



Brandesburton News

23.2.24

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 all our families. Another short half term has begun and we are extremely excited to get going on our learning journeys across the curriculum. We would like to remind you of our huge focus on:

*Increased Home Reading

*Improved Attendance

Any help at all to support us with this would be very much appreciated.

We are looking for any help hearing children read - if you could offer regular time to do so, please speak to your child's class teacher

Professional CPD

On Monday, we held our first ever Year Group Collaboration Meetings. All teachers met with other teachers from the same year group from different schools from HCAT. The morning was focused on sharing best practice. We loved having the opportunity to host (year 5 and 6 teachers) and for all staff to be part of collaboration and development.

As a school, we always want to be looking to be the best we can be. To do this we must work alongside other professionals, to share good practice, explore new techniques and engage in that professional dialogue. Working in a small school with single year groups does not lend itself to open up those conversations with lead practitioners or teachers teaching the same year group. We not only drive to learn more but showcase the excellent practice here at Brandesburton.

Term Dates

We apologise over term dates, we are awaiting confirmation from the Local Authority for 2024/2025. Once we have these, we can share these with you.

Thank you for being patient to those of you who have asked.

Swimming

Our swimmers in Key Stage 2 began their lessons this week. We will keep you posted on their progress!

Home Reading

C5 - 83%
C4 - 92%
C3 - 97%
C2 - 80%
C1 - 89%
EYFS - 62%

Thank you for your continued support with reading and developing that love of reading to support everything we do at school.

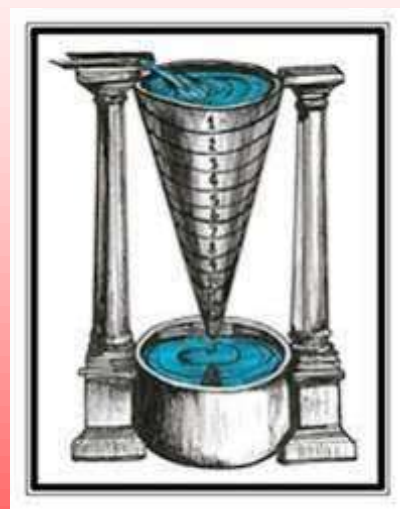
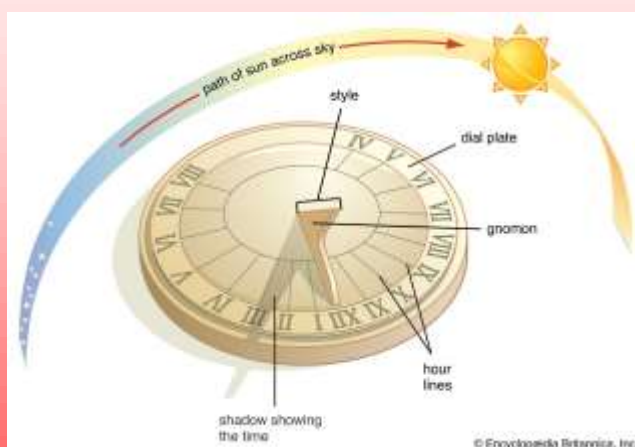
Attendance

C5 - 96%
C4 - 99%
C3 - 100%
C2 - 100%
C1 - 95%
EYFS - 98%

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| 95% | = | 47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days |
| 90% | = | 95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day |
| 85% | = | 142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days |
| 80% | = | 190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days |



We will shortly be celebrating British Science Week which this year is on the theme of Time. Each class will be participating in different science related activities. In addition, we are inviting you to take part in two different activities at home. One is the British Science week poster competition and the other is to design a sundial or water clock. Please see the information attached to this newsletter for more details. Entries for both competitions should be returned to school on Monday 11th March for a showcase in the hall and judging. We hope to see lots of entries!



What are we working on currently?

We currently have three projects we wanted to share with you:

OPERATION OUTSIDE AREA EYFS

We have all our resources sorted but we now need wooden fencing to extend the outside area and make it a safe enclosed space which can have the resources set up and not have to be taken down daily . If any parents could help us with this, we would be very grateful.

LOVE OF READING

New non-fiction books. Our non-fiction books are very dated and dull! We would love to buy new non-fiction reading material which ranges for Foundation Stage to Year 6. There are some amazing reading materials out there but we do not have the funds to purchase these.

ICT room into a classroom

Our ICT room has computers which have seen better days and do not work. As you know, we have tried incredibly hard to facilitate smaller teaching groups to enable the best provision possible. Having another classroom would make the space in which the children are working in the smaller groups so much better for learning.

How do we plan to raise the funds?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY :

1. Brandesburton Bake Off - 11.3.24

£4.00 to enter

Create any food creation linked to a **Love of Reading**

Celebrity judges and prizes awarded

*****All funds go towards new non-fiction texts*****

2. Easter Disco Monday 18th of March £2.50

EYFS 2.45 - 3.5

Whole school 3.15 - 4pm

3. Miles Matter! 19.4.24 - 21.4.24 (the weekend starting on Friday night)

Free to enter

In teams or families cover 157 miles. We have 157 children on roll and we would like to travel a mile for every child and ask for sponsorship for completing this in teams or as families.

4. BRANDESBURTON CHAMPION LEAGUE : A football tournament (Mr Barnes and Mr Trott will organise)

5 aside football (teams of 6). Children and adult teams welcome (no mixing!)

Any interest please contact Mr Barnes for team sheets £10 per team.

Date: 21.6.24 starts at 2.30 - 4.30pm Refreshments will be on sale during this event

5. Individual class Film nights £2.00 per child

Monday 22nd April 3.15 - 4.30 pm

6. French Cartoonathon £3.00 per child 10.6.24

All things French - cartoons, songs, stories, games and much much more!

7. Table Top Sale - Date to be confirmed

We will be having tables available to sell any unwanted items.

WALL OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Perfect Performance

Harriet won the trophy at her dance class on Monday for fantastic leg work. She was presented with a medal and certificate for achieving pre-primary ballet standard with excellence in dance and performance. What an achievement!

Dancing Queen

Emily received her trophy for remembering all of her dances and helping out with the little ones. Keep up the good work!



Amazing Acrobatic Moves

Alesha's trophy in dance was for being able to do cartwheel and finish in a split and to do a handstand and finish in a split. Fantastic!

WALL OF ACHIEVEMENTS Continued...

Amazing Voice

Anabelle got a medal in Dance class with her fantastic vocal performance! Well Done!



HALF TERM EXCITEMENT

CAVE-TASTIC

George went caving at Half Term in the peak district to look at fossils!



GIDDY-UP

Harley went to Blackpool and enjoyed the rides!



NO ARGUMENTS HERE

Esme and Darcey on holiday in Whitby



Dates for your diary 2024

Wednesday 21 February - 20 March 2024: Swimming Lessons

Thursday 7 March - **World Book Day**

Monday 11 March -

- Brandesburton Bake Off
- Entries due for British Science Week competitions

Monday 18 March - Easter Disco (£2.50)

Mrs Gell's Top Table

01/03/24

Class FS2 - Jasmine

Class FS2 - Gabriel

Class 5 - Lara

Class 5 - Katie M

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:

28.2.24 - Class Five