

Inspire

The background of the entire page is a photograph of two young boys in school uniforms. The boy on the left is wearing glasses and a grey sweater with white snowflake patterns. The boy on the right is wearing a dark sweater with a large reindeer and snowflake pattern, and a red sequined ornament is pinned to his sweater. Both are smiling. The background is blurred, showing other people and lights. Overlaid on the top of the image are several colorful, curved lines in green, blue, yellow, orange, and purple.

Snapshots from Brannel School

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Welcome to Brannel School's Autumn Term Newsletter

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"
Well that's certainly true at Brannel School with Christmas jumper day, Christmas Fayres for students and festive themed dining since the start of the month! It is one of the great privileges of my role to write this Christmas message and I always take time to reflect on the year passed before I do so.

This year more than ever our values of excellence, creativity and community have sustained our school community and ensured our journey of improvement has not faltered,

Brannel School is a truly wonderful place to work and learn. As you will know, plans are in place to keep our community as safe as possible on our return in January and I thank you in advance for your support with the in school Covid testing as well as for continuing the twice weekly lateral flow testing at home. All that remains is to wish you all a restful and happy festive season, Nadelik Lowen

Mr Chris Liles, Headteacher

*"What good is the warmth
of summer, without the
cold of winter to give it sweetness."*

John Steinbeck

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Excellence

Pursuit of Academic Excellence

Drama

CV Success for Drama Students

Year 11 Drama students took part in mock interviews and CV writing as part of their BTEC coursework. Students learnt how to apply for a career in Theatre to help develop their interview and application writing skills.

CVs were judged by Miss Lee from the University of Chester. After reading student CVs, Miss Lee said "I wanted to say how well everyone has done with their CVs! I had so much fun reading them all. Well done everyone! If Good Luck with all of your futures!!!"



Hospitality and Catering

It's All About the Bakes

Catering students in Year 11 continued to expand their skills this term. Students learnt how to make rough puff pastry and took the opportunity to experiment with a range of different fillings.

P.E.

Brannel Progress in Cup

In a nail-biting match against Fowey River Academy, The Year 11 Boys Football Team now progress to the next round of the Schools' Cup. It came down to penalties after a tough match left both sides held to a 1-1 draw.

Man of the Match was goalkeeper, Tom!

Careers

Royal Armoured Corps. Visit

The Royal Armoured Corps, which provides the armour capability of the British Army visited Brannel to give students an insight into a career in the military.

Students were set a series of practical challenges to help them understand the types of skill required to pursue a career in the British Army.





*Inspirational Learning
in Science*



Science

Cool Science

When the Science Department re-designed it's curriculum, it decided to launch each Key Stage 3 unit with a special introductory event. This term, Year 7 were introduced to the Kinetic (or Particle) Theory - with the help of some Liquid Nitrogen!



Literacy

North Cornwall Book Festival

In September, a group of Year 8 students visited the North Cornwall Book Festival. They took part in a special workshop with graphic novelist, Joff Winterhart, where they learnt about character creation.



P.E.

County Champions

Our Year 7 Netball Team won every match at the Cornwall School Winter Games to be crowned winners! The team competed against the top schools in the county and never lost a match.

