

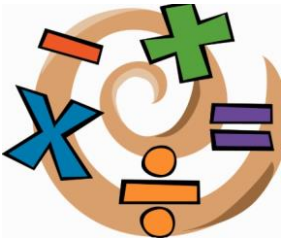


Branston Bulletin

4.07.25

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. This week was all about what is a healthy relationship and how we maintain this? We also reflected on unhealthy relationships, why they are unhealthy, and what we might do to stop our relationships becoming unhealthy.



Maths Carnival

Our Y3 children attended a Maths carnival at Branston Infant Academy on Monday. Despite the searing heat of the day, the children had a great time where they learnt lots about Maths. It also allowed our new Y3 children to continue to build relationships with our children ready for the new school year.

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. Further news will be released about this in the new year but we are proud as a school to be part of this regional award going forward.



Stay Safe Partnership – Online Safety

On Thursday our school took part in a Stay Safe Partnership Online Safety Day. Each year group across the school were led in information sharing, discussion and activities around what is appropriate to share online and what is not appropriate. Y3/4 enjoyed these sessions as it was built around superheros whilst Y5/6 enjoyed a Harry Potter themed event.

Online Safety

In these times when helping our children to manage online and explore the digital world in a safe and secure way is more and more complex, we as parents can sometimes feel a little powerless. However, it is our job to make sure our children have a safe environment to explore the internet and for us to be guides in how best to do this. As this can be a daunting prospect for us as adults Internet Matters have released a handy set of guides to support the adults to enable this to happen for children. Please follow this link [Online safety](#)

[advice by age | Internet Matters](#) Also, do remember that each week Mr Pyburn, our Computing Subject Leader, adds his e-safety tip to each of the Branston Bulletins.

Scatterball – All Stars Match!

Wednesday saw the return of the annual Scatterball – All Stars Match, where children from Altair played a game against our staff! It was an excellent contest and the level of skill on show was high. They hit the ball far, ran like the wind and fielded and caught adeptly; the children did well too! Ultimately, a couple of last minute hits proved the difference as staff ran out winners 24-17. It really was a wonderful spectacle and the whole school were cheering each other on. We have a fantastic community and the relationships between children and staff are very strong. Well done to all involved!



Drop in Parents Evening

Our drop in parents evening was well attended and thank you for the feedback which continues to come back to school. Please remember there are feedback forms which came to you in your child's report which can be completed and dropped back to school. Listening to everyone's views allows us to reflect on our offer to families and so please complete this with your views.

Y5/6 Performance

Our Y5/6 children have been practicing hard for their show 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' which will take place next week. I haven't seen the show all the way through yet but from the bits I have seen, you are in for a treat! We will look forward to welcoming you next week to the show.

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
Headteacher

Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **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
- **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'

Family settings for children who use an Apple iPhone

As you'll no doubt be aware, there are two 'camps' for smart phone ownership: Apple iPhone and Android. The smart phone that you decide to buy for your child(ren) (often at the end of Year 6 in preparation for the transition to secondary school) is usually from the same 'camp' as your own. Both Apple and Android have very good safety features built into the software to help support you in keeping your child(ren) safe online. This week, we'll focus on the suite of feature built into Apple's iOS. Features includes limiting screen time, adult approval for app installation and content restrictions (for age appropriateness). More information can be found on Apple's website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/59na7stu>

