



Thursday 18th October 2018

This week at Braunstone Community Primary School...

Foundation 1, Class 1

The past two weeks have been filled with fun and we have been learning all about autumn. We have enjoyed exploring the textures of a pumpkin. The children talked about what it felt and smelt like. We used real conkers to count with and made autumn crowns with the fallen leaves.

We have been re-telling the story of the Little Red Hen and made some fresh bread which smelt wonderful and tasted delicious!

We also re-told the story of the Gruffalo, we have made our very own Gruffalos using salt dough.

During phonics the children have loved using the instruments and making different sounds. We have talked about which instruments we can tap, shake or scrape and created our own music band!

We are so proud of how well the children have settled this half term. Please help your child to complete their homework and enjoy reading their library book with them.

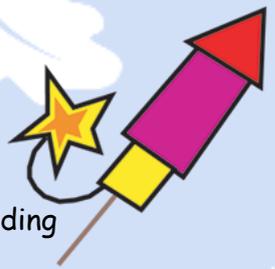


Foundation 2, Class RBE & RDM

In Reception we have been finding out about 3D shapes and have been learning new words to describe their properties.

In Literacy, we have been listening for the different sounds in words and matching them to the letters we use to represent them.

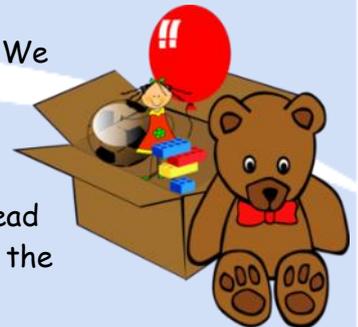
After half-term we will begin our topic on Festivals and Celebrations and will be finding out all about Halloween and Bonfire Night!



Year 1, Class 1CE & 1CK

Over the past couple of weeks, we have continued to explore our topic on Toys. We have now learnt that toys made in the past were made from wood, metal or cardboard. New toys, like the ones we play with, are made from plastic or are electronic.

In art, we drew bears and painted them focusing on short brush strokes to spread the paint evenly. In DT, we made our own old game by colouring and cutting out the playing pieces.



Year 2, Class 2DF & 2RL

The children are coming to the end of their 'Under the sea' topic but they have loved researching facts about whales, seahorses and octopuses this last week. They are using all the things they have learnt to create a non-chronological report in English. Why not ask your child to recall some of the interesting facts they have learnt.

In maths, the children are working hard to add two 2-digit numbers together and finding different ways to do it. They have also amazed us all at how quickly they can recall their ten times tables. Over the half term we hope that children can practise their two times tables and learn them off by heart. Well done for a fantastic first half term in Year 2!



BCPS Clothes Sale

Thank you to everybody that came to our clothes sale. In total we raised £60!



Year 3, Class 3HD & 3MS

Mr Durham and Miss Shaw would like to thank all of the children and parents in Year 3 for a fantastic first half term! We've both been blown away by how welcoming you have all been and are really looking forward to the rest of the year!

After half term we will be using our new 'Talk for Writing' strategy to write our own stories in English. In Maths we will be using our place value knowledge and number sense to start multiplying and dividing different amounts! This will be a great opportunity for the children to apply their times tables knowledge!

We will also be exploring the Roman Empire to inspire our learning in Science and Topic lessons!



Year 4, Class 4RA & 4JG

Year Four have been finishing their topic on King Richard III by writing a diary of his final day and preparing to write instructions for a magical potion.

Be careful over half term or some of the children might try and concoct a potion to make their parents do whatever they ask!



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

This week in year 5 we are finishing our Monarchy Topic in History. We have loved learning how to be a Monarch and will be recapping what we have learnt about children in the Victorian times through songs. Ask us at home, we can sing them to you. Did you know Henry 8th had eight wives????

In maths we will be completing an addition and subtraction treasure hunt. We hope we find the treasure!

This week is also our last week of ukulele, ask us what songs we have learnt!! Enjoy half term and we will see you all after the short break!



Year 6, Class 6SW & 6BM

Year 6 have been enjoying learning about the Holocaust in our Topic Lessons. We have been writing Newspaper Reports in our English lessons and linking this with the topic of study.

In Maths the children have been learning about parts of a number and how to simplify fractions.



Student Council

Our student council members have now been elected and have held their first meeting! We discussed various topics including which charities we would like to support and how to raise money for them. The children also spoke about how to make improvements to lunchtimes.

The children were excited about sharing information with their classmates and are looking forward to sharing their ideas with the whole school.



BCPS Alumni

Did your son/daughter or family member attend BCPS and are now aged 18-22yrs old?

We would like to hear from our former students - what are they doing now, what further education did they go on to study, what industry have they gone on to work in?

Not only would we like to celebrate their achievements, we hope in the future that our former students can get involved with events such as 'aspiration day' or a mentoring programme.

Please ask them to contact Mrs Westwater, in the first instance by emailing with their contact details to: office@dsatbraunstone.org

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Under 5's Book Bus

Thursday 25th October 1.15-2.15pm

New Parks Children, Young people & Family Centre
&

Friday 26th October 9.45am-10.45am

Braunstone Children, Young people & Family centre



Break time/ Lunch time

We ask children to keep away from the fence line and not to talk to people or accept sweets or food. On the odd occasion we do see children doing this and it is usually a family member/friend, however for the safety of all our children your support in not doing this will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

BRAUNSTONE CHILDRENS CENTRE AUTUMN HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

22nd Oct to 26th Oct.