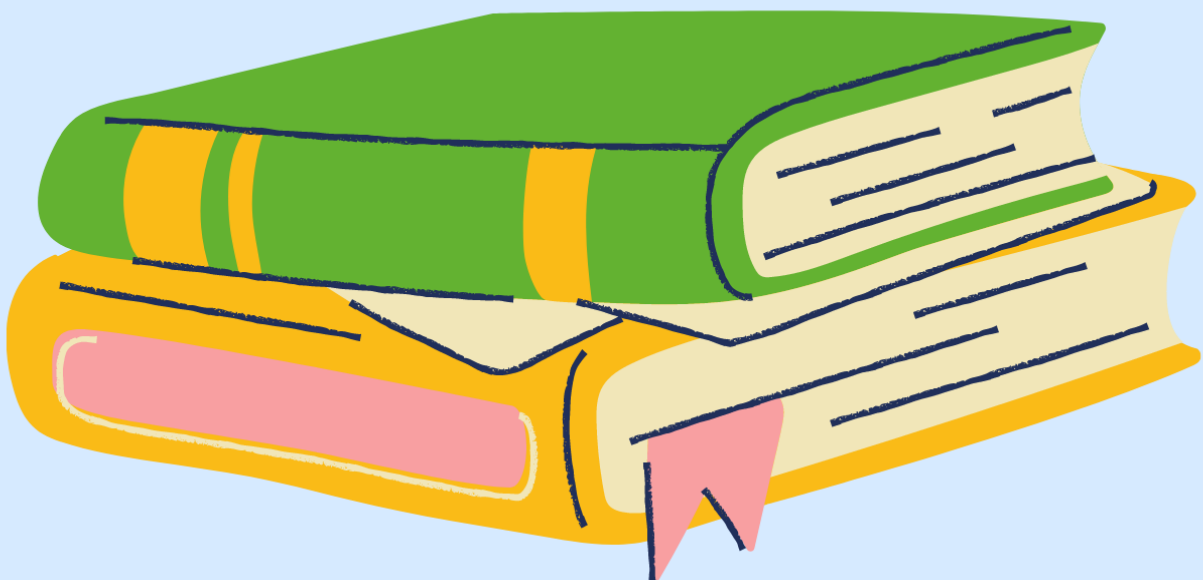


GOT LIBRARY BOOKS?

Bring your library books back

**The more you return, the greater
choice students have**

Drop off your books in the LRC





Creativity

Creative Problem Solving

Biome in a Box

This term, a group of Year 9 students have been building their very own Eden Project, with the help of a horticultural project set up by Cornwall College and Eden Project Learning. The Horticulture Advocates Project, or Hap in a Box, came about after lockdown made it difficult for school visits and projects to continue in the same way.

A series of four challenges are planned throughout the year and the first to construct a Geodesic dome has tested the students' creative problem-solving, communication and team working skills.

Dr. Wagstaffe visited the group recently to see how students were progressing with the first challenge. She said "HAP in a Box is an excellent fit with Brannel's project-based learning approach. I'm very impressed with the students' enthusiasm and the progress they've made."





Brannel Challenge

Art and Photography students visit Eden

In November, Art and Photography students in Year 10 took a trip to the Eden Project.



Brannel Challenge

Creative Problem Solving

This term, Year 8 students were challenged to complete a series of STEM tasks during Brannel Challenge.

The sessions were designed to encourage them to work together to overcome a problem, to work under pressure and manage their time to complete the challenges. Students created bridges, bionic arms, transport systems and boats in small teams. They also tried their hand at code-breaking.



Be the BEST that you can be





Drama

Lights, Camera, Drama

As part of their BTEC Drama course, Year 10 students were asked to create their own interpretations of the play 'ASBO', which deals with the interactions between people from different generations.

The performance pieces took place in the Bell Theatre and students were able to incorporate the use of set and props into their scenes.





The Show Must Go On!

This term, Year 10 Music students performed in the Bell Theatre as part of their course. Students were tasked with organising everything from the lights and sound to equipment and performances.

The performances would have usually taken place during the annual Christmas Fayre, but this year, the students entertained their peers in Year 9, who are contemplating studying Music next year.

Music Technician, Mr Morrell said “We have some very talented musicians with some excellent band performers. It was a welcome opportunity for our students to be able to perform to a live audience, as for many, it has been difficult to do over the past year.”





BRANNEL SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAMME

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Interested in
joining us?**

Contact Mrs Hocking
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WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Supporting students reading
- One-2-one reading
- Starting a book club

Training, support and travel
expenses provided for all
volunteers



Community

Serving Others



Eco Committee

Winter Beach Clean

Members of our Eco Committee took part in litter picks during November at school and on Fistral Beach.

Students noticed that the amount of litter collected on the beach was far less than the beach clean they did in the summer. The Eco Committee is now looking at ways to tackle littering on beaches during peak season when Cornwall has more visitors.

The Eco Committee is also looking at ways to help reduce litter at school, by introducing more recycling bins.

Charity

Shoeboxes for the Homeless

Students have been filling shoeboxes with gifts and essential items ready for Christmas. Shoeboxes for the Homeless is a local project that helps to distribute boxes to homeless people around Christmas time.

The idea to get involved came from Summer in Year 7, who wanted to spread the Christmas cheer!



We Need Your Help!

We are looking for Literacy Volunteers help our students to have fun developing their reading and communication skills. You will work with students on a one-2-one basis or with a small group of 2-3.

- WE give you training, support and travel expenses.
- YOU give your time and regular commitment.

