



# Braunstone Community Primary School

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School Newsletter



5th November 2021

## Message from Mr T



Hello everyone,

What an incredible two weeks back after the half term. The children have come back so settled and ready to learn. They **Persevere** with everything that they do!

We have started back with our educational trips—year 6 were lucky enough to visit the Holocaust Center in Newark as part of their WW2 unit of learning. They showed great compassion and were ALL extremely well behaved and respectful. They were a true representation of this school and the community! The teachers and staff are all so very proud of them. **#Succeed**

The children at school have been learning about Diwali (A festival celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs). They have been asking me and their teachers lots of amazing questions about the festival. They have actually taught us a thing or two also. Everyone **Belongs** here at BCPS. Everyone is treated with respect. The children are a credit to you!

Kindest regards (as always) - MR T

## Diary Dates

**Swimming—Children in Year 6 who have starting swimming this half term—don't forget swimming kits EVERY THURSDAY.**

**End of term—Friday 17th December**

## Attendance

**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 this week are ...**

**Foundation: FSH—Willow Class**

**Key Stage 1: 1MJ—Miss Jeffery**

**Lower Key Stage 2: 4CJ—Miss Jones**

**Upper Key Stage 2: 6RAR—Mrs Abdul Reman**

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Our Year 5/6 girl's football had a successful time playing in a tournament at New College before half term; winning 2 match, drawing in 2 and loosing in 2. Our girls football team is going from strength to strength and we are really proud of them.

A number of Year 5 and 6 pupils also entered into a cross country competition doing extremely well; **Lottie Voss** in Year 5 even qualified for the final!

Our boy's football team played their first match in the Leicestershire Rice Bowl Tournament. Despite a great performance, our boys lost their first match. But we received AMAZING feedback from the referee; **'These are some of the most polite children I have worked with'** - this makes us SO PROUD!

## SPORTS NEWS



## Year 6 Trip to the Holocaust Centre

On Wednesday 3rd November our Year 6 pupils went to visit the 'The National Holocaust Centre and Museum' as part of their History learning around War War II. The children had a fantastic day learning about the holocaust and how it affected children who would have been a similar age to them. They had the chance to compare and contrast Anne Frank's life with a child who survived the holocaust and also placed a stone of remembrance for all the children who were murdered during the holocaust. The children asked some really thoughtful questions and were also to use all the learning they had done at school. They were superbly behaved and a credit to our school!



**Love to Sing?**

Join our exciting  
new

**Junior Choir**

for young people age 7-11 years

Every Thursday 4:30 - 5:30pm

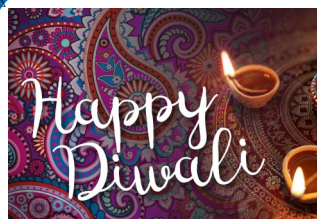
At The Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue,  
Leicester, LE3 1LE

Starting 4<sup>th</sup> November

First session free, £3 per week after

Lots of performance opportunities and a  
chance to have some fun, meet new friends  
and learn new songs!

For more info email [LMSing@leics.gov.uk](mailto:LMSing@leics.gov.uk)



This week in school the children  
have had a whole school assembly  
to learn about the festival of  
**Diwali.**

They have also had chance in class  
to enjoy some Diwali activities to learn more about Rangoli  
art, diva lamp making, etc...  
which has been displayed  
within school.

Our Foundation Stage 2 are  
having a Diwali Day next week  
to carry on their learning; so  
watch this space for more  
exciting news and photos ...

**Happy to Diwali to all our  
families that celebrate!**





Hello and a very warm welcome from the **Advisory Board at BCPS!**



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I have been part of our Advisory Board for the last year now as a parent member and have recently been re-elected as Vice-Chair of the board.

Whenever I have been asked why I decided to join the Advisory Board, the answer has always been very simple: due to my own child having disabilities that could have affected their learning opportunities. I have had to build a strong relationship with our school and its staff. I want to use my knowledge of Special Educational Needs and Difficulties and the processes that parents must go through to continue to support other parents and children. I am passionate about our school and work closely with Mr T to ensure we keep pushing our pupils to be the best version of themselves: to belong, care, persevere and succeed. My own life experiences of raising a child with a disability has made me committed to making sure every child gets the help and support they need.

Our board is made up of parents, school staff and members of the community, all of whom volunteer their time and knowledge to support our school and its children. We are always looking to involve and engage with more parents in the board as your perspective and opinions are incredibly important to the success of the school. To find out more about the role and ways in which you can support our school please do not hesitate to speak with me or ask the school office about becoming a member.

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## Mr Swift's Sunflower Competition Winner

Stretch up and reach for the sun with super sunflowers! Thank you to everyone who looked after their sunflowers over the summer – I hope they grew big and tall! The winner of the competition is...



**Lewi in Year 2 — with a height of 248cm!**

Please cut the head off your sunflower and dry it out in a warm spot. When it's ready, the seeds will fall out. Save these for next year and plant them in pots in spring - the cycle starts again!

Watch out for this competition next year

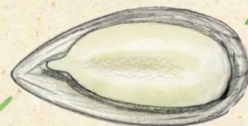


### The Sunflower Life Cycle

A sunflower is a very tall plant with large, bright yellow flowers. Like all plants, this big, beautiful blossom starts with a tiny seed. With soil, water, sunlight, and a little help from some busy insect friends, sunflowers grow and bloom in a process called *the plant life cycle*.

#### A TINY SEED

Inside the sunflower seed is a small *embryo*, or baby plant. The shell of the seed protects the plant until it is ready to grow.



#### GERMINATE

Once it is planted in the soil, a sunflower seed needs plenty of water and sunlight to help it *germinate*, or sprout. The roots stretch out under the soil and begin to absorb nutrients and water to help the sunflower grow.



#### THE WIND BLOWS

The wind blows, and the seeds fall to the ground. Each seed begins to grow, starting the plant life cycle all over again.



#### PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Once the plant grows roots and sprouts leaves, it creates its own food in a process called *photosynthesis* from air, sunlight, and water.



#### POLLINATION

Plants grow flowers to attract helpful insects, such as bees and butterflies that fly from plant to plant. This allows the sunflower to produce new seeds.



#### THE SUNFLOWER

A flower bud grows first. Inside the bud, the many different parts of the flower grow and develop. When it is ready, it will bloom and reveal its beautiful yellow petals.

