

Brant Broughton

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Christmas

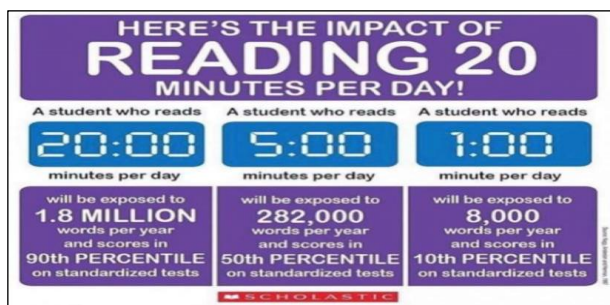
at Brant Broughton

School Disco - Thursday 28th November
Christmas Concert - Friday 6th December
SingPop Concert - Thursday 12th December
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December
PTA Christmas Craft - Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 18th December
Christingle Service - Wednesday 18th December
END OF TERM - Thursday 19th December

Friday 6th December's 'Christmas Concert' will begin in school at 8:50am. Families are warmly welcome to join us.

Christingle

We will be in church for our Christingle Service on Wednesday 18th December (2:30pm start). Families are warmly invited to join us for our service together.

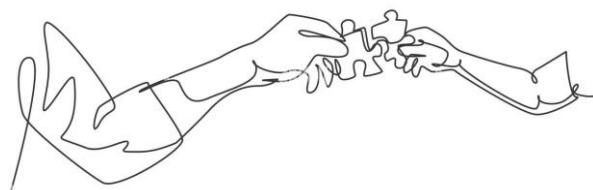


It's hard to believe that next week will be December! T'is a favourite season of mine and I love nothing more than watching a really good/bad Hallmark Christmas film. Not for the plot, because all of the plots are the same, but for the feel-good vibe. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark weather of the season... and it has certainly been an eventful term for us at school. The wonderful enthusiasm and spirit of the children and staff will carry us all through a terrific last few weeks of the term.

Albert Einstein once said, "The secret to learning anything lies in doing something with such enjoyment that you don't notice that the times passes." I have the privilege of observing our youngsters, day in and day out, seeing and experiencing new things. I watch them grow and develop into fine young people over time. Teaching and leading in a school is extremely hard work but is so rewarding.

I will sign off with another quote - the words of writer/poet Herman Melville, who said, "Better to fail in imagination than to succeed in limitation." A wise set of words for all who aspire. Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Best wishes,
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Parent Governor Vacancy


Have you ever considered giving back to the community you live in?





At Brant Broughton C.E. Methodist Primary School, we're looking for a parent/carer who feels that by giving back they could have a positive impact on our school and community. We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor within our Governing Body.

The role of a Governor is simple: it can be described as **monitoring and evaluating the progress of the school**. This involves being curious, critical, and confident in asking questions. As a governor, you should be good at problem-solving, and prepared to give and take advice.

So what's required of the role?

 We meet twice a term (6 times a year) for approximately 2 hours for our Full Governing Body meeting and committee meeting

 As a governor, it's great to get into school at least once a month for a couple of hours to meet with the school team and observe school life in action

 Being curious and asking questions is key. Challenging the school to continually develop, enhance and grow the offer to our support our children's success is a priority

