



Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a restful half term break.

The groundworks team have been busy on site over the week and this will continue in the coming week. All Key Stage 2 children will need to enter and leave via the main gate with the younger children until further notice. Key Stage 2 children will need to follow the external path around the side of the building (to the left) and across the smaller playground to access their normal classroom doors. At the end of the day, they will also leave via the main gate. We are aware that this will create some congestion at this gate this week so would ask that parents try to move away from the gate as soon as possible once they have dropped off/collected their children. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Children's Mental Health Week

Grace, Sophie and Charlotte prepared a really thoughtful Collective Worship about Children's Mental Health week on Wednesday. We thought about some of the things we enjoy doing that help us to stay mentally healthy such as playing a sport, being outside and enjoying nature, painting, reading or listening to music. We thought about the work of the charity Place2Be who help people struggling with mental health.

Internet Safety Day



We have all been thinking about ways of keeping ourselves safe on the internet last week in school.

Tuesday was Internet Safety Day and each class discussed this together. We hope it is something you will all talk about at home too - we know that very often children know the theory but find it hard to follow their own rules in reality!

World Book Day

White Tigers would like children in every class to dress up as a character from a book on Friday 4th March to celebrate world book day. In Alice in Wonderland tea-party style, they will be selling a baked goodie at playtime on this day for 50p per item. The proceeds will go to Unicef to help towards their project to help malnourished children in Liberia.

Dates

FEBRUARY

25th - Multi Sports*

MARCH

1st - World Book Day;
Friendships and Emotions
Workshop for Leopards Class
4th - National Dental Survey of 5-
year-olds; Water Polo*
9th - NHS Team - Height and
Weight - Reception and Year 6
11th - Change4Life, Positive
Movers*
18th - Year 3 and 4 Basketball*
22nd/24th - Parents' Evenings
25th - Year 5 and 6, Tennis
30th - Primary Maths Challenge*

APRIL

1st - INSET Day
4th - 19th - Easter Break
22nd - Young Voices Concert

MAY

9th - 12th - Y6 SATs tests
18th - 20th - Year 5/6 Residential

JULY

22nd - End of Term

*small number of children



This also fits with our global goal this term, Zero Hunger. We also have an enormous ask for all of our school community. Please, please, please could you be brave and film yourself reading a poem, a chapter from a story book or a short story and send it into school. Feeling shy? Your child could join you or grab the dog for a little companion but please send us your videos to enjoy watching on World Book Day. The children will love it. Teachers who filmed themselves during lockdown understand your hesitation but the joy it brought to those that watched made it worthwhile. While we can't be together White Tigers have thought about what we CAN do and this is it!

In addition to these lovely activities we are happy to be welcoming The Hub Dance into school to work with the whole school for a whole day. This will be at the cost of £1 per child. We are looking forward to this experience.

Times Tables Rockstars

Parents of children in Pandas and White Tigers class may already know via their children that the way we learn, practise and celebrate times tables in school is changing. The children are now using Times Tables Rockstars as the prime way of learning their times tables in school. They will be able to log on at home and practise their x facts, their log in details are in their reading diaries.

They can play games independently to improve their recall of facts but can also compete with each other, earning 'coins' for completing different games. With this newsletter is a



Trouble Shooting guide for parents that may help answer any questions you may have.

Instead of times tables tests in school which often cause anxiety among families, they will instead use this tool as a fun way of showing off their knowledge. Each week the Pandas and White Tigers will have a new times table focus. For example, after half-term this is the 3 times table. The children will spend 10 minutes on three given days a week completing as many questions as they can out of 60 in 3 minutes. Day one

focuses on times, day two divide and day three is a mix of both times and divide. On day 3 the children will be given their rock title which is an average of how quickly they have been able to answer each question in seconds. When they log on at home, you will be able to see how they are progressing and the attached Trouble Shooting Guide might give you some hints and useful tips too.

As you may know, there is now a Multiplication Check used for all Year 4 pupils across the country, administered by the DfE annually. Results for this are not used in 'league tables' and parents are informed of their child's score once completed. This is not the only reason that we believe times tables should be highlighted in school but know that this is an area of learning that many children struggle with. They do need to continually revisit the facts even when they think they 'know' them. We hope that your child has already been excited by this initiative and has already been practising! Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any concerns.



Class Learning

Polar Bears class had a very busy week using the monster or animal they worked on last week to turn this into their own version of 'The Gruffalo'. The Year 1 children created a comic strip of their story. The Reception children learnt a Gruffalo song, including using the Makaton signs.



The Leopards class have been studying life cycles of animals and plants and sequencing these using pictures and arrows.

The White Tigers and Pandas classes got started on Times Tables Rockstars, completing their 'rockstar check'. They are now ready to start their rockstar battles which will be a weekly event this half term!

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council met just before half term to consider ways in which we might improve our Sensory Garden. They were thinking of ways we could demonstrate our vision and values in this area as it is used for quiet contemplation. They had some really imaginative thoughts which we will work on over the next few months. The younger children were also thinking about improvement to their outside space to update the trim trail which is looking a little tired. They are keen to have something new and exciting to play on near to their playground. More details to follow!

Active Travel Link Reminder:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjiy0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u

Values Points and Celebration Worship

The Pandas class shared their RE learning about 'incarnation' and their understanding of this concept using pieces of art to explain this. The reception children in Polar Bears performed their Gruffalo song and actions. The Year 1s shared all their beautiful written work, use of descriptive language and story writing.

We also had lots of Out of School Awards including Grace's huge collection of pony trophies; William's Beaver badges; Poppy and her football trophy for 'trainer of the week'; and George's 5 metre swimming award.

We have also given certificates to the following children who have gained them 25 Values Points Dexter and Hattie.

50 Values points and added their photograph to the Values Board in the hall: Oliver D, Eddie, Emily M.

All Achieve. All believe, All Create, All a Family

BRANT BROUGHTON CE METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK BEGINNING: 21ST FEBRUARY 2022



Reading Awards for 10 Accelerated Reader quizzes went to Charlotte; and for 20 quizzes to Eddie, Vinnie, Bradley, Ava BW, Etta, Jesse and Thomas. Certificates for 30 quizzes were awarded to Sophia, Harry, Hermione, Mia and Henry. Certificates for 40 quizzes were awarded to Isaac, Ebony, Sophia and Aaliyah.

Well done to all of you!

For the foreseeable future, we will continue with keeping Friday Celebration Worship just for pupils and teaching staff to try and avoid any potential outbreaks of Covid. I will keep this situation under review over the next few weeks.