



Branston Bulletin

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Welcome to the Branston Bulletin for this week!

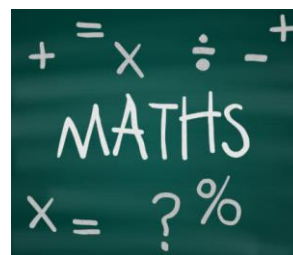
Our School Week

Relationships are at the heart of all we do here at BJA. We know that children can find building and sustaining relationships difficult. This is one of the reasons why our 5 Rs values system has Relationships as one of its key components. Our week started with an assembly where we explored what it means to be a friend. We reflected upon what makes a good friendship and what a friendship looks like when it might be go wrong. We talked about the importance of listening, complimenting and being kind when building positive relationships and long lasting friendships.

Our learning

This week I have seen many of our children exploring lots of different types of Maths across the school. In Y3/4 children have been learning about numbers on a number line, recognising what each digit might be worth and then identifying these upon a number line.

In Y5/6 the children were exploring explaining in Maths. The children were using evidence to explain why a maths answer was correct. This is not an easy skill and the children were showing great resilience in attempting this, especially when the numbers involved were up to one million!



Do you work for Tesco or know someone who does?

As many of you will know BJA underwent major works to our building over the summer. As part of these works, one of our rooms has been redesigned to be a nurturing environment to support children with their mental health and to support regulations of emotions. Our new nurture room is now a lovely space which is already being used to support children in school. However, we want this room to have the very best provision for our children. To support this aim we are applying for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant to help with funding. It has been brought to our attention that if a Tesco colleague nominates the project, then there is a higher chance of funds being granted. Therefore, if you work for Tesco or have a family member who does I'd be more than happy to show you our Nurture room and talk to you about how we wish to improve the space still further. If you are able to help the school, then do contact myself or the school office.

Parent/Family Events Upcoming

Tuesday 7th October – Support your child with their learning

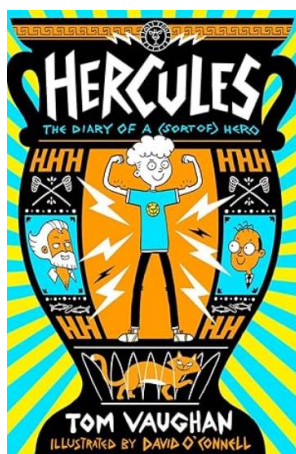
Come along straight after school to speak to our staff regarding how to best to support your child at home with their learning. The event will see a variety of 'stalls' where families can talk to teachers about reading, writing, maths, computing and many more areas of learning.

Tuesday 14th October – Y3 families drop in session straight after school

Y3 families, you are welcome to come into school at the end of the day with your child to allow them to show you where they learn and to show you the learning they have produced so far. It's also an opportunity to catch up with teachers about how your child is settling at BJA. This event is always very valued by our families.

Monday 13th October Flu Vaccine - This vaccination allows children to be kept well and stop the transfer of Flu throughout the community. Booking is direct with NHS as was outlined in a recent letter. Each winter in the UK, thousands of children who do not have a health condition need hospital care because of flu. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

Mr Thornton's Book Corner



If Hercules Braver is going to survive his new secondary school, he has to live up to his name, fast. He needs to become strong and tanned and popular, like a Greek hero. Not weak and pale and unpopular, like a Greek yoghurt.

But his bid for popularity ends up saddling him with a set of impossible tasks ... like cleaning out the monster-riddled school pond, facing up to the school bully and finding the headmaster's missing cat.

Then Herc's charming, impressive birth dad turns up after years living in Greece, and Hercules thinks his problems are solved. With God-like strength and awe-inspiring powers, could his dad even be ... the real Zeus?! And will Hercules learn what it truly means to be a hero?



Children's University

We are delighted to once again be part of the Lincolnshire Children's University. As clubs start up again in school, we will be relaunching the children's university process with our children and families. The most important difference to know is that the Children's University has now moved online for recording hours. This means there will be no more passports with children receiving a code to add to their dashboard and upload their hours. It also means that come the end of the year when we have graduation and for future years, hours accumulated will be banked online. Also, may I remind families that places and events around Lincolnshire and nationally are also linked to the Children's University for example Lincoln Cathedral. You can build hours by visiting these destinations too. There will be more information about this process coming to you in a separate letter.

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Flu Immunisation** - Monday 13th October
- **Support Your Child in Learning Event** – Tuesday 7th October- after school
- **Year 3 Parent Drop In** – Tuesday 14th October after school
- **Harvest Festival** – Thursday 16th October (**2pm start** - parents invited to attend **PLUS, any help from adults to help us walk to/from the church, gratefully appreciated**)
- **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'

Device controls: Amazon Fire HD tablet advice and safety for parents and carers

The Amazon Fire HD tablet is a popular choice of device for children. Internetmatters.org, a brilliant site that has lots of top tech tips for parents and carers, have produced a **parental controls and settings guide for Amazon Fire Tablets**. This includes a sequence of steps to help parents and carers gain an understanding of device controls **including the setting up of age restrictions** on the Amazon Fire HD table in order to help keep our children safe online.

The site can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/mur4ydm>

