



Branston Bulletin

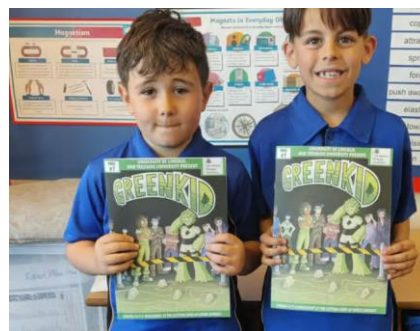
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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I know...I don't know where the time has gone either! It was lovely to see the children return to school on Tuesday smiling and happy. It's a very busy term ahead with lots to look forward to. This summer term is all about experiences and transition. From residentials and activity weeks to shows and changeover days. Each experience brings with it the chance to explore new things and develop our value of resilience. Change is a part of life, and it is important that we expose our children to change and the strategies to deal with all the emotions this brings.

Climate Change Comic Books

We are very fortunate that here at Branston Junior Academy we have been receiving a regular supply of comics from Dr. McElroy. The aim of the comics is to educate children on the effects of climate change and the work being done to create sustainable science-based solutions – but in an inspiring and easily-accessible way. We were recently visited by a journalist and Dr. McElroy who wanted to find out more about the impact of these comics on children. You can read more about this [here](#)



Financial Literacy



I've been really thrilled to see our oldest children begin a piece of work on financial literacy. Whilst not one of the components of the National Curriculum for junior age children we believe that beginning to support children in understanding concepts such as money, loans, statement reading and many other financial concepts is vital to prepare them for dealing with their own finance.

Y5/6 rehearsals

Y5/6 have begun to practice for their end of year show. The show rehearsals have begun and I can already tell that this year's show is going to be wonderful. I haven't seen it yet but I've most certainly heard it!



CIF Bid Success

You may have seen on social media that BJA was successful in applying for a CIF (Condition Improvement Fund) bid from the UK Government. This bid success allows us to make a significant investment in the fabric of the building which will include updating fire doors, fire safety features and other developments which not only contributes to the environment being further updated, but also meets the needs of the times in which we live. The bid success allows us to move forward with my intention to make BJA a modern school for our children, families and community.

Football

This week the football team were playing Heighton Millfield Primary School. On this occasion we came out on the wrong side of the result, but all the players played very well and showed a great attitude to playing and a great attitude in defeat on this occasion.



New School Website

Our new school website is up and running! DO find it here [Home - Branston Junior School](#)
Do have a look at the new website, you might see some faces you recognise! As always thoughts and feedback are always welcome!

Kind regards

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Sports Day** – Friday 13th June from 1.30p.m.
- **Outdoor Activity/PGL** – Weds 18th to Fri 20th June
- **Changeover Day** – Tuesday 24th June
- **Parent Evening Drop In** – Thursday 3rd July
- **Year 5/6 Performance** – Tues 8th and Thurs 10th July
- **Summer Term 2 ends** – Tues 22nd July

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - Branston Junior](#) (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'

Online safety for pre-teens (11-13s) - Advice for Parents and Carers

The ever-excellent internetmatters.org (one of my favourite 'advice' sites for parents/carers) offers a checklist and advice for parents of older primary-aged children. Amongst the advice sits my 'go-to': find the time to sit down together with your child(ren) and discuss online safety on a regular basis. The guidance can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydst6f5y>

