



Branston Bulletin

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Branston Junior Academy 5Rs – Resilience, Reflection, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships

Our week in school

This week started with our assembly where we focused on how we build positive relationships. We talked about being kind, trustworthy, empathetic and if things do go wrong, which they will, how reconcile and mend our relationships. The children thought of many examples where relationships and friendships had been a big help to them, and they could also think of times when their relationships had been hurt sometimes and how they went about fixing this. Building positive relationships with all people is a key value of our school and I was thrilled to see our children engaging well in this discussion on this important topic.



Clubs

Clubs have restarted this week and we have been really thrilled with the uptake. The children have enjoyed Art, Multi-Sports, Netball, football, street dance and homework club. Already **195** spaces have been filled at these clubs showing that BJA really does offer a wide range of enrichment activities that children are interested in. And of course, there will be more to enrichment activities happening across the rest of the school year!

(Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Relationships)

Open Evening

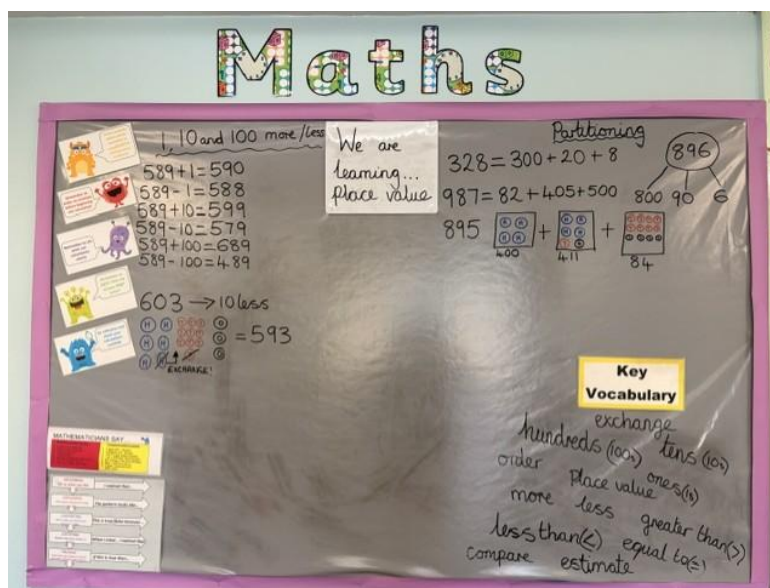
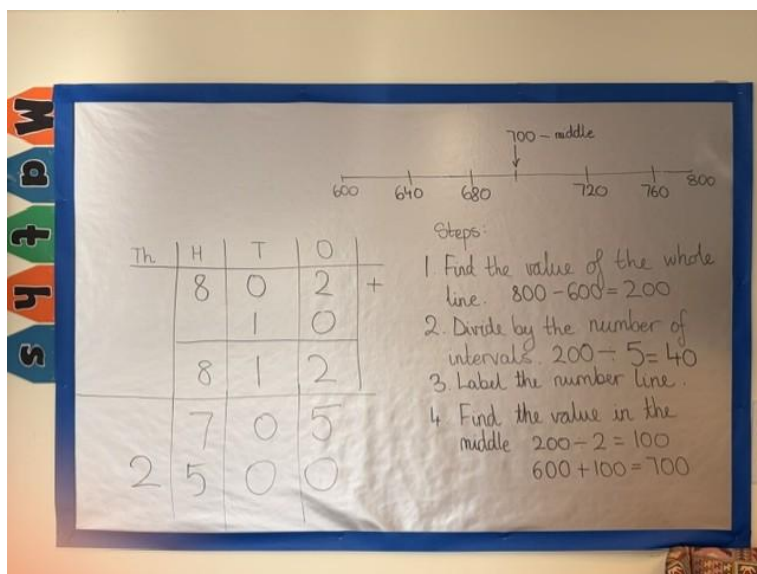
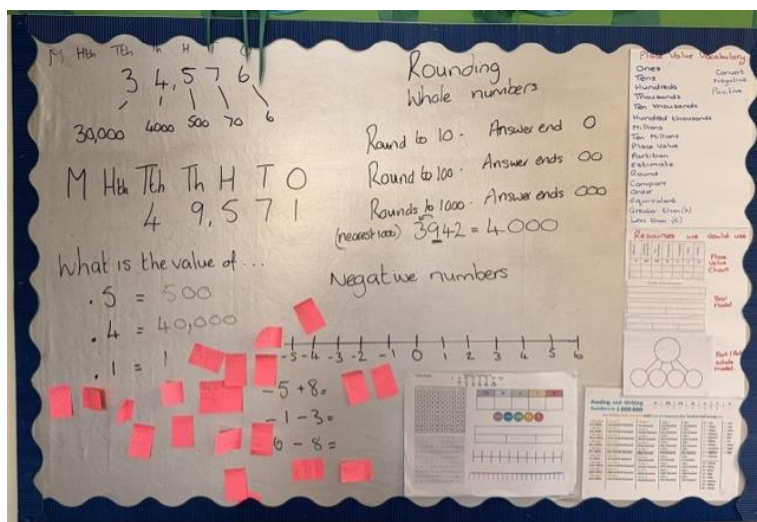
On Wednesday we were thrilled to welcome prospective new families to our school for our open evening for the September 2027 intake of children. The event was well attended, and families came to hear from school leaders, look at our lovely classrooms and see some learning happening and play on the very exciting outdoor equipment we are proud to have available. A special thank you must go out to our House Captains who talked and to our potential new families and really demonstrated how this school helps grow fantastically rounded and mature young people.