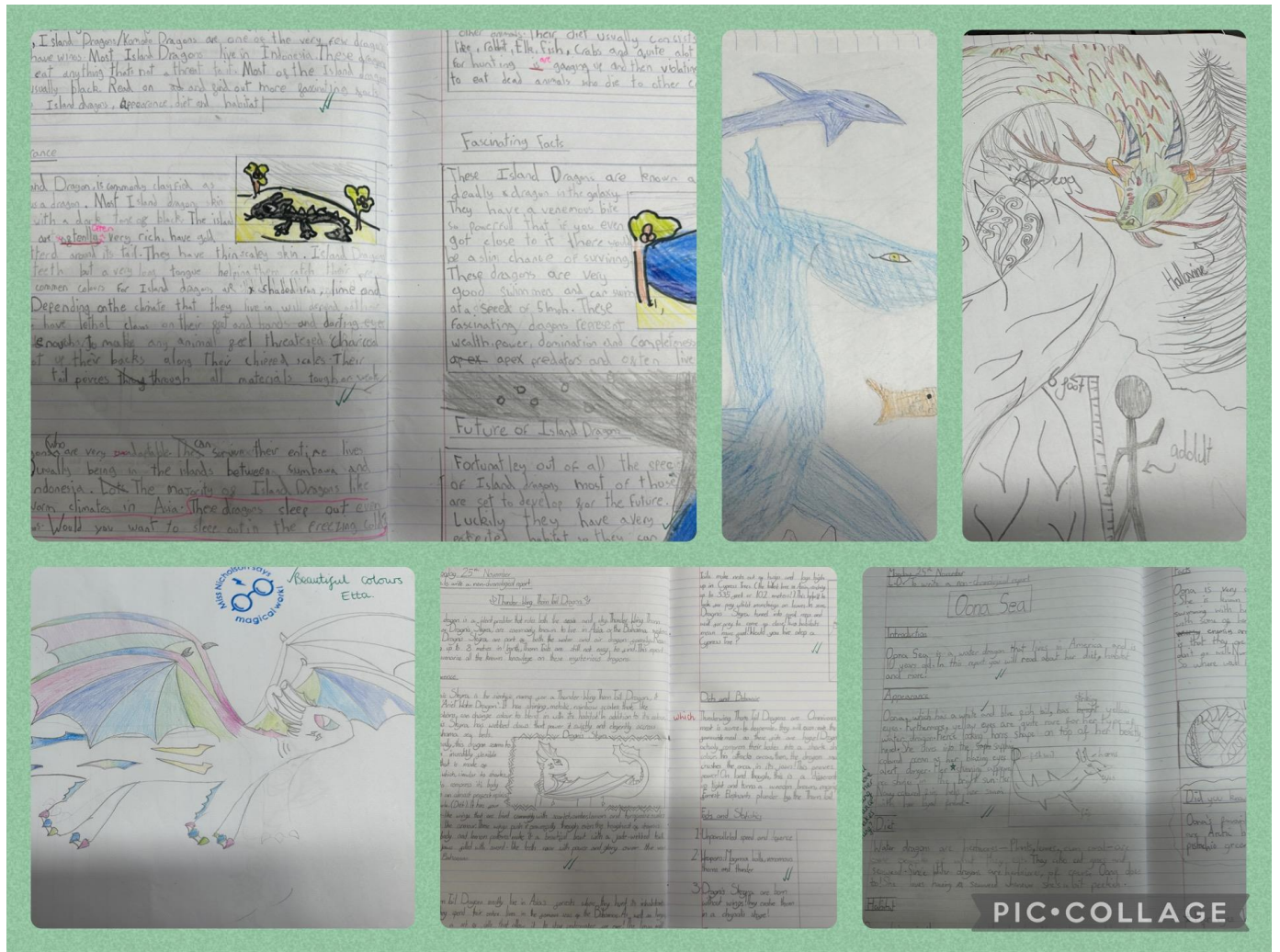
If this sounds interesting then please do get in touch:

 enquiries@brant-broughton.lincs.sch.uk  [01400 272035](tel:01400272035) **Deadline is: Friday 6th December 2024**

We are looking for individuals who have experience in Finance, Health and Safety or just a passion to support their local community and school. We'd love to gain some local support in our governor team.



Dragon Report Writing



Panda's Class have been writing their non-chronological reports on dragons.

Art: Making Waves in Leopards Class



Food Tech in White Tigers Class



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist and the former deputy editor of technology and internet culture website Alphr. Now freelance, he has contributed articles to publications including the New Statesman, CNET, the Evening Standard, Wired, Rock Paper Shotgun, Gizmodo, Pocket Gamer, Stuff, T3, PC Pro, Macworld, TechRadar and Trusted Reviews.



#WakeUp
Wednesday

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Do you know your children's password for their devices? How often do you check their devices? It's really important that children's devices are configured correctly for younger users. Thankfully, Internet Matters have a full guide to help parents navigate all the different features and settings.

All information and guidance can be found [HERE](#).

Volunteers

On the note of positive partnerships, if any parents (or grandparents) have any time that they can give to school during the working week, we'd love to hear from you. There's lots to achieve and always opportunities for children to read to an adult: they do love it... and so do we. The love of reading is so important.

If you are able to share any spare time, please could you reach out to us.

Supporting Reading At Home

The following resources comprises of short films and support materials to help parents, families and carers read books conversationally and creatively to children: <https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/book-chat-reading-with-your-child/>

<https://ounews.co/education-languages-health/childhood-youth/reading-with-children-7-steps-to-making-it-magical/>

<https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/sharing-the-love-of-reading/>

Safeguarding: Information For Parents

Below is a link to the first of a series of 5 short videos which are designed to help everyone understand what we can do to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse, what to look for and who to go to talk about any concerns you may have.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWO_WfnRW_U&t=10s

Each video is between 4 and 6 minutes long.

Useful Contacts

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635

[Lincolnshire] Social Services: 01522 782111

[Nottingham] Social Services: 0300 1310 300

Anxiety UK: 08444 775 774

If you are wishing to contact 'Healthy Minds' regarding suitability for referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342.

Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111.

- Email: lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.
- Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.

Nottinghamshire (Newark Area)

- email: info.nscb@nottscc.gov.uk
- phone: 0300 500 8090

Free School Meals

This is separate to Universal Infant Free School Meals for the children in EYFS, Y1 & Y2. If home circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, parents/carers need to follow this link: <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal> - a quick survey to see if free school meals can be provided for you. It can also help to bring in to school extra funding.