



Friday 7th December 2018

This week at Braunstone Community Primary School...

Foundation 1, Class 1

The children have really enjoyed getting to know Mrs McAtee, our new nursery practitioner. She is so impressed with how well behaved the children all are. We have been very busy singing our Christmas songs and can't wait to perform them to you next week!

The children have loved reading the story 'The Stick Man' and have created their very own stick men using a variety of twigs they have found outdoors. Please come and have a look at our amazing Stick Man display!

A huge thank you to all the parents who met their child at the local Sure Start Centre on Monday, the children really did have a magical time listening to Christmas stories, singing songs and meeting Father Christmas!



Nursery children moving into Reception/ Foundation 2

If you would like your child to continue into full time school here at Braunstone Community Primary School, you will need to apply online for their school place. The deadline to do this by is **14th January 2018.**



Foundation 2, Class RBE & RDM

Class RBE and RDM have been working super hard this week. We are currently learning all about the story 'Stick Man'. The children have been designing their own stick people and homes. We have also been practising their nativity performance and have been learning lots of songs. Both classes are very excited to perform their Nativity for you. If your child is a narrator, please can make sure they have a costume to wear. Both classes have been super learners and all the staff are very proud!



Year 1, Class 1CE & 1CK

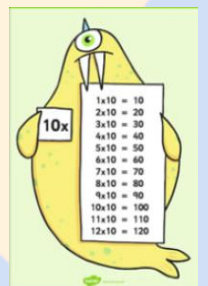
Year 1 has continued their work on the Gingerbread Man. We have been using Talk for writing to learn the story off by heart. Mr King's Class have been so good at it, they have performed it to Mrs Turland and Mrs Eastgate with her class. We are now focusing on our grammar by looking at nouns and adjectives. In our afternoon sessions, we have been practicing our fine motor skills. We have been threading, drawing the Gingerbread Man and cooking our very own Gingerbread Man! Yummy!



Year 2, Class 2DF & 2RL

Year Two have been busy investigating waterproof materials in Science. What is the best material for a roof? In Topic, Year Two have been comparing past and present hospitals, discussing what impact Florence Nightingale has had on the health care profession and they shall now be writing a biography on Florence Nightingale. In English, the children have been writing instructions using bossy verbs and discussing what a bossy verb is.

In Maths, the children will be learning their 2- and 5-times tables and shall now be moving onto the 10 times tables and word problems. Can we please remind all parents and children that Year Two have PE every Monday and Swimming every Thursday, so they must have the appropriate kits. Thank you!



1x10 = 10
2x10 = 20
3x10 = 30
4x10 = 40
5x10 = 50
6x10 = 60
7x10 = 70
8x10 = 80
9x10 = 90
10x10 = 100
11x10 = 110
12x10 = 120

Maths Workshop for F1 and KS1

We would like to invite all children and parents/ carers of Children in F1 and KS1 to our Maths workshop from 3:10pm on Wednesday 12th December! We will be hosting Christmas themed Maths activities such as who can jump the furthest? (counting footprints in the snow) and repeated pattern candy canes (make a tree decoration using pipe cleaners and beads).



CHRISTMAS MATH

Year 3, Class 3HD & 3MS

Year 3 have used their new knowledge of Roman Britain to write some brilliant discussion texts about whether it was useful to be part of the Roman Empire or not. In English we are continuing our Roman theme and getting to know Tranio, the Roman boy who escaped the eruption of Mt Vesuvius Pompeii. The children will be using their learning to write a diary entry about the eruption and how they escaped... In Maths, the children are now using the column method to solve multiplication problems involving much bigger numbers than they have tackled before!



Year 4, Class 4RA & 4JG

This week we have been film makers in Year 4. Alongside our Maths and English learning we have been using iPads to develop our ICT skills. We filmed some clips of classroom activities, cropped the videos, added a few to a timeline, added text and a frame and published the finished video. It was great fun...good times!



Year 5, Class 5EP, 5NC & 5LF

In year 5 we have recently finished writing a newspaper report, ask us about the naughty pigs! This week we are moving onto narrative writing, we will be writing spooky stories, do you have any you can share with us?

We have also had a visit from the police this week. We have learnt what it means to be safe and know how to protect ourselves on the streets. Do you know what a safer stranger is? WE DO!!!!

"Year 5 went to the Leicester City stadium to compete in a poetry competition. Successfully, we won 12 books for our school and ourselves!" - Amy, Class 5LF.

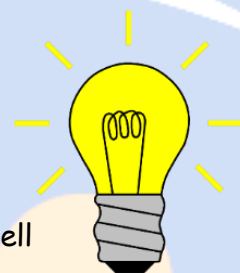


Year 6, Class 6SW & 6BM

In English we have be writing letters in character of Macbeth, to his love Lady Macbeth.

In maths we have been working on long multiplication, decimal points and converting fractions.

We have also been researching who invented electricity! Ask your child if they can tell you the names of who invented it! Benjamin F____l____n and Michael F____d____y.



