya-Rose Morris—Year 6

YEAR 6 ASSESSMENT WEEK!



To ensure pupils achieve their very best, we would like them to arrive to school at 8:15am, Monday 22nd January to Thursday 25th January. This will allow time for them to have a snack and drink before they take their assessments.

DONATIONS!

We would like to increase outdoor learning sessions in school. If you have any wellies that are in good condition and your child has outgrown please could you donate them to school. Thank you for your continued support.



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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



COMMUNITY NEWS

St James Players
presents the family pantomime

The Snow Queen

by Stanecold Productions



£5 per ticket for group bookings of ten or more on Wed, Thurs & Fri nights

at St James Community Hall, Bradford, BD2 4LJ
Wed 24th to Sat 27th January 2024
(7:15pm with Saturday Matinee at 2.15pm.
Doors open 6.45pm Evening & 1.45pm Matinee)
Tickets: **£8 (Adults) £6 (Cons)**
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-james-players-bradford/e-ldadje
Tel: 07809 396189



JUNIORS WANTED

FOR UPCOMING 2024 SEASON

UNDER 9s, 11s, 13s & 15s

We are looking for Under 9s, 11s, 13s and Under 15s. **All our teams are currently mixed so Girls are more than welcome.** If we can get enough interest we may start an All Girls Team.

All abilities welcome with ECB Qualified Coaches that are all DBS Checked. Our Under 9s, 11s and 15s are all playing in the Aire Wharfe Leagues with our Under 13s currently playing in the Bradford League.

We are a **fantastic family club** with excellent facilities across all teams. If you are interested in coming to training please get in touch and we can do our best to get you involved and settled in with the new coaches or players.



Call David or email hepidlejuniors@outlook.com for more information
David Matthews - Tel: 07483 143322

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COMMUNITY NEWS

learn – connect – be stronger

Friends & Family Hub

Thinking BIG for families of children with additional needs

Upcoming Events – bookings essential

We have a number of sessions running for friends and family members of children and young people with additional needs to connect, share information and learn new skills.

Mini Treatments & Cream Tea Brunch - January 2024

Across our Hubs on the 9th, 10th and 11th January - 10am-2pm we are inviting members to come along to have some relaxing mini treatments. You can pick what treatment you would like to try from Indian Head Massage, Hand / Foot Reflexology, a Taster Facial or Shoulder & Neck massage. We will also have a Cream Tea Brunch with some lovely sandwiches, speciality teas and cakes.

Thurs 11th January - We will run an Online Zoom meeting from 6.30pm-8pm where members can access support, advice, information and share news with one another.

Half Term Events/ Options - February 2024

Tues 13th February – 9.30am - Meet Up & Play at soft play area– Kidzplay, Dockfield Road, Shipley, BD17 7AD. (Bookings only online at Kidzplay website – www.kidzplay.co.uk)

Wed 14th February – Walk & Talk at Cliffe Castle in Keighley – Time to be confirmed.

Thurs 15th February – We will run an Online Zoom meeting from 6.30pm-8pm where members can access support, advice, information and share news with one another.

Mental Wellness – March 2024

Across our Hubs on 12th, 13th and 14th March - 10am–2pm we will be joined by Nadia Abdo from Kooth & Qwell to deliver a presentation about Mental Health – We will discuss Stress & Anxiety, how we can manage those feelings, barriers to seeking help and how Kooth can support children & young people across Bradford.

May - 2024 – To be confirmed

- Tues 7th - Bradford Hub
- Wed 8th – Menston Hub
- Thurs 9th – Keighley

June – 2024 – The Padlet & Accessing Information

- Tues 11th – Bradford Hub
- Wed 12th – Menston Hub
- Thurs 13th – Keighley Hub

If you would like to know more please get in touch at friendsandfamily@thinkingbiguk.org where we will be happy to chat.



SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY

An unmissable chance to meet lots of services & groups all in one place!

AWARE INVITES YOU TO OUR WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY INFORMATION EVENT 2024

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2024 10AM-2PM
BRADFORD CITY EVENTS SUITE
UTILITA ENERGY STADIUM, VALLEY PARADE, BD8 7DY

Tickets free but booking essential!

Please scan the QR code or follow the link in the Facebook post to find out more info and to book



Click [here](#) to book on to the event

SEND parent carer coffee morning

Run by Carers' Resource in partnership with Bradford East Family Hub



Join us for a coffee and to meet other parent carers.

Taking place from **11am to 12.30pm** at Bradford East Family Hub,
365 Barkerend Road, Bradford, BD3 8QX.

