



Branston Bulletin

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Welcome to the Branston Bulletin for this week!

Our School Week

Our assembly this week was about our 5Rs. These are the values that underpin all of learning, behaviours and policies here at BJA. They are Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect and Relationships. This week we focused on respect and how we can show respect by being kind! But who should we be kind to? We used a story by Oliver Jeffers 'The Way Back Home' to help us in our reflection. It has been so lovely to see the children helping each other in so many ways this week.

Our learning

Our children have come back to school ready to learn. Across the school routines and expectations have been established in the first few days of school. The children have adapted to these new routines very well and have settled quickly.

In Y3/4 children have been learning about place value in Maths and creating descriptive pieces of writing in English. They have also been learning about the Earth that they live on as part of the introduction to their 'SPACE' topic. The children have also practiced their sketching skills in Art.

Further up the school Y5/6 have been enjoying writing and performing poetry whilst also learning about complex punctuation in English. The children have been learning about place value in Maths which included identifying digit values into the millions!

Our Pupil Voice

Each week I capture the children's voice. What have they enjoyed? What do they think about what is important to them?

Poppy Y3 – 'Since I came to this school, I have really enjoyed the outside space and playing with my friends again'.

Quintyn Y4 – 'The new screens in our classrooms are really good. Everything is really clear.'

William Y5 – 'I really enjoyed learning about and playing basketball in PE'

Roman Y6 – 'I really enjoyed doing performance poetry with my friend.'

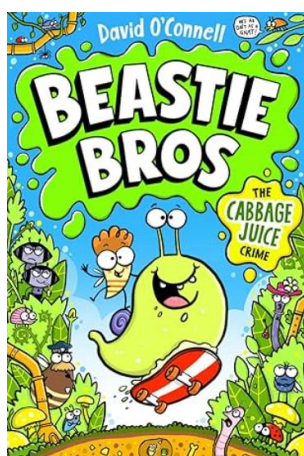
Martha Y6 – 'The new screens are brilliant. We don't need to close our blinds anymore, so our classrooms are lighter and everything is brighter.'

Good to see our new interactive screens are having an impact upon children's learning and their wellbeing!

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

Each week I'll be adding books to the Branston Bulletin which may support your child with their reading for pleasure. As your child begins to read more fluently it can be tempting to think the children don't need a family member to read to. However, whilst children are decoding the words well, their understanding of what is being read will need to be supported. This is where reading to a family member who can ask some basic questions checking sense and vocabulary understanding can be most helpful to a child's development. The books that I recommend are books which are readily available and may inspire your child to pick up a book and read it.

Beastie Bros is a graphic novel series which combines a greater amount of illustrations which will help inspire some reluctant



readers.

Dash is a little firefly. One of his wings is shorter than the other so he flies more slowly than everyone else, but that doesn't stop him getting where he wants to go.

When he's happy, his bottom lights up! And he's happiest when he's eating custard and hanging out with his adoptive brother, Dribble the snail. Dribble is never in a hurry. He likes to invent things - and eat cabbage. He keeps all kinds of useful objects hidden inside his shell. They help to keep him out of trouble, which is never far away...

Reminders

Please can I remind families that all of the school important dates, events and term times are available on the school website which was relaunched just before the summer holidays.

Could I also remind families of the following.

- Please return your updated Pupil Information forms as this provides as with important information which will help to keep your child safe.
- A letter about our clubs offer for this term has been sent, do please respond to this at your earliest convenience.
- Wrates School Photographers will be visiting next Thursday, 18th September.
- Do make sure you check out Mr Pyburn's e-safety tips at the end of this newsletter. Technology is now at all of our children's fingertips and we need to support them to use it wisely and keep safe.

And finally, we have a slight technical issue with the doorbell on the front of the school. Whilst we sort this out, if you arrive at school and we don't see you please do knock. Thank you for your understanding.

We are all very excited about the year ahead!

Mr Thornton
Headteacher

Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Wrates Photographers** – Thursday 18th September
- **Year 3 Parent Drop In** – Tuesday 14th October
- **Harvest Festival** – Thursday 16th October (information to follow)
- **Halloween Event** – Wednesday 22nd October (Information to follow)
- **Autumn Term 1 Ends** – Thursday 23rd October
- **Autumn Term 2 Begins** – Monday 3rd November

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'

Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope yours was a happy, relaxing and safe summer. For new families, let me introduce myself: My name's Mr. Pyburn and I teach computing across the school. I'm a father of two older teenagers and have been teaching computing for over 25 years. Every week, I contribute to the Branston Bulletin by providing a 'tech tip', very often with a focus on online safety. My main goal in school is to keep your children safe whilst online and I can only do it to the highest of standards with your help and support.

This week serves as a 'heads up' for all parents and carers: I'm a big fan of the PEGI game age ratings; they are there to help us parents decide if a game is suitable for our children. More can be found at the Games Rating Authority website where the age ratings are explained and what content to expect in games for each of the game age ratings:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpjfjvt>



For parents and carers of Year 3 children: we login to the school laptops using a username. This is your child's first name and family name (surname). Most children enter KS2 being able to spell their own full name. If you're unsure whether or not your child can, a little practise over the next week or so would be very much appreciated.

Finally, please feel free to come into school to make an after-school appointment with me if you wish to discuss your child's computing curriculum here at BJA, or if you wish to pick my brains on any aspect of online safety.

Kindest Regards,
Mr. Pyburn