Timetable Rockstars

As you may be aware, the school has purchased Times Table Rockstars for children in Key Stage 2 (<https://ttrockstars.com/org>) to support your child in developing their fluency and accuracy with times tables. This is an online game that encourages accuracy and speed with the recall of times tables. Your child should have brought home a username and password and they can earn coins to purchase add-ons for their avatars by practising frequently at home and school. They can compete against pupils at BCPS and around the world, which is great fun! Please encourage your child to log onto Times Tables Rockstars at home and talk to them about their progress.



Christmas Jumper day 2018

On Friday 14th December, children can wear their festive Christmas jumpers/ accessories for a £1 donation. All money raised will be donated to the 'Save the children' charity.



Warm Home Discount Scheme

We have copied some useful information from gov.uk. Please check the website for full information, including a list of suppliers.

You could get £140 off your electricity bill for winter 2018 to 2019 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. The money is not paid to you- it's a one-off discount on your electricity bill, between September and March.

You may be able to get the discount on your gas bill instead if your supplier provides you with both gas and electricity. Contact your supplier to find out.

Eligibility

There are 2 ways to qualify for the Warm Home Discount Scheme:

1. You get the **Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit** - known as the 'core group'
2. **You're on a low income** and meet your energy supplier's criteria for the scheme - known as the 'broader group'

Pre-pay or pay-as-you-go meters

You can still qualify for the discount if you use a pre-pay or pay-as-you-go electricity meter.

Your electricity supplier can tell you how you'll get the discount if you're eligible, for example a voucher you can use to top up your meter.

If you're on a low income:

You may be able to apply directly to your electricity supplier for help if you do not get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit but:

-Your **energy supplier is part of the scheme**
-You're on a low income

-You get certain means-tested benefits

This is known as being in the 'broader group'.

To get the discount you'll need to stay with your supplier until it's paid.

How to apply

Your electricity supplier decides who can get the discount - check with your supplier to see if you're eligible and how to apply.

Check with your supplier as early as possible. The number of discounts suppliers can give are limited.

TO ACCESS THIS INFORMATION IN FULL LOG ON TO: www.gov.uk or enter

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

This year for tickled Pink day, we raised an amazing £374! Thank you to everybody that took part in the day by wearing pink clothes/ accessories and donating!



Change of contact numbers

Can we please request that you keep your child's record updated with any changes to contact numbers. In the event of an emergency it is important that are able to contact you.



Diary of Events



F2 and afternoon nursery children
Nativity to parents- Monday 10th Dec
@2-3pm

Family Maths Workshop for EYFS and KS1- Wednesday 12th December 3.05pm-4pm

F2 and morning nursery children
Nativity to parents- Thursday 13th Dec
9.30-10.30am

End of term disco- Thursday 13th Dec
(separate letter issued)

Christmas Jumper day- Fri 14th Dec

December half term- Mon 24th Dec to
Mon 7th Dec. (School will close on Fri 21st
Dec and Re-open on Tues 8th Jan 2019)

Child protection and children at risk

Child protection means protecting children from physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults. If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in Leicester, please contact Social Care confidentially by calling 0116 454 1004 (24 hour service) or the police on 0116 222 2222. You can also visit the customer services centre on 91 Granby Street LE1 6FB to call us from a free telephone.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Should it be necessary at any time this winter to close the school due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, we will inform you by text message. You can also check by using the following:

- BBC Radio Leicester on 104.9FM
- www.bbc.co.uk/leicester
- www.leicester.gov.uk/education

and look for emergency school closures. These are all updated regularly. You can of course also try to contact the school on 0116 285 8130.



Attendance

Whole school attendance should be 96.4% or above as set by the Government. We have high expectations for all our pupils and have set a school and individual target of 97%. Our current attendance year-to-date is 95.37%. While this drop from two weeks is disappointing, we do recognise that at this time of year we do historically see a small drop due to winter bugs.

With this increase in the number of pupils absent, your assistance in communicating with us is greatly appreciated.

Please contact school on 0116 2858130 to advise of the reason for your child's absence on the first day or daily to keep us updated. Alternatively, if you are bringing family members to school and one or more of your children are not going to be in, could we please request that you notify the class of the absentee child/ren or reception of the reason for the absence. Your assistance with communicating with us is greatly appreciated. Where a child is absent for more than 3 days the absence can only be authorised if medical evidence is provided (circumstances will be taken in to account).

If we receive no communication from you, we are legally required to record a mark of unauthorised absence; this could result in the Education Welfare Office being contacted.

Medical appointments

Please, where possible, avoid routine medical appointments within school time. Every second of learning counts!

If your child is absent for a medical reason you will need to provide medical evidence e.g. appointment card/clinic letter or appointment confirmation text sent by the NHS.

Winners of the Best Class Trophy

Phase	W/E 29/11	W/E 6/12
EYFS	RBE - 95.75%	N/AM - 91.11%
Yr 1 and 2	2DF - 96.17%	2DF - 95.48%
Yr 3 and 4	3HD - 96.62%	3HD - 94.67%
Yr 5 and 6	6SW - 97.33%	5LF - 95%

ATTENDANCE 
MATTERS



