



## Branston Bulletin

4.04.25

Welcome to the Branston Bulletin!

It seems like only yesterday I was writing to you to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Branston Junior Academy. Yet here I am writing the final bulletin for this term. Thank you to the whole community of BJA who have welcomed me with great kindness and with understanding. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know your children and to support them to become the best learners and young people they can be. It has been such a busy term and I hope that you and your family enjoy time together during the Easter holiday. Please remember we return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you so much to all our children and families for the support you gave our Easter Raffle. From the donations to the purchasing of raffle tickets the event was very well supported. There were many smiling faces where children had a raffle ticket with their name on it drawn. I hope the children really enjoy the Easter treats they won and just as importantly an impressive **£502!** These funds will be ploughed straight back into your child's education and experience here at BJA.



### Netball

Our netball team has continued to take advantage of the fine weather with an impressive 10-6 win over the Meadows. Well done to all the children who took part.



### Lanyards

You may notice that the staff at BJA have new green lanyards. As we continue to strengthen our safeguarding procedures you can be assured that anyone with a green lanyard has been DBS checked and is employed by the school to work in regulated activity with the children. We have even added photographs so our community can be assured the name on the badge is the person they are speaking to.



## Our Pupil Voice

**Stanley Y3** – ‘I really enjoyed my art this week. I used paint.’

**Isla Y4** – ‘I enjoyed doing hundreds and thousands numbers in maths.’

**Kaycie Y5** – ‘I really enjoyed SPAG this week. We have been learning about clauses.’

**Kieran Y6** – ‘The Easter raffle was fun! I won an egg and it came with a chocolate bar. It was delicious.’



The Easter raffle was certainly wonderful to see this week with so many smiling faces!!

## Mr Thornton's Book Corner



*Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim discovers why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time.*

*Running for their lives, Sim and his friends are determined to outwit the sinister Council of Keys and be the first to find Nefertiti's lost tomb and a powerful door to Ancient Egypt. They must piece together long-hidden clues if they are to solve the mystery of her golden heart scarab. Can they find it before the Council finds them?*

Thank you for reading the Branston Bulletin across this term and if you feel there is any other information you would like then please do not hesitate to contact myself at school and I am always happy to listen to new ideas.

Have a lovely holiday!

Mr Thornton

Headteacher



### Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Spring Term 2 ends today** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- **Summer Term 1 begins** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- **Bank Holiday** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- **SATs Week** – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May
- **Year 6 Bikeability** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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



### Useful information on our website

Please go to our website:

[www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](http://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'

#### **Parental Top Tips for guiding children in their interaction with AI chatbots**

This week's tip arrives as an interesting (and thought provoking) article written by Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership: the rise of AI has been widely publicised and praised; there are many benefits that it can bring, including educational benefits for children. With any use of technology, there comes responsibility; the Stay Safe Partnership have written a guide for parents about the potential risks of AI chatbots to children. This can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/42kzjsp4>

