

Branston Bulletin

28.11.25

Branston Junior Academy 5Rs - Resilience, Reflection, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships

Our School Week

This school week started with us thinking about relationships. We reflected upon what a good relationship is and how we support ourselves and others to maintain good relationships with our friends. We looked at some possible 'falling out' scenarios and the children gave very good thoughts on how we might prevent these situations arising but if they did then what we could possibly do to help people untangle their differences. (Reflections, Relationships)

Book Fair

Across this week we have had the book fair in school. After school each day children have been coming to look at the selection of books there are ready to purchase. As well picking up some exciting reads or some early Christmas presents some of the funds raised will go to supporting BJA to purchase more books for the school in the future. (Relationships, Reflection)

<u>Christmas Fair preparations – A Child Led Christmas</u>

By the time you come to read this our child led Christmas fair will be in full swing but the preparations for this event have taken place for a few weeks. Our children have been working so hard to design and make Christmas games which they hope people will enjoy playing! We are all children at heart! They have also been busy making items to sell and goodies to eat in the hope that everyone enjoys this special festive occasion.





We must also say a special 'thank you' to our School Council. If you have bought a ticket, then you may have been lucky enough to walk away with one of the special prizes from our school raffle. All of the prizes in the raffle were sourced by the school council and they have done fantastically well to gather support from local people and local and national businesses. They emailed, wrote letters and networked to the point where people were thrilled to support our Christmas raffle. We are very proud of our School Council!! If you have won one of these spectacular prizes, I hope they will bring you much festive cheer! (Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience)

Attendance

Attendance at school continues to be important. As the temperatures drop and weather becomes more inclement it can be tempting to stay away from school. Please do support your child to come to school to build resilience and to enhance their opportunities to build on previous learning. Here we can see the impact good attendance makes to our children's progress (Responsibility, Resilience)

LOO% = 0 days off 0 lessons missed	99% = 2 days off 12 lessons missed Excellent	97% = 5 days off 30 lessons missed Good	95% = 10 days off 60 lessons missed Slight Concern	90% = 20 days off 120 lessons missed Concerned	85% = 30 days off 180 lessons missed Very Concerned
5 Days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress.		20 Days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress.		20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress.	

Reminders

- Parents Evening is taking place on 4th December. Appointment slips have now been passed to children to bring home.
- Please can families not park or drop of children at the top of the school drive. Access is needed to
 the school drive at all times and families with children do walk this route to reach the school office.
 Thank you for your help with this.

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

The Road to Ever After is a great book. A magical adventure about an unlikely friendship and an unforgettable journey.



Davy David, an orphan, lives by his wits in the dead-end town of Brownvale. When a stray dog called George turns Davy's life upside down just days before Christmas, he sets in motion a chain of events which forces them to flee. A mischievous wind blows the two of them to a boarded-up museum on the outskirts of town where they meet the elderly recluse, Miss Flint. She has planned one last adventure before her time is up and hires the reluctant Davy and George to escort her

Mr Thornton

Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- Friday 28th November Christmas Fayre 3.30pm -5.30pm
- Thursday 4th December Parents Evening
- Friday 5th December Flu Immunisation Mop-Up Visit
- Tuesday 9th December Year 3/4 Performance (Information to follow)
- Thursday 11th December Year 3/4 Performance (Information to follow)
- Friday 12th December Choir attending Woodview Residential Home
- Monday 15th December Christmas Party (Information to follow)
- ➤ Thursday 18th December Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church 2pm (families welcome)

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section <u>Diary</u> - <u>BranstonJunior</u> (<u>branstonjunioracademy.co.uk</u>) to find dates of all events.

<u>Useful information on our website</u>

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'

Have you checked out the NSPCC website for advice on how to keep your child safe online?

The NSPCC website has a wealth of articles, resources and support materials for parents and carers in supporting them keep children safe while online.

The following link explores ways in which we can keep our children safe while playing online games and is well worth a read:

https://tinyurl.com/4zdxptpk