



Branston Bulletin

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Dear Families,

I can't believe another week has flown by as we head towards the last full week of the school year!

Rounders Tournament

On Monday our Y4/5 children took part in a rounders tournament against a number of other schools at Branston Community Academy. With transferrable scatterball skills fresh in their minds our children performed admirably, with one of our teams coming second in the competition. Well done to everyone who took part.

Reading Pledge

We are now proud to be part of the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. Over the course of the coming academic year we will continue to implement new ideas to support our children to not just learn to read, but to gain a love of reading for pleasure. If you are a user of X you might want to follow the English Hub @WSHEnglishHub in order to get hints and tips about how to support your child with their reading. We have followed the English Hub on our school Facebook page so that the hints and tips can be seen by all families.



End of Year Show



Break a leg? They most certainly did! Our Y5/6 children have put on a fantastic production of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' this week. All of the days of practice led to five performances (including the dress rehearsal) across this week. Each performance was delivered with gusto, enthusiasm, talent and often, comic timing, making it such a memorable show for all the audiences. Thank you to all the families who supported the children to have fantastic costumes and a big thank you to the staff who supported the children in enabling such

a fantastic production to be created. Our Y6 children have shown that they are bright, talented and confident young people ready for the next stage of their education. Well done!

Wow day!

Across this term our children have been learning about the 'Extreme Earth'. Friday was



our Wow day. The children took part in a range of activities that linked to survival in extreme earth conditions. We were thrilled to welcome Dylan from The Met Office who spoke to the children about changing weather patterns and climate change. The children also took part in First Aid Training, Compass Navigation and team building activities to help each other survive.

Pupil Voice

Alfie Y3 – ‘I’ve enjoyed learning about venn diagrams’

Isaac Y4 – ‘I enjoyed being part of the rounders team at the tournament. We got to play loads of games.’

Lola Y6 – ‘I have really enjoyed our performances. I loved singing the songs.’

Summer Y6 – ‘I’ve been working hard on creating my adventure story. It has been fun thinking of new ideas.’

Good to see that the children have enjoyed their sporting and creative endeavours this week.

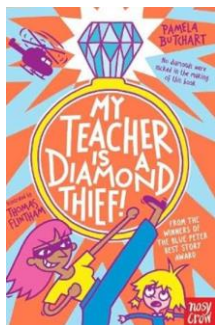
Parent Governor – We are still on the look out!

We need a new parent governor!

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

Mr Thornton’s Book Corner



When Izzy and friends get a new teacher, they are immediately suspicious. Why does she have two computers set up on her desk? Why does she speak Spanish when they're supposed to be doing maths? Why does she have a pink wig and sunglasses in her car? And WHY DOES SHE HAVE A DRAWER FULL OF DIAMONDS?

Because she's an international jewel thief, of course, and MUST BE STOPPED!

Good Attendance = Strong Progress

As we near the end of the year it is important to reflect upon the school year. Attendance at BJA is good, however we do remind families that good attendance creates strong progress. We recognise that pressures on budgets mean that holidays can be cheaper in term time but we are duty bound by government guidance to remind you of the need for your children to be in school. Further information about Attendance procedures for the 25/26 academic year will be coming out soon.

Mr Thornton
Headteacher

Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Tues 22nd July at 10.00 a.m.
- **Summer Term 2 ends** – Tues 22nd July
- **Autumn Term 1 starts** – Thursday 4th September

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](https://www.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'

Think before you share

This week's tech top tip comes from the **Internet Watch Foundation**. Their advice is always solid and provides excellent starting points for discussion between you and your child. As always, the best advice - as recommended by lead professionals, child experts and foundations/institutions such as the Internet Watch Foundation - **is to talk to, and to monitor, your child about their smart phone use** as part of our parental responsibility.

This particular tip is for when you might be worried about what your children are sharing online; get help to talk about it with guidance from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF):

<https://tinyurl.com/uu2u895w>

