



Braunstone Community Primary School

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School Newsletter



11th December 2020



Issue: 2

Message from Mr T



Hello Parents and carers,

What a term we have had. 2020 has been a year that has tested us all in so many ways. These are some of the words that have been used over the last 9 months – I still cannot believe the pandemic started way back in March 2020!

Pandemic key-workers
masks NHS
technology
distancing Worry
Lockdown
Covid
Tiers Bizarre
isolation test
quarantine
unprecedented



What I CAN believe is how you; the community of Braunstone; have supported this school during this time. You are the embodiment of the school's ethos: **Belong**, **Care**, **Persevere** and **Succeed**.

I have never been prouder to be the headteacher of this school. Never have I been more determined to make sure that your children get the best possible education. I love this school and the area of Braunstone (I grew up here!).

You know that we will always support your children to **be the best versions of themselves**. The thanks we have received from you really do go a long way. The chats in the playground, the emails and the cards mean the world to us. I sincerely hope that all of you and your families have a healthy, restful and peaceful Christmas period together. I cannot wait to see you all back at school ready to have a prosperous and successful new year on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

No matter what we will **PERSEVERE** together through whatever is put in our path – because ...

WE ARE BRAUNSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL!!!

Attendance

100

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

Foundation Stage: FSH—95.6%

Key Stage 1: 1MJ—98.3%

Lower Key Stage 2: 4HD—95.6%

Upper Key Stage 2: 6LF—98.9%

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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December
Last day of school
(children and staff in school)

Monday 4th January
Teacher day
(no children in school)

Tuesday 5th January
First day of term

Year 1

Our Year ones have been very busy this half term! They have been thoroughly enjoying their topic 'The Farm'. The children have learnt all about different animals and what type of animal they are, where they live and what they eat. They have read and learnt the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and retold the story by acting it out. They then went on to write their very own stories; trying hard to improve their independent writing. Year one have even followed in 'The Little Red Hen's' footsteps and baked their own bread! Yummy!

LOOK at
what we're
learning

This week, Year 1 also prepared a special assembly for the school telling us all about the Christmas story after learning about it in their RE lessons. They have sang us some amazing Christmas Carols too! The rest of the school enjoyed watching their assembly online (on TEAMS) today and it has definitely put us all in the mood for Christmas! Thank you Year 1!



THE SANTA DASH

We have had a brilliant Christmas Jumper Day in school today! All children and staff took part in 'The Santa Dash' which took place in schools across the city. Everyone had fun running their mile and listening to Christmas music.

Thank you for all your donations; they are very much appreciated and will be going to the ASHA Society which the children have learnt about in one of our school assemblies last week. Thank you!



CENTURY
INTELLIGENT LEARNING™

CENTURY CHALLENGE!!!

Starting over the Christmas break, teachers in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will set nuggets (bits of work) on Century for the children to complete. **You can find the link to Century on the homepage of our school website.**

The children will continue to be set weekly homework on Century after Christmas.

At the end of the first half term (February) **the class with the most amount of children completing the most amount of work (nuggets) will win an AMAZING prize for their classroom!**

All children have used Century in school and have their logins; but please ask your teacher if you can't find it before Christmas or contact the office.

Good luck and let the challenge commence...!



Community

Caring for everyone in our community is at the heart of what we do as a school. This week we want to say a huge thank you to our local PSCOs who have been helping us to deliver learning packs and food parcels to our children and families who are isolating.



Some of our children have also been making Christmas Cards for the community. Some will be delivered to 'Sandyhurst Residential Home' and some are going to the B-inspired Community Project to be sent out to the elderly in Braunstone.



Hello from our Advisory Board ... **Helen Stockill**

Hi, my name is Helen Stockill and I have been a community Advisory Board member at Braunstone for the last 2 years. I am a bit of a self-confessed governance geek; working in governance and volunteering on a number of school governing boards. I originally got involved in governance as a parent at my son's school as I wanted to help to improve it.

I have really valued being part of the Advisory Board over the last couple of years here and seeing how the school has improved under the excellent leadership team, the highlight has been the school being judged as good by Ofsted in 2019. The children at Braunstone deserve the very best education that will help them to achieve their dreams and it is our role on the board to help challenge and support the school to make this a reality.



Reading is the **THE MOST IMPORTANT** part of learning for our children. So please make sure you are reading at home regularly!

To encourage this, we have just completed our half termly reading challenge for Year 5 and 6.

Mr T challenged all children in Year 5 and 6 to read as many pages over the half term as they could (keeping a running total).

Our **winning classes** in each year group are:

Year 6 – 6MS 20,461 pages read

Year 5 – 5ARAP 53,832 pages read

These classes will be rewarded with a movie afternoon and refreshments!

And our **winners in each class** are ...

6MS—Peyton – 11,411 pages read

6DS—Daisy – 2,546 pages read

6LF—Suzanna – 3,196 pages read

5ARAP—Ella—1,543 pages read

5EP—Alexa - 2,169 pages read

These children will have the chance to meet with Mr T and choose a book of their choice from Amazon which the school will buy for them!

Next half term we will be opening the competition up to **Year 3 and 4 too!**

So get ready and get **READING!!!**



Over the Christmas period it is very important in Leicester and Leicestershire that people stick to the Tier 3 restrictions that are in place.:

- Only meet indoors/gardens with people in your household/support bubble
- If meeting in public outdoor places; only groups of up to 6 people.
- Maintain social distancing from anyone not in your household or support bubble.
- You're advised against travelling out of your area unless for work

By following these restrictions, the infection rate will reduce and it will help to keep pupils, parents, staff and the wider community safe.

A very Merry Christmas from everyone at Braunstone Community Primary School. Have fun and stay safe!

