



Branston Bulletin

7.11.25

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! We are entering a very busy time of the school year and there are lots of updates and information contained in this week's bulletin.

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

Our School Week



We welcomed the children back to school on Monday and it was lovely to see the children settle quickly back into routines and enjoy seeing their friends. We have already had two important assemblies. Our first was all about our 5 R –

Responsibility. We looked at this word and discussed what it might mean. Then once we understood what the word meant we looked at what responsibility might look like here at BJA. The children came up with all sorts of good ideas from looking after your equipment and uniform to being dependable and completing jobs on time and carrying out responsibilities like school council conscientiously. This helped our children best understand how being responsible helps a community to work more effectively. We have also been learning about Bonfire night in our assembly. As celebrations take place across this week children have learnt the story of Guy Fawkes and how to keep ourselves safe whilst attending firework displays and parties. (Reflection, Responsibility, Respect)

Our Pupil Voice – What have you enjoyed most this week in school?

Arlo Y3 – 'I have really enjoyed doing my art this week. We have been learning about different types of shading'.

Rory Y4 – 'I really enjoyed writing a diary entry earlier this week.'

Bradley Y5 – 'I liked chunking in Maths'

Jessica Y6 – 'I really enjoyed learning how to do chunking, which is a division method, in Maths' (Reflection)

Football Festival

On Monday three football teams from Branston Junior Academy took part in a football festival at Branston Community Academy. The children worked hard, played hard and were super ambassadors for our school. They represented the school so well and we are very proud of them. (Resilience, Responsibility, Respect)



Football Match

This week our school football team went to play St. John's Primary Academy at Bracebridge Heath. Despite a loss our children represented the school fantastically, played well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Gray for spending his time developing our footballers. (Resilience, Responsibility, Respect)

Y5 Multi Skills

On Friday a number of children attended a Multi Skills festival at Little Leisure Nocton. All of the children who took part enjoyed themselves thoroughly and it is always good to be competitive with a number of other schools. ([Resilience](#), [Responsibility](#), [Respect](#))

A Child's Christmas - Christmas Fayre – 28th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm

I'm sure that many of us will have memories of what Christmas was like for us as children. At BJA we hope that, through the events that we run in school on the build up to Christmas, that our children are not just hearing a message about 'receiving' but are beginning to feel important aspects of Christmas such as care for others and building relationships with family and communities. This year our Christmas Fayre will take place from 3.30pm-5.30pm on Friday 28th November. Many of the stalls and events will be run by the children and we will be showcasing many of your children's talents alongside this. There will be Christmas games designed by and run by the children and also stalls selling items also created by the children. There will be much singing from the choir and much merriment to be had by all. There will also be a book fair in the main entrance as part of the celebrations. So, bring along your coins and cards and be ready for a lovely festive evening! ([Relationships](#), [Respect](#))



Book Fair

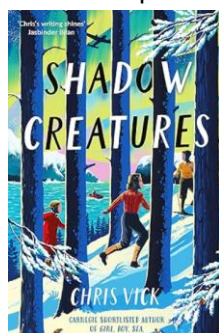
As we continue on our journey to promote the love of reading to our children we are hosting a Scholastic book fair. This will be held after school each evening for 30 minutes from Tuesday 25th November from 3.30pm -4.00pm and Friday 28th November from 3.30pm – 5.30pm (The book fair will be included as part of the Christmas Fayre). Reading opens up the world to children, and this fair may give you the opportunity to spark some interest or even find some gifts for Christmas.

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all the children who sent in entries to Dr. Caroline Johnstone MP Christmas Card competition. There were many fantastic entries which the children had clearly worked very hard upon. The entries were parcelled up and sent off so we wait and see if anyone's design is going to be the face of our MP's Christmas card. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#))

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

As we enter a time of Remembrance this children's story follows the lives of children who unwittingly find themselves involved in the actions of WWII. A fantastic tale from history that supports the messages of friendship.



Mose and her daughter Agna are incomers in the village, treated with suspicion. But young Liva, left out of the secrets her sister Tove and brother Hakken share, idolises Agna and follows her everywhere. Unwittingly, they lead the German soldiers to a perfect island. Once a haven for picnics and story-telling under the midnight sun, it is transformed into a grim POW camp. This is an unlikely place to find buried treasure, but it's there.

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Friday 14th November** – WOW Day and Children In Need
- **Tuesday 25th (3.30-4.00pm) to Friday 28th Nov (3.30-5.30pm)** – Scholastic Book Fair
- **Friday 28th November** – Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- **Thursday 4th December** – Parents Evening

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'

If group chats took place 'in real life' (IRL)

Welcome back; I hope you all had a safe Half Term break.

In this week's tech tip, Dan from Lincolnshire's 'Stay Safe Partnership' explores **whether we'd talk to other people on group chats in the same way if we were sat right next to them in real life?**

A video worth watching with your child, especially if your child is a little older and participating in gaming group chats.

<https://tinyurl.com/526y44zu>

