



March 2019

SCHOOL UP-DATE

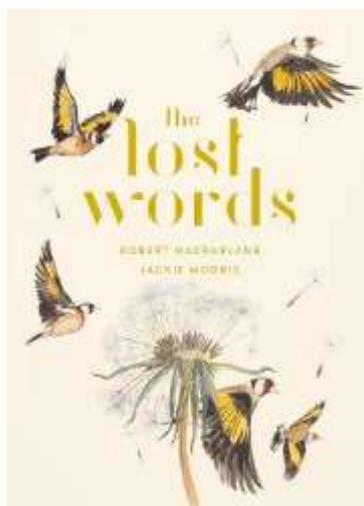
First of all, we want to say thank you for all the amazing fund-raising events so far this academic year. There has been lots of publicity about the state of school budgets, and we have such a tight budget at the moment so we are more grateful than ever for the support from the PFA.

We would like to ask for ongoing support with school resourcing to enable us to work on exciting, creative projects and to support the children's learning in the classroom.

ART ATTACK...

We have used the money from the last Art Attack event to fund the resourcing of our next Day 10 project, which is linked to the book, 'The Lost Words'. The money has enabled us to buy a range of art materials, and to buy materials for the home learning project which will support the unit.

We have planned a really exciting unit which will involve our children learning more about the natural world all around us, through nature walks, poetry and art. We will finish with a Gallery Event on July 3rd, and this will include an auction of artwork by staff and children. We hope we will raise some money, and we would like to ask for support with refreshments.



The Lost Words- a response from Brigstock



In 2007, when a new edition of the Oxford Junior Dictionary – widely used in schools around the world – was published, a sharp-eyed reader soon noticed that around forty common words concerning nature had been dropped.

'The Lost Words' by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris was created in response to this, as a way of raising awareness of the importance of keeping these words in our language, and of the importance of understanding and appreciating our natural environment.

We are raising awareness of the importance of nature and of all the beautiful vocabulary associated with our natural environment. We have made you a special book to celebrate our natural world. We hope that you will include drawings, photos, nature trails, labels, poems, paintings, pressed flowers, pictures... or just beautiful words. We want your book to be a celebration of our natural environment and for you to be as creative as possible with your presentation.

Please have your book in school EVERY WEDNESDAY, so that we can see the work as it progresses. We will also have some time in school to add to your book.

All the books will be judged at the end of the unit, and prizes will be awarded.



CAREERS EVENT- MARCH 20TH

Thank you for your support with this event, which should be a really wonderful opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 children. With 22 adults at the event, it is much appreciated to have refreshments at this event provided by our PFA.

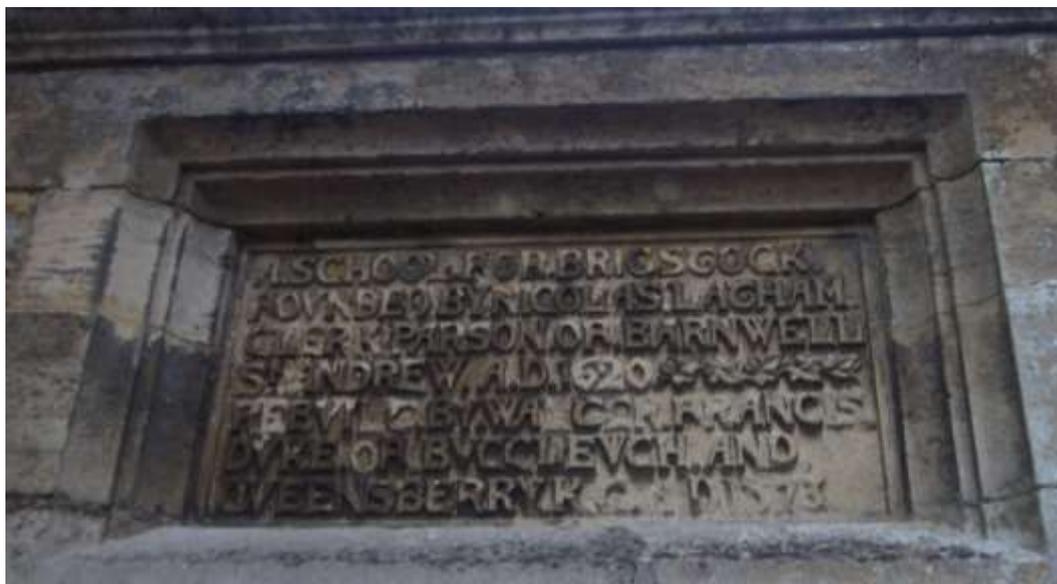
GARDEN UP-DATE

We have now cleared the garden space to the point where we are getting quotes in for the levelling and installation of an outdoor classroom. Four companies have visited, and we will share the quotes and plans as soon as they are in. We are hopeful that we will be able to have a classroom that can seat a whole class and enable us to use the garden year-round. We will then develop the rest of the garden space around this, and we will ask the children to draw up plans for this in the Day 10 unit after the summer holiday. We hope to develop the garden as a quiet learning space that can be used by all year groups, and it is such an exciting project for the school.



400 YEARS OF SCHOOLING IN BRIGSTOCK

We are really excited to start thinking about the anniversary to mark 400 years of schooling in Brigstock in 2020. We would like to do a range of projects to mark this exciting occasion, and hope that we can have an official opening of our garden to mark the event. We would like to put together a committee of people to help in the planning of this event, and ask for PFA representatives...



EASTER EVENTS

- Easter Fayre- this will be run by the children, as part of the end of our 'DT Day 10' project. The children will share their DT projects, and there will be games to play, activities to try...and a raffle (Rosie?!). This event will be instead of the Art Attack, but we would like to request a couple of 'Art Attack' tables to add to the event. School will run the café and refreshments as this has been part of their Food Technology project.
- Easter bonnets and parade- April 5th at 9.15am, with prizes from the PFA...followed by Easter Egg hunt- thank you, Rosie...

Future events...

JULY 3RD- GALLERY EVENT, linked to 'The Lost Words'- we will have an auction of artwork, and would appreciate refreshments.

LEAVERS- Books and a contribution to their class treat- we will communicate about this nearer the time.

Thank you so much for all your time, effort and support for our school.