



Brandesburton News

12.1.24

Home Reading and TT Rockstars

We are trying our hardest to improve reading fluency and arithmetic skills whole school. If you could support this at home with home reading and TT Rockstars, it would be very much appreciated.

Welcome Back!

A huge welcome back to the new school year. Everyone is incredibly excited to be back and start the new term. We have lots of exciting events coming up: Come Dine with Me, Championing Maths and individual class events linked to Art or DT. As the year progresses, we hope to provide as many opportunities as possible for you to join us in sharing the outstanding outcomes created by all our children.

Restorative Practice

On Monday, every member of staff came to school to learn about Restorative Principles and Practice. Restorative Practice enables the building, maintaining and repairing of relationships. The philosophy embodies a set of values and principles and a way of working with people that provides a common language and approach. The key principles are:

- *Understand how our actions affect others
- *Collaborative working - balance high challenge and high support
- *Fair process
- *Build a positive community
- *Behave restoratively
- *Restorative language - professional challenge, expressing emotion and understanding shame

Why Restorative Practice?

Restorative practice is a set of concepts and practices that encourage children to take responsibility for their behaviour. Restorative practice helps children to think about the causes and consequences of their behaviour and how it affects others. Restorative practice also helps children to learn from their mistakes and improve their relationships. You can support your child by talking to them about restorative practice, understanding their developmental needs, and encouraging them to see things from other people's points of view (which we know you do already).

We believe strong relationships between all staff and pupils is key to maintain a thriving community. To achieve an honest, challenging and supportive culture, good communication is essential. We are committed to ensuring every child learns the necessary skills and characteristics to enable them to be happy and successful in life.

To do this, we must learn how to build, strengthen and repair relationships. Restorative Practice empowers everyone to do exactly this!

If you would like to know more:

[What is restorative practice? \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/what-is-restorative-practice)

Dates for your diary:

Our next Championing Event:

Focus area: **Maths**

Date: Tuesday 16.1.24

Wall of Achievements



Dazzling Dancing

Hollie received the trophy this week for her great dancing and amazing listening skills. Keep up the good work!

Message from the Children's Commissioner

I hope everyone at Brandesburton Primary School enjoyed the much-needed Christmas break. I just wanted to offer my thanks again for your support with my national campaign 'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19th January**.

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received so far. More than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind, but I want to give even more people the chance to have their say.

This is the final push before the survey closes, so please do share it as widely as possible to help make sure that every child in England has an opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of Driffield are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

I am so very grateful for your support, and I am beyond excited to share the findings.

Very best,

Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

Dates for your diary 2024

Tuesday 16 January—Championing Event: Maths at 9.00am

Wednesday 24 January 2024—Scooter training Year 2 and Pedestrian training Year 4

Wednesday 21 February - 20 March 2024: Swimming Lessons information to follow

PLEASE REMEMBER

As per our previous letter,
school now promptly starts at
8:45am!

Staff will be on the playground
from 8:35am.

Mrs Gell's Top Table

Class FS2 - Leyton

Class FS2 - Luna

Class 3 - Roman

Class 4 - Kip

Come Dine with me for parents!

Roast Dinner Reminder

This half term, on a Wednesday we will be offering parents the opportunity to have lunch with their child and sample our amazing hot school lunches. Lunch will be £5.00 per adult and we ask you to book one week in advance with the office.

Dates:

17.1.24 - Foundation Stage

24.1.24 - Class One

31.1.24 - Class Two

07.2.24 - Class Three

21.2.24 - Class Four

28.2.24 - Class Five