Displays

Here at BJA we are always proud of the way that we reflect on our teaching and learning to continue to make our education provision the most impactful it can be. When you come into our classrooms you will notice the bright and cheery displays which make the room feel like a classroom. But look closely and you

will see that all of the displays in school serve a purpose. The staff work very hard to create displays which support children in their learning, inspire them to read and be interested in the learning they are undertaking. I'm sure we would all agree that this provides a wonderful support to young learners, enabling them to independently find support when learning becomes 'tricky'.



Uniform and the Uniform Swap Shop

Please remember to label your child's uniform as this helps us to return uniform to its owner. However, I wanted to make you aware of two other places where uniform exists in school. Firstly, we have our uniform swap shop. These are clothes that are freely available to families. These clothes are often new and have been donated to us by families who had bought uniform previously for their children, but it was never worn. Please feel free to come to school and take a look to see if there is anything which may be of use. Secondly, we do have a lost property box in school. This is for uniform that has been recently 'lost' but has no name in it. If you think that your child may have lost an item do come to school and have a look!



School Reminders

Parking and turning in the driveway at the beginning and end of the school day is to be discouraged. At these times our children, and the children of Branston Community Academy, are walking to school and therefore manoeuvring in this area is dangerous. Thank you for helping to keep all our community safe.

Illness and School Attendance

As we move into the time of year when coughs, colds and minor illnesses become more common, please remember that regular attendance is still important for children. Children with mild coughs, sniffles or the common cold can normally come to school and we will care for them while they learn. Please keep children at home and contact us if they have a high temperature, vomiting, diarrhoea, severe breathing difficulties, or a contagious infection diagnosed by a GP. When in doubt, call us — we will work with you to balance your child's health with the importance of being in class and progressing with their learning.

[\(Responsibility, Resilience\)](#)

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



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Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Tuesday 6th Oct** – Helping your children with their learning parent sessions (start 15:30, more information to follow)
- **Monday 12th Oct** – Flu Immunisation
- **Tuesday 13th Oct** – Year 3 Parent drop in session
- **Wednesday 14th Oct** - Halloween Film (Information to follow)
- **Thursday 15th Oct** – Harvest Festival (Information to follow)
- **Friday 16th Oct** – Autumn Term 1 Ends
- **Monday 2nd Nov** – Autumn Term 2 Starts

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Calendar' section <https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/parents/calendar/> 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.

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip' -

BJA Family Computing Acceptable Use Policy - a reminder & forthcoming social media ban for under 16s

Dear families,

By now, you'll have received an email from school with an attachment named, '**BJA Family Computing Acceptable Use Policy**'. It's been written to help ensure that all children understand what is expected of them in keeping themselves and other BJA children safe and happy when online for school work, or related tasks.

To repeat what I wrote last week, if you could read through with your child, particularly paragraph 2 ('Chat Functions'), I'd be most appreciative; **it really is important that we all uphold our school values whether in real life, or online; in, or out of school.**

I'll also leave you with some welcome news: as you may be aware, the UK government will be introducing a social media ban for under-16s in the Spring as a means of protecting children online. More information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdehb97m>

