



Branston Bulletin

20.06.25

Dear Families,

How are we all enjoying the sunny weather? Maybe the BBQ is out or even the paddling pool but here at BJA there has been no let-up in the amount of fantastic activities the children have had access to across this past week. To be honest, I'm exhausted just watching the staff and children take part, but what is without doubt is the amount of independence, teamwork, sports skills and perseverance that has been developed across the week has been amazing!

Sports Day

Since my last bulletin we have held our annual Sports day. The weather was kind and staff believe it was a possible record turnout by families supporting their children. The children were grateful for your support and, over the fifty races which took place, your encouragement made the event extra special. The children did a magnificent job of competing and showed great stamina and skill. The children also supported their friends with cheers and clapping. Thank you must also go to the staff and volunteers who enabled the day to take place.

Well done to Polaris for a fantastic Sports day victory!



Residential

Our Year 6 children have taken part in their school residentail. The children have been away for 3 days to PGL Caythorpe where they have taken part in a variety of outward bounds activities. From giant swings to raft building the children have had to work together as a team to overcome challenges and obstacles. Being away from home also increases their independence and maturity and I'm sure you'll notice a difference when the children return, not least for the pile of washing they will bring home with them! Thank you to all the parents for preparing your children for their vist and a big thank you to the staff for giving of their time to support the children to have this experience.



Outdoor Activity Week

While some of our children have been at residential the rest of our school has enjoyed outdoor activity week. The children have enjoyed so many fantastic activities this week including archery, orienteering, frisbee, boxercise, 'glow in the dark' dodgeball and street dance to name but a few. Each of these activities has supported the children to see that exercise is positive for your physical and mental health and allows all our children to try activities they may not have tried before. We all had great fun in the process!



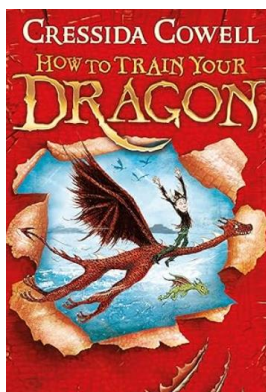
Cheaper mobile phone and broadband packages?

In these times when managing our finances is a key priority for us all, every little helps. We have recently been made aware of this scheme. Follow the link and see if you meet the criteria for cheaper broadband and mobile phone contracts.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/saving-money/social-tariffs>

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

This week we have the book that has inspired the movie. How to train your dragon is a good book for children to read alongside seeing the movie.



In the first How to Train Your Dragon book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!

But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk . . . Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Changeover Day** – Tuesday 24th June
- **Reports out to parents** – Friday 27th June
- **Parent Evening Drop In** – Thursday 3rd July
- **Year 5/6 Performance** – Tues 8th and Thurs 10th July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Tues 22nd July at 10.00 a.m.
- **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>

