



Parent Newsletter

Spring Term 4 – Wednesday 1st February 2023

We are all enjoying the lengthening days and the brighter weather. This week we had a visit from county to audit the school's safeguarding procedures. It went very well, and our visitor enjoyed talking to some of the older children about their experiences in school, as well as seeing the children and adults outside at lunchtime. Mrs Porter has taken on the role of co-ordinator of lunchtimes, and one of the actions she has undertaken – with Mr Evans - is to organise the use of the lunchtime equipment. It is lovely to see the children enjoying all the lunchtime toys that are available, in a respectful way. That means they are put away at the end of sessions to be enjoyed again the next day.

Many more children have been wearing the appropriate school uniform, and we would again ask you to encourage all of your children to follow the Mayfield dress code.

Paula Ayliffe and Sarah Stepney

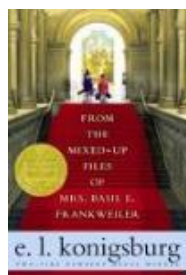
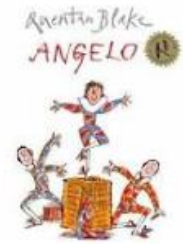
Book Recommendations

Each month, we will recommend some books available from our school library for you to borrow. Our wonderful librarian, Mrs Le Vann, has made today's recommendations. Why not come and visit the library and check them out!

1. Angelo by Quentin Blake

Short picture books for children tend to cover one incident or theme, but Angelo is like an epic narrative with back stories for all of its characters. There are escape adventures and wicked uncles and acrobatics and beautiful costumes for boys and girls.

This book can be found in the back right section of the A&B picture books.



2. From The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

This medium-length novel asks one of the best what if? questions. What if... you could run away from home to go and live in one of the most beautiful places on earth? A brother and sister hide out in the New York City Metropolitan Museum of Art, avoiding security guards, and getting mixed up in a mystery about a priceless sculpture.

This book can be found in longer novels under K.

Year 3 Bake Sale - Friday 3rd February

On Friday 3rd February Year 3 will be holding their bake sale with sweet and savoury goodies to buy. All dietary requirements will be catered for, as long as those goods are donated. The sale will take place in the infant playground from 3.15pm. Goods will be sold from 50p each and it is cash only. Proceeds will go towards class budgets for extra learning resources. We look forward to seeing you there.

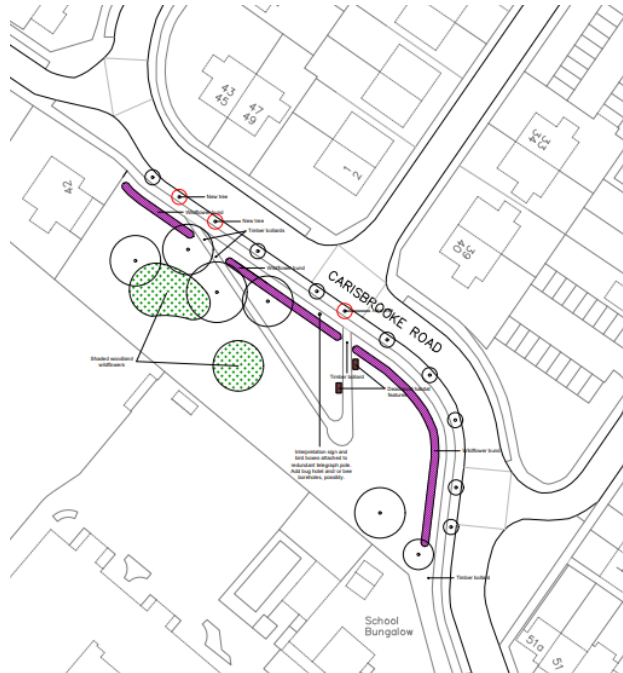
Dogs on School Premises

A reminder that dogs are **not** allowed on school premises, including the car park area, with the exception of guide dogs and hearing dogs. If you do leave your dog outside the grounds please tie them up well away from gateways as many small children are easily frightened by dogs.

Biodiversity Project on Carisbrooke Road

Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the application to create a biodiversity project on the green space outside the KS2 gate. There is now a draft proposal which is below. The intention is to consult wider once local community groups and the council are happy with this first draft plan. Implementation of the works would ideally be undertaken in the autumn, to establish the biodiversity elements, e.g. wildflower seeds and invertebrate bank establishment, following learning from other similar works in the City. There is potential to get local voluntary and community involvement through the Community Engagement Team possibly with links to the school for elements such as tree planting.

If you have any comments or suggestions please email James Ogle at the City Council: James.Ogle@cambridge.gov.uk



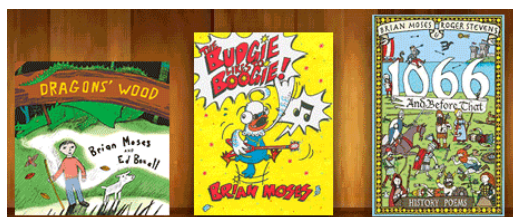
Online safety

Each fortnight we will be sending an attachment with some information and updates to support you with talking to your children and managing their online safety. This week's leaflet is about how to manage your children's screen time.

Author Visit

In the week beginning **Monday 20th February**, all children will have a workshop with Brian Moses (<http://www.brianmoses.co.uk/index.html>). Each session will involve some poetry & percussion, plus a Q&A and a writing activity.

Children will then explore his poems further during Book week (27th Feb-3rd March) alongside many other exciting events that we will share with you shortly and an



opportunity to purchase his latest poetry book.

To enable us to proceed with this opportunity, we ask for small donation of £2 per child payable on parent pay. More details on this author are available at

www.brianmoses.co.uk

Looking for new book to read? Check out these recommendations from the reading teacher. It includes Brian Moses' new poetry book! Can't wait for his workshop.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JF6oXi0leHM>

Dates for the Diary	
3rd February	Year 3 Bake Sale
13th – 17th February	Spring Half Term
20th February	Brian Moses author visit

