



## Branston Bulletin

27.06.25

Dear Families,

It's been another busy week in school. We started the week with our whole school assembly where we continued to reflect on how we build and manage our relationships with others. This week the children discussed scenarios around friendship requests. Our starting point was 'Is it ok if a friend does or says...' The children learnt a lot about keeping themselves safe and how to handle peer pressure. Our understanding of relationships was greatly enhanced by the children's thoughts and opinions.

### Changeover Day

On Tuesday we all took part in changeover day. We all had a days experience of what it will be like to move into our new year groups and classes. We welcomed the new Y3 children into school. All the children engaged in a variety of activities which helped them to better understand their new class and classmates. As well as being a reassuring day for the children to better picture what might lie ahead in September, it was an excellent opportunity to reinforce the message that our feelings do change when we are faced with something new or something different. The children worked hard to understand this and to develop strategies for how we can be positive and confident when faced with change opportunities.



Nowhere was this more evident than on that day when many of our Y6 children went to experience their new secondary school for the first time.

### Parent Governor

Branston Junior Academy needs a new parent governor!

By volunteering to be a school governor you may feel the benefit of the following.

- ✓ Set the strategic direction of your child's school



- ✓ Support the school to reach its goals
- ✓ Help initiate new ideas and projects which in turn will help your child receive the best school experience.
- ✓ Gain useful insight into the working of your school
- ✓ Gain valuable skills in managing people, premises and children's education.
- ✓ A sense of achievement in making a difference to our pupils.

No previous experience of being a governor is needed...just passion and enthusiasm for working with others to make Branston Junior Academy the best it can possibly be! If you are interested in being a Governor, please write a short paragraph about yourself – your skills, any previous relevant history, and why you would like to be considered as a Governor of our school.

**Please email your paragraph to Mr Thornton at [enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk)**

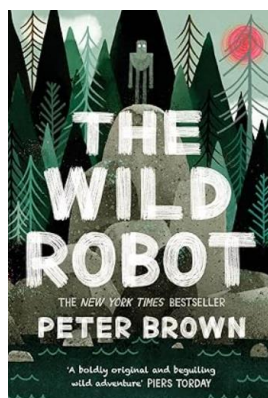
### **Online Safety**

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 which inspired the film 'The Wild Robot'. Both the book and the film are excellent so do investigate both!



*When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive.*

*After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.*

*As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.*

Mr Thornton  
Headteacher



### Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Parent Evening Drop In** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- **Year 5/6 Performance** – Tues 8<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.00 a.m.
- **Summer Term 2 ends** – Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July
- **Autumn Term 1 starts** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

*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'

#### **The UK Safer Internet Centre**

The UK Safer Internet Centre is another free resource that can be accessed from home; their mission is to support parents and carers in their key role of keeping children safe online. Along with offering parents and carers support and guidance through smart phone top tips, they also publish interesting information and raise questions about the purchase of smart speakers, smart TVs and games consoles for children. Another free online with great conversation starting points for you and your children.

The UK Safer Internet Centre for parents can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/32ujpw4d>

