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Snapshots from Brannel School

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Welcome to Brannel School's Spring Term Newsletter



“Nadelik Lowen”

Happy Easter

from everyone at Brannel School!



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Pursuit of Academic Excellence

Year 7 Awards

Year 7 Awards Celebrate Students

Miss Wherry, Head of Year 7, celebrated the end of term with an awards ceremony. The awards were presented to students in a number of special categories including: kindness, behaviour, helpfulness as well as progress in literacy.



Be the best
you can be

P.E.

Year 11 Football Victory

Well done to our Year 11 Boys Football Team who celebrated a 3-0 win against Truro School.

The Man of the Match was Bailey, who defended brilliantly against an England striker!





P.E.

Sports Leaders Shine

Year 10 Sports Leaders did an excellent job in representing the school at the Snell Cup.

The leaders helped to referee and umpire matches, organise the schedule and generally help to ensure the event ran smoothly.

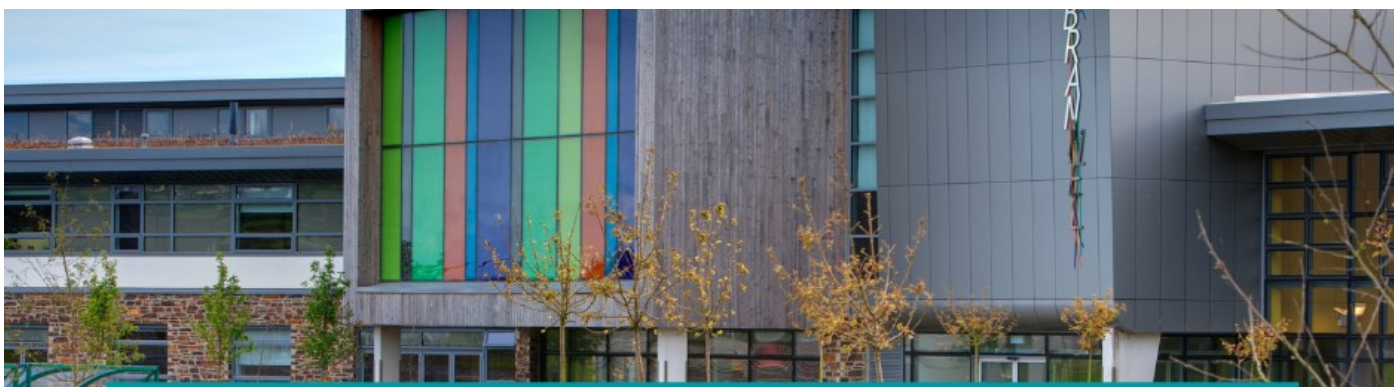
They're looking forward to being involved again at the next primary sports event in May.

Maths

The Pi Life

To mark Pi Day, Mr Blizzard set students a challenge to memorise Pi to as many decimal places as possible. Sam, from Year 9, managed to recite Pi to 110 decimal places, which looks like this:

3.1415926535 8979323846 2643383279
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BRANNEL SCHOOL PROPOSED EXPANSION CONSULTATION EVENT



We are delighted to have been offered the opportunity to work with Cornwall Local Authority to expand Brannel School. Demand for places at Brannel has steadily increased over the last few years.

As part of the consultation, Brannel School will be hosting a public event on
Tuesday 26th April at the school.



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These Girls Can!

Girls sport has seen some great successes to celebrate this term. In particular, our girls football and cricket teams have done exceedingly well in competitions.

Our U12 Girls Football Team has made it to the Cornwall Schools Cup final, which will be played at the start of the summer term.

The interest in girls football has risen over the past year and in March we held a special girls football event to encourage more girls to try the sport.

