



Braunstone Community Primary School

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School Newsletter



23rd September 2022

Message from Mr. T.

Hello everyone,



Welcome to the new academic year of 2022—2023! I hope you had a lovely restful summer and enjoyed the fabulous that we had. It was such a privilege to open to the gates and hear the children (and parents) cheering that school was opening! I will never forget that, it certainly made me feel proud.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for equipping your children with the necessary uniform as per our policy. The children look incredibly smart and proud to wear our school badge.

The children have returned with a thirst for their education that it is palpable this is testament to the hard work and dedication of the whole school community. We're looking forward to the most exciting year ever at BCPS. We have carefully listened to your feedback from the parent survey and are beginning to action the suggestions.

Last academic year, our results in EYFS, Phonics, KSI and KS2 SATs were some of the best that this school has seen. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children at home. This has to continue as we raise aspirations of the children to be the best versions of themselves.

We have some exciting partnerships forming with Leicester Family Learning Services where parents and carers have the opportunity to learn alongside their children in our school!

As a school, we have been moved by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Her values were very similar to our vision and we know that she would have been an ambassador for our school. As a community, we have celebrated the amazing things that she did for people and will continue to remember her.

Our vision of **B**elong, **C**are, **P**ersevere, **S**ucceed will always remain at the heart of every decision we make for our children.

Diary Dates

Friday Celebration Assemblies are back!

Parents and Carers will receive a text message by Thursday to inform them that their child has been chosen for Star of the Week and will be invited to join us in the celebrations!

National Space Week: Week beginning 3rd October.

Half Term: Week beginning 17th October

Parents and carers consultation evening: 26th and 27th October

Attendance

100

We are keeping a very close eye on attendance and can't stress enough how important it is that children are in school everyday and on time.

If your child is off school please make sure you ring the school office to let them know ASAP.

Attendance Winners for the week ending Friday 16th September are:

Foundation: FSR, 95.4%

Key Stage 1: Joint IUY, IMJ and 2LR with 95.8%

Lower Key Stage 2: for the third week running 3SS, 98.1%

Year 1

On Monday 12th September Year 1 had a visitor from the past! Tommy Top Hat came in with lots of old toys which the children were allowed to explore. Tommy Top Hat told the children all about the old toys, how they work and what they are made from. The children were then able to play with some old toys in the classroom and figure out how they worked. The children also got to have a session in the hall playing with old playground toys. They loved the skittles, hoops and horses! Year 1 have been learning about things from the past and have loved exploring school, toys and travel so far.



Amazing!



FUN
Times

Year 3

The children in 3SS and 3BM have had the most exciting opportunity to learn about the



Stone Age from an expert. They were able to handle artefacts from the Stone Age, try on costumes of what people would have worn, create cave drawings and even make their own Iron Age coins. The children have completed some fantastic writing about their experience and will continue to develop their understanding of this fascinating historical period throughout this term!

The Stone Age in Virtual Reality?

The children also explored artefacts, villages and weapons from the Stone Age using the Virtual Reality headsets. There were certainly plenty of arhhhs and oooooohs about what they could see —and that was just the staff!



Year 5

We visited the National Space Centre and started with a workshop in the planetarium. This was an immersive experience that took the children around



our entire solar system and gave them a closer look at all of the planets. This was followed by a trip to the rocket tower where the children saw two retired rockets from the US and UK space programmes. Whilst in the tower, the children explored the history of space travel and even had a go at launching a rocket. After that, they moved on to the different sections of the space centre where they got hands-on with space equipment, planet segments, black hole simulators and Mars rover robots. They will use their experience to help them to create their own 3D model of the solar system and then present their model to their class. They will also be writing a biography about Mae Jemison, where they will be able to use their knowledge of space travel to add lots of detail to their writing.



Department for Education Video

Last week was rather exciting when we were asked to feature in one of the Department for Education's films. Teachers, parents and children talked about what returning to school meant for them. It was clear that they spoke from the heart and they truly represented our school amazingly well. If you haven't seen it, check our Twitter out for a direct link:



<https://twitter.com/educationgovuk/status/1566675023737356288>



Eco Schools Award

We're so pleased to announce that BCPS has been recognised as an eco school. This has been a long term project that was ran by Miss. Wright, Mrs. Wainwright and their team of eco ambassadors from across the school.

Thank you children and staff for the hard work and commitment for the continued work around eco schools. There really are very few schools in the area that have this prestigious award! We will be displaying our new flat in the playground as soon as we have the flagpole installed!



Parents and Carers Welcome Meetings

It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and children in the hall for the welcome meetings. We had the privilege of introducing new members of staff and sharing what the children will be learning over the forthcoming academic year.

If you were unable to make the meeting, the information was sent in an email to all parents and carers.



Ministry of the Future

Some of the Year 5 children had the most exciting experience of attending a conference at Nottingham Trent University as part of a project to develop our children into world changers. The children were given a tour around the campus, attended a lecture and took part in a workshop where children collaborated their ideas about sustainability.

We're really excited to see what this group does over the academic year!



Family Learning

Braunstone Community Primary School:

During this term and over the next school year Family learning through Leicester Adult Education will be running Courses during the school day for parents.

We will be starting with Story Sacks which is a short course to support you to understand:

- What a story sack is and how this practical bag of props supports reading.
- The reading strategies used in schools.
- How to be more confident in supporting your child's reading at home.
- How to make reading fun using games, activities, and props.
- How to choose safe online resources that will help you to support your child's reading at home.

if you would like more information, please contact Nicky baker Family Support at the school.

All family Learning courses are free

Come along and join in the fun!!

Are you concerned about a child?

If you are concerned about a child, give a factual record of your concern with

- date
- time
- signature

to a member of the safeguarding team...

Do not delay in sharing your concern!



Mr Tangumus
Headteacher
DSL



Miss Walker
Deputy Headteacher
DDSL
DSL for Online Safety



Mrs Mukiza
Assistant Headteacher
DDSL



Mrs Male
SENDco
DDSL



Mrs Holden
SENDco
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