



Branston Bulletin: 19.04.24



This week's events...

Welcome back to BJA, for the Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. Whilst school was closed to children, it became very busy for Mr Bore our Caretaker, as we had several jobs done – a tree was cut down, some minor areas in school were repaired, our front door was fixed (so hopefully won't be so hard to open!) and the front playground was worked on so the three planters have had new walls put round them and the small seating area has been removed.

Our topic this term is 'The Olympics' so we will be learning about Ancient Greece. This term also sees our Year 4 children participating in the national online 'times tables' check and our Year 6 children completing their SATs tests. Sports will feature heavily this term with our usual two Sports Days – one is internal (field events) and one we invite parents to watch (track events). We will also have many other sporting events and tournaments for children to participate in - this week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children attended a multi-skills event.

Useful information on our website

Please go to our website: www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk where you will find lots of useful information.

Under the 'Parents' tab, you will find information about:

- Information and events to support families
- Mobile phones
- Second hand uniform
- Holiday / Medical Appointments
- Useful 'Letters and Forms'
- Your School Lottery

Under the 'Curriculum' tab, you will find lots of useful information about how to help your child with their learning.

This page:

<https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/local%20events.asp> has information on a whole range of local events.

Diary dates:

- **Ground Force Day** – Saturday 27th April. 10am-2pm
- **Bank Holiday** - Monday 6th May
- **Year 6 SATs** – Week commencing 13th May
- **Year 6 cycle proficiency** – 20th and 21st May
- **Year 2's visiting BJA** – Thursday 23rd May
- **Summer Term 1 ends** – Friday 24th May
- **Summer Term 2 starts** – Monday 3rd June
- **Sports Day** - Friday 14th June (pm)

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior](#) (branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.

Other items to note:

New School Crossing Patrol

Exciting news! One of our parents has been accepted as the new Crossing Patrol to be on Station Road outside BJA! **They start on the afternoon of 22nd April.** Huge, huge thanks to all those of you who kept getting in contact with various people to highlight our need – it is very much appreciated.

Ground Force Day

Our Ground Force Day is next Saturday (27th April) from 10am to 2pm. Please do spread the word and come if you are able to help out – we have much to do! We have had help from Andrew (a local gardener), and one of our parents (Mr Lewis) has created a superb design and lots of plant ideas. We have ordered various items from Pearson's Nursery which should arrive in school on Friday 26th. With thanks to another of our parents (Mr Gray), we have some railway sleepers being donated to school, so we can demarcate paths with them. With thanks to Ann-Marie from Tesco (no links to BJA other than living in Branston) she is donating compost, seeds and plants as well as coming to the Ground Force Day to help. With thanks to Neil from Jewson's 'Community Project', we are getting some more wood to use in the area. We will be making bug hotels out of wooden pallets, putting some new benches into the area, planting plants, making pathways and sowing seeds....so we need as many people as possible who can help us. You are all most welcome to come....and bring extra people with you!

Cycling Proficiency

A letter has come out asking for adult support with the Year 6 Cycle proficiency. So far I have two parents able to help (thankyou), but do need at least 1 (if not 2) more to then be able to offer the sessions to our Year 6 children. If you can help, please complete the slip and return it to school.

Raising money for St Barnabas

At the end of our 2023 Christmas Fair, we donated any unsold items to St Barnabas. So far these items have helped them to raise £124.49.....so thank you (again) to all those who donated items for that event.