Monday, 8th January 2024

Monday, 5th February 2024

Monday, 11th March 2024 - SENDIASS will be attending to discuss their work. The service supports parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities, with exclusions, transfers, admissions, transport, appeals, mediation, complaints, personal budgets, EHCPs, and SEN support.

Monday, 8th April 2024

Monday, 13th May 2024

Monday, 10th June 2024 - Learn more about the support offered by your local family hub.

Monday, 8th July 2024

For more information and to sign up, contact Catherine Haslam:
email chaslam@carersresource.org or call 0808 5015 939.

Swain House Primary School

COFFEE MORNING

The
Gateway
Take over



Games/Quizzes/activities
Raffle/Tombola
Information

FRIDAY 23RD FEB FROM 8.30AM

Ebony@ravenscliffe.org.uk 01274 636602

Little Acorns Nursery

At Swain House Primary School

Do you have a 2 year old?

Parents of two year olds can access 15 hours a week of free childcare if they are in receipt of income support benefits, such as Universal Credit, and earn less than £15,400 a year or if they are working parents of two year olds.

September, January and April intake

Little Acorns Nursery is a warm, nurturing atmosphere where children learn through play in a safe and stimulating environment



Children in the early years receive an excellent education. They make good progress because of the strong curriculum. They are highly engaged and independent in their learning. Adults are very effective in supporting them (Ofsted March 2023)

For more information please contact our school office on 01274 639049 or office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk

WEEKLY UPDATES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **19/01/2024**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	96.1%	6
Willow	96.0%	0
Kandinsky	91.5%	5
Matisse	93.9%	7
Lowry	90.0%	3
Van Gogh	91.9%	3

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	92.6%	4
Roald Dahl	91.6%	2
JK Rowling	89.3%	9
J Wilson	96.9%	4
Elgar	95.8%	2
Mozart	90.0%	12
Beethoven	97.6%	2
Vivaldi	96.0%	3

Congratulations to **Elm Class, Willow Class, Jacqueline Wilson Class, Beethoven Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Willow Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

93.5%

COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - Stay Safe on new Devices
LETTERS:	18.01.24 - Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	18.01.24 - Parents Evening Reminder 19.01.24 - Year 5 Homework

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	25/01/24	2.30pm	Jacqueline Wilson Class Assembly
Thursday	01/02/24	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	08/02/24	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	22/02/24	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	29/02/24	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Assembly
Thursday	07/03/24	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	14/03/24	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	21/03/24	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly



On Friday 26th January, Reception will be having a dinosaur theme day as part of their topic 'Our World and Beyond'. The children will be excavating fossils, search for dinosaur bones and make their own

model of a stegosaurus! Please send your child in some dinosaur inspired clothing or they could wear something green.



Friday 2nd February 2024

MENU 22/01/24



Swain House Primary School

WEEK 1

30th Oct, 20th Nov,
11th Dec, 1st Jan,
22nd Jan, 4th Mar

MENU

MON

- Mascarpone Pasta
- Spaghetti Marinara
- Vegetable Pasty

TUES

- Mild Chicken Curry
- Halal Chicken Dopiaza
- Aloo Chana

WED

- Roast of the Day
- Halal Chicken Roll
- Cheese & Broccoli Quiche

THUR

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza

FRI

- Fish Fingers
- Southern Fried Quorn Burger

MAINS

SIDES

- Crusty Bread
- Spaghetti Hoops
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Rice
- Naan Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Potatoes
- Yorkshire Pudding
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Chips
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Jacket Potatoes
- Wedges
- Sweetcorn
- Assorted Individual Salads

OTHER OPTIONS

- Assorted Jacket Potatoes
- Assorted Panini
- Assorted Sandwiches

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DESSERTS

- Decorated Sponge Cake
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Butterfly Buns
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Marble Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Flapjack
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Chocolate Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for...



For full allergen & nutritional information head to

<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

or scan the QR code:



FM SERVICES



REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.

COMING UP THIS TERM

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	23.01.24	3.15 - 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	25.01.24	3.00 - 3.30pm	Parent Drop in
Friday	02.02.24	All Day	NSPCC Number Day
Monday - Sunday	05.02.24 - 11.02.24	N/A	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday	09.02.24	N/A	School closes for February Half Term
Thursday	07.03.24	All Day	World Book Day
Monday - Sunday	11.03.24 - 17.03.24	N/A	Science Week
Friday	15.03.24	All Day	Comic Relief
Friday	22.03.24	N/A	School closes for Easter

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is 'EA Sports FC 24'.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers; voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Loyal Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iTech and Tech Radar.

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