YOU get the pleasure of making a real difference to a young person's life.

We are also looking to develop a programme of Community Literacy Champions with parents, local people or local groups who are keen to run literacy projects in our community. This might involve anything from dads' book groups to local poetry nights to community book swaps - all ideas are welcome!

For more information visit the [Volunteering](#) page of our school website.

Charity

Movember

Mr Morrell, Mr Webb, Mr Makepeace and Mr Trudgian grew moustaches for Movember to raise awareness of men's health.



Community

Remembrance Day

On 11 November, the school fell silent to mark Remembrance Day. Students took part in a service, with members of cadet branches invited to wear their uniforms to school. Matthew in Year 11 did an outstanding job of playing The Last Post on the Bugle.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Brannel School at the memorial in St Stephen.





Eco Committee

Discussing the Environment with Simon Reeve

Four members of our school's Eco Committee attended the Green Shoots Conference at Truro Cathedral in October. The event was hosted by Truro and Penwith College and highlighted the opportunities within Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for skills, careers and business growth in a green and sustainable way. They were excited to meet the keynote speaker Simon Reeve and discuss what we are doing as a school to become greener.

ParentPay Notice



Due to concerns for the health and safety of our staff and students, we would like to encourage parents to pay for school meals using ParentPay in the New Year.

If you need to set up ParentPay, contact the school office for an activation code:

(01726) 822485

enquiries@brannel.com



"We believe in zero stigma around mental health. We want mental health to be openly discussed and supported. Together, we're creating a learning environment where everyone can thrive."

Mr Richards





Pastoral

Hello Yellow

For World Mental Health Day, we encouraged students and staff to wear yellow. People sported a splash of yellow, to show that they are not alone with their mental health.

Brannel Challenge

Tree Planting

Year 7 tutor groups have been planting trees on the school site after receiving a donation of tree from the Woodland Trust.

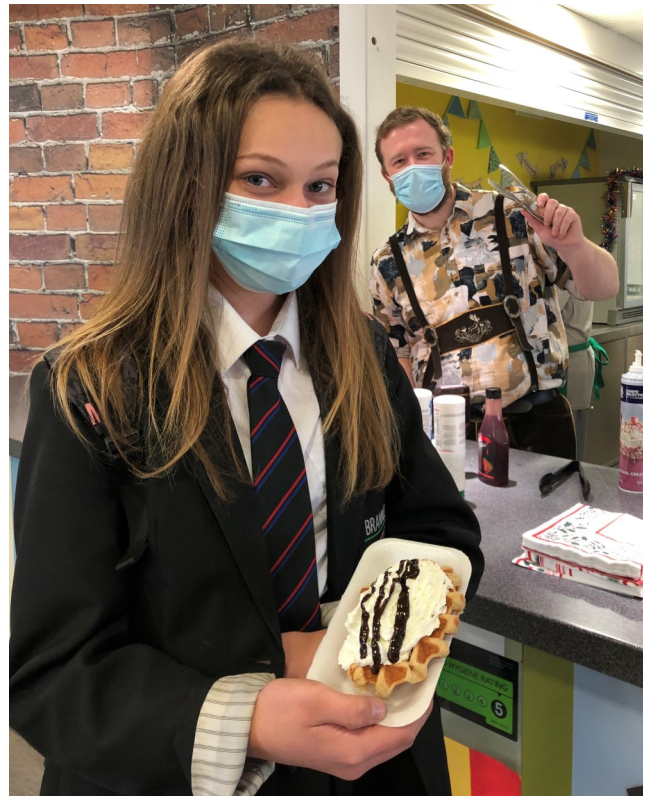
Trees are being planted around the outside of the 3G Pitch as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.



Canteen

Around the World this Christmas

Throughout December the canteen offered students the chance to enjoy Christmas lunches and festive treat from different countries.



"The fondest memories are made gathered around a table"

Alumni News

Youngest Parish Councillor in the U.K.

We are pleased to share news from one of our alumni members, Josh Eyre, who left Brannel in 2019.

Josh was an enthusiastic and committed Chair of the School Council during his time at school and has recently been elected as a member of St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Councillor.

At 18 years old, he is believed to be the youngest parish councillor in the U.K.!





Christmas
Jumper
Day 2021

"Nadelik Lowen
ha Blydhen Nowydh Da"

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