Monday 22nd BREAKFAST FROM 10AM TILL 11:30 IN RECEPTION

TUESDAY 23RD FILM CLUB 1PM TILL 3PM

WEDNESDAY 24TH BREAKFAST CLUB 10AM TILL 11:30 IN RECEPTION

THURSDAY 25TH BREAKFAST FROM 10AM TILL 11:30 IN RECEPTION

FRIDAY 26TH

BREAKFAST FROM 10AM TILL 11:30 IN RECEPTION

BOOKBUS 9:45 TILL 10:45

STAY AND PLAY 9:30 till 11:15

FAMILY PLAYTIME 1PM TILL 2:30

Diary of Events

NEW Stay & Play sessions- Every

Weds 2-3pm in school

October half term- 22nd- 26th October
(School closes on Fri 19th and Opens) on Mon 29th)

Secondary school transfers DEADLINE for Year 6 pupils to apply for Year 7- Weds 31st October



School Nurse drop-in sessions

Private and confidential support and advice with a member of the school nurse team. (8.30am- 10.30am)

- Thursday 1st November
- Thursday 6th December



Braunstone Community Primary School

Nursery Places available

Part-time or Full-time

Are you working 16 hours or more?

Your child could be entitled to 30 hours free child care!

More information on eligibility can be found on:
www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015, immediate start available.

Applications also being received for August 2019 starts, please complete an application form, available from our school office.

Please contact school and we will be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to visit.



Child protection and children at risk

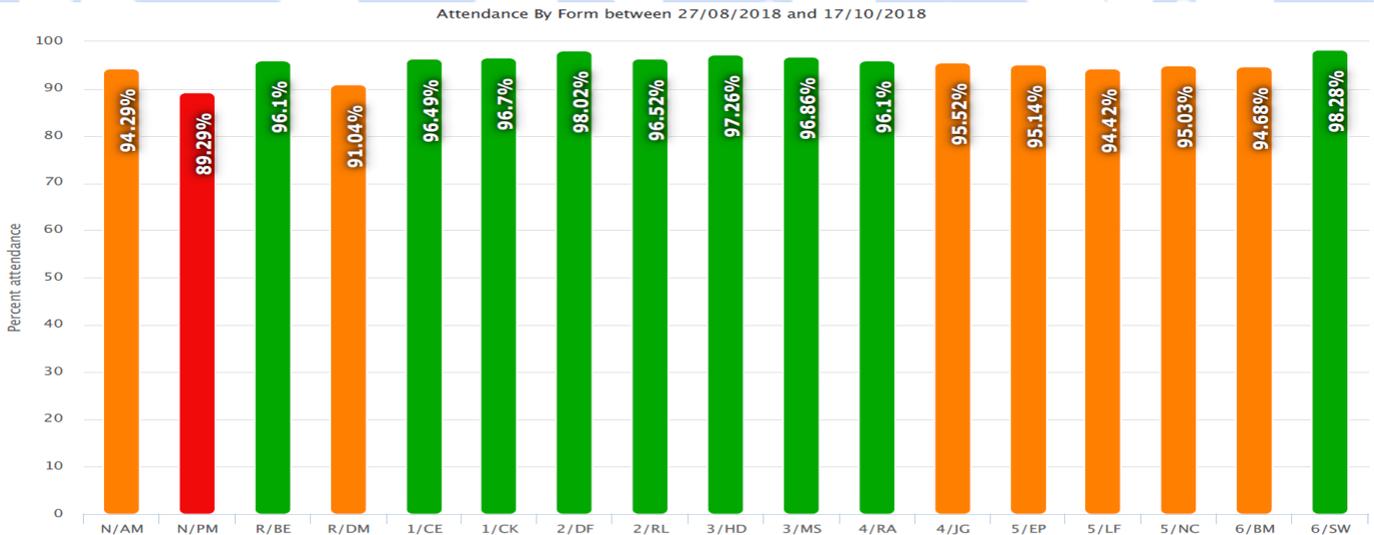
Child protection means protecting children from physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults. If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in Leicester, please contact Social Care confidentially by calling 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.



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 96.31% we are delighted to see that it is improving, with improved punctuality and attendance this will continue to increase and help us to continue to reach our target. We know that the more children come to school, the more they learn and the more successful they will be at school.

Looking at our data for this academic year so far we can see that a significant number of absences are due to unauthorised leave (i.e. holidays being taken during term time) - please be advised that any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised **and you could be issued with a Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child (discounted to £60 if paid within 21 days), or, your case could be referred by the Local Authority directly to the Magistrates' Court.**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Phase	W/E 5/10	W/E 12/10
EYFS	NAM	NAM
Yr 1 and 2	1CK	1CK
Yr 3 and 4	4RA	3HD
Yr 5 and 6	6SW	5LF



We realise that from time to time it may be necessary for you to keep your child off from school. In order to record your child's absence correctly, we would ask that you advise the school by:

Ringing the school office on the first day of absence on 0116 2858130 or inform the class teacher if you bring other siblings to school. If it is necessary to keep your child off for more than one day please continue to keep us informed.

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.



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