



Branston Bulletin

10.10.25

Welcome to the Branston Bulletin for this week!

Our School Week

This week has been a really busy week in school. As always there has been lots of learning taking place but this has been coupled with our first sporting tournaments of the year. In assembly this week we continued to learn about our values of Respect and Relationships. We looked at how October is 'Black History Month'. We learned what this was and why it exists. We also used the learning from this to better understand the things we need to do to build positive relationships with everyone.

Hygiene

This week we have noticed several children being off from school with illness. Within school we are reminding the children about good hygiene, and we are continuing to make sure that the school's cleaning processes are thorough. While we understand that sometime illness happens, please do remind your child about good hygiene i.e. using a tissue and washing hands. I'm sure then we will get through this early Autumn 'bug' which appears to be going around.



Our Sporting Week!

This week our children have taken part in two sporting competitions. Firstly, last Friday BJA took part in a Multi skills sporting tournament at Lincoln Bishop University. The children competed in a variety of physical and skilled events competing against other schools. The children represented our school brilliantly and had a fun time whilst they were there.

Also, this week our netballers took part in a netball competition at Branston Community Academy. Playing against several schools from our area the children performed very well indeed. With three teams in the competition, we achieved two 2nd place finishes and a 5th place finish. There were also three of our children who were picked out as being star players of the tournament. A fantastic achievement. Well done!



Help your child to learn event

This week we held our 'Help your child to learn' workshop. Families came along to school and learned more about how to support their children in many different aspects of learning. From timetables to spelling, from online safety to maths, the families who attended found it most helpful and this allows us all to work together to support our children together in partnership.

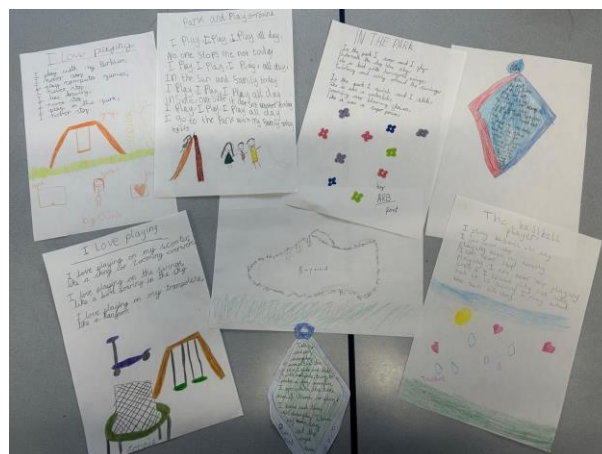


Harvest Festival - Thursday 16th October at All Saints Church, Branston 2pm

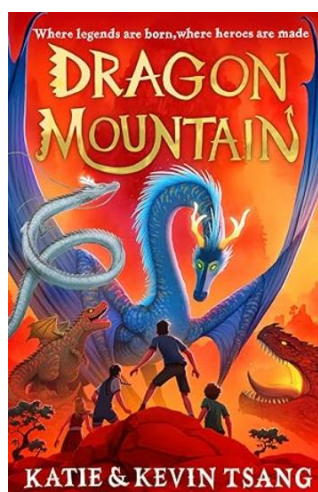
We are very much looking forward to our annual Harvest Festival celebration and we warmly welcome you to share this with us. Thank you to family members who have volunteered to support us walking to and from the church safely. Children will be able to bring donations of food which will go to the Lincoln Larder. A reminder that children will come back to school and be released in the normal way for safeguarding purposes.

National Poetry Day

On the 3rd October it was National Poetry Day. We celebrated this in school with a morning of activities which helped us enjoy listening to poetry, understand types of poetry and to become creative in developing our own. Poetry is a wonderfully creative aspect of English and often for some children who are reluctant readers or writers it can be an excellent vehicle to help them to become enthused about writing.



Mr Thornton's Book Corner



Deep within the mountain, a great creature stirred in its sleep. Its eyes rolled back in its head, and its wings jerked wide open... When 12-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: four powerful warrior dragons, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the Dragon of Death and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends must set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the Dragon Realm. But can they save the dragon and human worlds from destruction?

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Flu Immunisation** - Monday 13th October
- **Year 3 Parent Drop In** – Tuesday 14th October after school
- **Harvest Festival** – Thursday 16th October (**2pm start** - parents invited to attend)
- **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 \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://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.

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip'

When is it the right time to buy my child a smart phone?

A common question that many parents ask is, '*When is the right time to buy my child a phone?*'

We're all aware that phones can bring about many benefits: keeping in touch with relatives; learning another language through an app such as Duo Lingo and as a gateway to online research. However, we also know that phones can bring risks into the lives of our children.

To support you in making an informed and safe decision, the **Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership** have written a guide & factsheet along with supporting link to a YouTube video that I would urge any parent, or carer to watch. This guide can be found on the Online Safety page of our school website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/6be39j54>

