



Branston Bulletin

27.03.26

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

Wow Day

Across this term the children have been learning about 'Extinction'.

From tectonic plates and volcanoes to dinosaurs and habitats; the children have loved every minute! Our learning culminated in our 'Wow' day where we were delighted to welcome to school the Dinosaur experience for the children. The children were so excited to become palaeontologists for the day and were thrilled to meet some dinosaurs!! Thank you to all the adults who supported the children to have a fantastic experience. We continue to be committed to inspire our children with a love of learning.

(Relationships)



Our Pupil Voice

Rupert – 'Wow was fantastic. I really liked using boomwhackers to create dinosaur rhythms.'

Jayden – 'Wow day has been my favourite part of this week. Especially Dinosaur PE!'

Lola – 'Maths was my favourite part of this week especially the part where we played some maths games.'

Zayden – 'The dinosaur workshop was brilliant. Digging up the dinosaur fossils was a lot of fun!'

Looks like our Wow Day really enthused the children about their learning this week! (Relationships)

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening on 26th March. We hope you found this information sharing valuable and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on the parent survey accessed via the QR code given to you on the evening, or by clicking on the following link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyLnv_Fsi6mZsmAh8B3GBhmZpltenQxuyI84Bt9y0otSTMjw/viewform?usp=dialog . (Relationships)

Chocolate Raffle Tickets



Our much anticipated Easter Chocolate Raffle will take place on the final day of this school term. So, there are still opportunities to buy more raffle tickets! The final day for the raffle tickets to be purchased is **Wednesday 1st April** (Relationships)

Football Support

This year we have have been very grateful to Mr.Gray who has given his time to support our children in their football training and matches. The team are playing well and are growing and learning together. However as a school we want to make sure our enrichment activities are open to as many children as possible and therefore we are looking to see if there are any volunteers in the BJA community who might be able to support Mr. Gray in expanding our offer in the next academic year from September. No experience of teaching is needed. If you are interested then please get in touch via enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk and we will be thrilled to have a chat about how we can make this work for both parties. (Responsibility, Relationships)



Important Dates

- Our last day in school before the Easter Holiday is **Thursday 2nd April**
- School reopens to children for the summer term on **Tuesday 21st April**

Car Movement - Reminders

As you are more than aware the start and end of the day are very busy periods in school. There are a lot of children and families moving around near the school at these points. As the weather becomes finer more of our children will begin to walk home. Here are just some reminders about car movement in and around these times.

- No cars parked or manoeuvring at the top of the main school drive at the start and end of the day
- No cars should be parked at the end of the drive at these times. Even if it is a 'few seconds'.

We wish to make the area around our school as safe as possible for children and families at these key times and we welcome your support with this. (Responsibility, Respect)

Barry Thornton
Headteacher

Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Wednesday 1st April** – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Spring Term 2 ends
- **Tuesday 21st April** – Summer Term 1 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'

Social media Snapchat: guidance for parents and carers - Stay Safe Partnership

A useful tip this week for parents and carers who have older children over the age of 13 (the UK age rating for the use of Snapchat) comes from Lincolnshire's 'Stay Safe Partnership'; they have produced a guide to help parents and carers gain an understanding of Snapchat's uses and to provide guidance on how to set up parental controls using Snapchat's family centre.

Snapchat is generally recognised by children's agencies and professionals and industry watchdogs as being one of the apps most likely where children and young people will experience grooming, coercion and exposure to harmful content.

The guide includes a discussion of the risks to young people who use Snapchat and a **video on how to set up parental controls through Snapchat's family centre.:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2nwxj3yy>

