

Branston Bulletin

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

Our School Week

Our school week started with an assembly on resilience when playing. The children looked at the words Patience, Perseverance and Adapt. We then looked at what these three words might look like when we are playing outside in games and with our friends. The children gave some excellent examples where they have been patient or where they have had to persevere or adapt in their break times. ([Reflections, Relationships, Resilience](#))

Our learning



During our school staff meeting this week our staff reviewed how we best support children when it comes to online safety. Here in school we teach online safety through assemblies, discreet lessons, knowledgeable visitors and reactively as and when situations arise. As technology moves and changes we are continually reflecting and updating our practice. Do look out for **Safer Internet Day on the 10th February** where we will be joining schools all across the country to learn more about to keep safe with Artificial Intelligence. ([Reflections, Relationships, Responsibility](#))

Sports Hall Games

On Thursday several our children went after school to Branston Community Academy to compete against five schools in the sports hall games. We were delighted with our children's behaviour and attitude towards the competition and even more delighted with the fact that the children **won** the competition!! Well done to all the children involved. We are very proud of them.



Year 4 Multi Skills Events

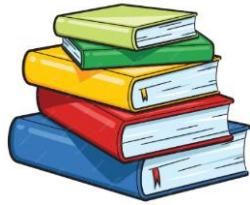
On Friday a number of Y4 children attended a Multi Skills sporting event in Nocton. The children were a credit to the school and were placed second in the competition. There were some great skills on show!

Parent Portal

We are currently delaying the release of parent portal for Arbor. New routines and processes around communicating with our new system are being embedded and we are hopeful that communication between home and school will continue to be positive.

Reading

We sometimes think that as our children begin to read words more fluently that we can let them 'get on' with their reading. This year is the National Year of Reading. For our children, regular reading still matters—aim for a little every day, whether your child reads independently, aloud to you, or you take turns. We can show interest by talking about the story, asking what they think might happen next, or how a character feels, which helps build understanding and enjoyment. Encourage choice by letting your child pick books that match their interests, even if they seem "too easy" or are part of a series—fluency grows through practice and pleasure. Model reading yourself, praise effort rather than speed, and keep reading a relaxed, positive experience rather than a test. Each of these ideas, not to be all done at once, make a difference to the development of children's reading.



Mr Thornton's Book Corner

Celeste Express is packed full of amazing illustrations and lots of adventure and humour. Celeste Express is the ideal story for reluctant readers.



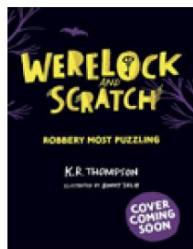
Princess Celeste Starwing reckons she's just about got the hang of this running the intergalactic post office gig. People are getting their post on time, she and Podge have a very helpful new recruit, Oswald the goblin, and the stardust bunnies are as cute as ever.

So it's a bit of a surprise to have a new spanner thrown in the works, in the form of a daring cosmic cat burglar, who not only pinches a whole load of post, but frames Celeste and her team for the crime in the process. Now they'll have to work out who the thief is – and quick, before they're thrown into intergalactic prison . . .

New fiction 7-9 years for Spring 2026



**Celeste Express:
The Purrfect
Crime**
by Alexander Slater



**Werelock
and Scratch:
Robbery Most
Puzzling**
by K.R. Thompson



Scare B'n'B
by Catherine
Doyle

Barry Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Thursday 12th February** – Squishmallow Bingo 3.30 to 5.30pm
- **Friday 13th February** – Spring Term 1 ends
- **Monday 23rd February** – Spring Term 2 begins

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Calendar' section <https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/parents/calendar/> 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'

Stay Safe Partnership Parent Online Webinar about Artificial Intelligence

In support of this year's Safer Internet Day, Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership are hosting an online parent webinar about the 'good, bad and ugly of AI'. They've asked me to share the following information with you:

AI and Your Child: What Parent's Should Know

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our FREE webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to explore:

-  Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
-  Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation
-  Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls
-  Date: 10th February
-  Time: 6:00–7:00 PM
-  Location: Online



 Register here: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

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