



### Message from Mr T

Hello Parents and carers,



It is the end of the Spring term and what a term it has been. The school was again fully open to all children on the 8th of March after another national lockdown. But the way the children have returned to school is absolutely incredible (they have come back happy and eager to learn) and makes me feel even prouder to be the headteacher of this fantastic school. The way the children have interacted with each other and the staff has been nothing short of miraculous - especially after being apart from each other for so long.

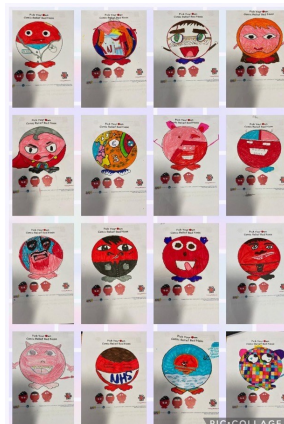
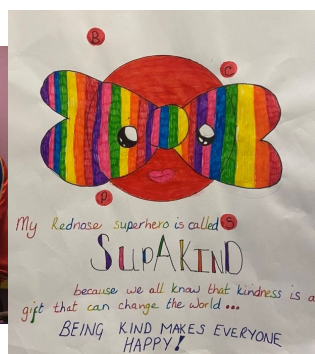
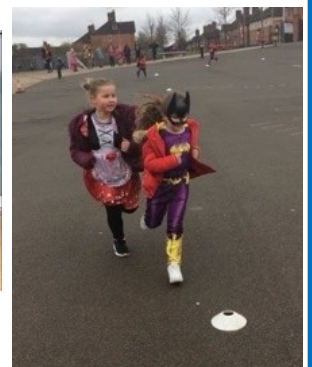
I wish you all a very restful, relaxing and calm two week easter break—I think we all deserve it.

## RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 19th March Braunstone had a brilliant Red Nose Day! We were amazed by everyone that dressed up and we had lots of fantastic superheroes- including a rather familiar looking 'Hulk' (aka Mr T)!

The children had a great time taking part in our 'BCPS Red Nose Day Run' and we had some brilliant entries into our 'Funniest Joke' and 'Design a Red Nose' competition (Mrs Newton will announce winners and deliver prizes to each class in school).

We also made sure that the children understood why we have Red Nose Day and about the charity Comic Relief - this is part of 'care' value at BCPS! **We want to say and huge, huge thank you to everyone that donated as we managed to raise an AMAZING £400!**



## Attendance

**100**

Every day your child spends in school really matters. This week's attendance winners are...

**Foundation Stage: FMW—91%**

**Key Stage 1: 1UY—97.7%**

**Lower Key Stage 2: 4BM—96.7%**

**Upper Key Stage 2: 6DS—96.7%**

Well done to our winning classes! **We look forward to seeing you in every day and on time next half term!**

## Diary Dates

**26th March** —School Closes for Easter Holiday

**12th April**—School opens for Summer Term

**Wednesday 21st April**—Parents Evening

**Thursday 22nd April**—Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be done remotely through School Cloud again.

Don't forget to look out for a text and email to book your time slot!

## READING CHALLENGE



**Don't forget about our reading challenge which finishes on Friday 21st of May 2021!**

### In KS1 and KS2:

Keep a record of how many pages you read each day and add them up each week.

**The winner in each year group** will get to choose a book of their choice to keep!

**The winning class** (in KS1, LKS2, UKS2) will win a cinema afternoon – where you can watch a film, eat popcorn/choices and have a milk shake.

### In EYFS:

The **child** that reads the most books will get to choose a book to keep.

The **class** that reads the most books all together will win a celebration afternoon!



We want to say a huge congratulations to two of our teachers!

Our Year 5 teacher **Mrs Abdul Reman** has worked very hard to gain Chartered Teacher Status which recognises the knowledge, skills and behaviours of excellent teachers. This is a great achievement and we are lucky to have Mrs Abdul Reman teaching in the school.

Our Year 4 teacher **Mrs Mukiza** has also recently gained her Post Graduate Certificate in Primary Mathematics. This is also a fantastic achievement and we are very lucky to have her leading maths here at Braunstone.



## Year 4

Year 4 had a fabulous day when Henry VIII and Catherine Parr came to visit. They were able to gain lots of new knowledge and develop their understanding of the Tudors. The children participated in many exciting activities including: Tudor dancing; discovering Tudor medicine; learning about crime and punishment and writing with real quills. They also learnt more about Henry's personality and the way he treated his many, many wives!

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learning



## Advisory Board Update

We would like to share with parents our work through the school newsletter more regularly. We hope this may inspire you to get involved in the work we do. If it does, please get in touch!

We were excited to welcome two new members to our board this term, Hannah Walley and Ayesha Kaji. Hannah and Ayesha are both experienced in education and are primary school teachers for schools outside of the Trust. Look out for a future newsletter to learn more about them...

At our meeting in February, we looked at the school's arrangements and support for special educational needs pupils, the effectiveness of remote learning and the wellbeing of pupils. Mrs Male, the school Special Education Needs Co-ordinator, spoke to us in detail about how the school identified and supported pupils' needs and how this had been affected by the pandemic. It was encouraging to see so many SEN pupils attending school during lockdown, and to hear that smaller bubbles had been beneficial in allowing time for focussed support. Mrs Male shared the training that staff had which would help children to manage and think about their feelings as they returned to school.

Mr T explained how the school responded to the latest lockdown and the remote learning that was provided to pupils. Despite the school being closed, on average there were 130 children in school each day. The school has strong systems in place to ensure that there was regular contact with all pupils and that they were supported to take part in remote learning. We would like to acknowledge the remarkable work the school achieved in remote learning and praise all staff in how they supported pupils in and outside of school. We also looked at the pupil wellbeing survey and talked about how the school could further develop pupil voice so that more pupils felt they were being listened to. Mr T shared some work that the school council had done and the other opportunities pupils had to take a role in the school. We agreed to look at pupil voice when we visit the school in the summer term.

I hope you found this update interesting. **We are still looking for parents to join us.** Your views, as parents, are so important in helping the school improve even further. You don't need to have a background in education, just an interest in the school and time to attend meetings. **If you would like to have a chat about the role or find out more, please contact me ([charlton@dsatbraunstone.org](mailto:charlton@dsatbraunstone.org)).**

Finally, I would just like to say a thank you to all our parents for your continued support. We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that remote learning has placed on you. We realise that all of our families are experiencing a difficult time and that there are many other needs, in addition to home learning, that are critical as we work through this crisis together.

With sincere thanks, Lauren - Chair of the Advisory Board