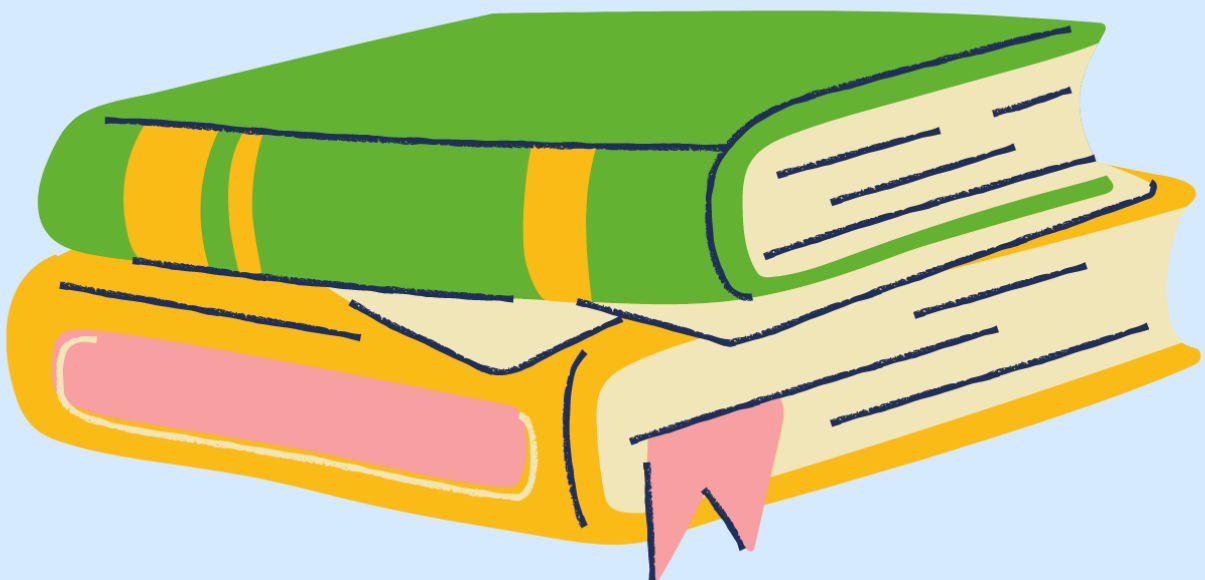


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Creativity

Creative Problem Solving

Careers

STEM Space Challenge

In March, Year 9 students participated in a STEM rocket building competition with Next Steps South West.

Students worked together in small teams to construct a rocket that was 'launched'. The height of the rockets was then calculated using equations.

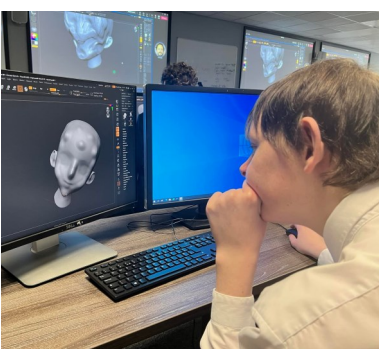
Some of the rockets were very impressive, with some hitting the sports hall ceiling!



Careers

Animation in Falmouth

A group of our art students had the opportunity to visit Falmouth University and Falmouth Art Gallery, to learn more about animation. Students took part in stop-motion animation and graphics workshops before taking a tour of the gallery's animation exhibition.





English

World Book Day

Brannel School celebrated the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day by encouraging students to discover their love for reading all year round.

Staff and students dressed in some incredibly creative costumes based on their favourite fictional characters, with students playing a giant game of character bingo. There were heroes, villains, animals and magical creatures!

There were literacy activities in the library at break and lunch time including challenges and book swaps.

Throughout the day, short stories were read in tutor groups and lessons to help to open students eyes to different authors and genres.







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



LGBTQ+ Support Group

Launch of new LGBTQ+ Group

Brannel School has been looking at how it can increase support for the LGBTQ+ community. This includes providing an inclusive education and to ensure all children are given a safe and supportive environment to learn and understand what LGBTQ rights are through our PHSE programme, and the recent development of the LGBTQ+ support group.

The support group is open to all those who identify as LGBTQ+, and allies of. The group aims to educate on LGBTQ+ matters, provide support and a safe space for students to express themselves as part of an LGBTQ+ inclusive education. The group meets once a fortnight at lunch time with key members of trained LGBTQ+ staff.

