



Branston Bulletin

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Welcome to the Branston Bulletin!

I can't believe my first week at Branston Junior Academy is over already! The first week has flown by and all the children and staff have been most welcoming.

It is my intention for the Branston Bulletin to be a 'one stop shop' for news about the wonderful learning and events that have taken place in school, reminders of key information, diary dates, online safety advice but also a place where we can support families to support your children in their learning. As an addition, each week we will hear from the most important members of our school, the children! As the bulletin develops, I hope that you will find it informative and useful.

Our School Week

This week the children have returned to school full of smiles and laughter.

Across this week your children have been undertaking different types of learning. It's been a pleasure to be in and around your children in their lessons. From Aztecs and tennis, to swimming and short division, your children have applied themselves with dedication and resilience to their learning.

Pupil Voice

Amy Y3 – 'I really enjoyed tennis; it was so much fun!'

Jack Y4 – 'I really enjoyed learning about the Aztecs and how they used chocolate!'

Tom Y5 – 'Maths was good this week. I learnt a new skill, short division which I've not done before.'

Poppy Y6 – 'Creating a timeline about the Aztecs was fun, I used my skills in drawing to help me.'



Budding historians and sports stars seem to be amongst this week!



Well done to everyone for a fantastic first week back!

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Whole class photos** – Tuesday 4th March
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 6th March
- **Non-Uniform Day for chocolate raffle** – Friday 7th March
- **Parents Evening** – Thursday 13th March
- **Red Nose Day** – Friday 21st March
- **Year 3/4 Chocolate WOW Day!** - Monday 24th March
- **Year 5/6 Chocolate WOW Day!** - Tuesday 25th March
- **Spring Term 2 ends** – Friday 4th April

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - Branston Junior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.



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.

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip'

How to support your child's online wellbeing

For this week's tip, a shout-out to Lincolnshire's Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who have launched a podcast to promote positive mental health for children and young people! It is now available on several platforms including Spotify and Google Podcasts. The #MHSTpodcast includes useful hints, tips and activities.

In the most recent parent podcast, we are joined by special guest Dan to consider how best to support your child's online wellbeing. We talk about technology's impact on our wellbeing, popular social media apps, AI and provide parents with some top tips for support their child's online wellbeing.

<https://tinyurl.com/55ca4k4d>

Social media Snapchat: guidance for parents and carers - Stay Safe Partnership

A useful tip this week for parents and carers who have older children over the age of 13 (the age rating of Snapchat) comes from Lincolnshire's 'Stay Safe Partnership'. This has been written to help parents and carers gain an understanding of Snapchat's uses and to provide guidance on how to set up parental controls using Snapchat's family centre.

This includes a discussion of the risks to young people who use Snapchat and a **video on how to set up parental controls through Snapchat's family centre.**:

<https://tinyurl.com/2nwxj3yy>