Extra Curricular

New Boxing Club

Thanks to funding from Active Cornwall, Brannel has been able to set up a new boxing club for students.

The club meets every week on Mondays after school with coaches from Newquay Boxing Club on hand to develop students' fitness and skills.



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-to-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.

Primary School Sport

The Snell Cup Returns!

It was fantastic to welcome the primary schools back for the Snell Cup after restrictions saw it cancelled for the past two years.

Congratulations to St Stephen Churchtown, who won the netball and football competitions and it was also wonderful to see so many budding sports stars shine during the event.



Local Volunteering

Tree Planting at St Stephen Beacon

In January, a group of students visited St Stephen Beacon to plant 60 trees with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. The land in Foxhole is being transformed into a natural habitat for local wildlife. Students planted a range of oak and silver birch saplings and plan to return later in the year for maintenance and to check their progress.



Celebrating other cultures

Year of the Tiger

On 1st February, we celebrated Chinese New Year with a special lunch in the canteen.

Students' chopsticks skills were put to the test and the meal was finished off with pineapple fritters.





Charity Fundraising

Day for Ukraine

On the last day of term, Brannel held a special non-school uniform day to help raise funds for people in need from Ukraine. We collected £568 for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal through donations and a bake sale. Students wore blue and yellow to represent the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

Earlier in the term, students were taught about the crisis in Ukraine during tutor time and students decided that they wanted to help in some way by raising money and helping those in need.



BRANNEL SCHOOL COMMUNITY CINEMA

FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 7PM
FANTASTIC BEASTS:
THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE (12A)

FRIDAY 20TH MAY, 7PM
THE LOST CITY (12A)

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE, 7PM
DR STRANGE IN THE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS (12A)



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Primary Cluster Schools

D-I-S-C-O

After a two-year hiatus, we were very happy to welcome pupils from the local primary schools to our annual disco event. It was fantastic to meet the Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Stephen Churchtown, St Dennis, Roche, Whitemoor, Nanpean and Foxhole.



Young Carers Group

Young Carers Action Day

The Brannel Young Carers Group organised their own bake sale at school to help raise funds for their activities.

The group meet on a regular basis to do activities during lunch breaks as well as trips out of school.

They recently met to make smoothies and decorate biscuits in the cookery room.





Charity Work

Maya is Making a Difference

We were proud to find out that Maya in Year 10 has been working hard in her spare time to collect and pack shoeboxes to be sent to Poland.

The shoeboxes contain essential items for Ukrainian refugees such as: toiletries, hats, gloves, torches and plasters.

Maya does this all in her spare time and plans to continue to do so for however long this support is needed.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Caleb lends a hand in Reception

Part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award involves volunteering and Caleb, who is currently working towards his Silver award, has decided to volunteer at school.

During lunch times, Caleb lends a hand in the school office, helping with admin jobs and assisting students.

Staff have said how helpful and friendly he is behind the reception desk.



Extra-curricular

New Club is a Bit Hit

A new club for Year 7 students has proved to be very popular this term.

The club is held every Thursday lunch time by Miss Collins and is a chance for students to socialise whilst doing various craft activities such as origami and card making.

All students in Year 7 are welcome to come along or simply pop in to say hello.

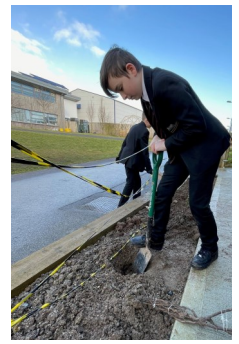


Duke of Edinburgh Award Activities

Students in Year 9 and 10 have begun working towards their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards. This has involved some planning to decide on their skill, volunteering and physical activity choices.

Year 9 Bronze Award students took part in a team-building session in preparation for their expedition later in the year and students have been out and about in St Stephen, doing weekly litter picks.

At school, the Duke of Edinburgh students have been maintaining the Eco Patch and looking after the animals as well as helping to create a new Jubilee Garden area.



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