



Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th December 2021



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Good to be green: **Year 3**

Attendance: **Year 3**

Punctuality: **Nursery**

This Week's

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Callum Jackson

Year 2 Noor Khan


Year 3 Ilyass Yakine

Year 4 Aizah Din

Year 5 Khadijah Al Madaniyah

Year 6 Ramaye Balint



	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	11	6
Reception	23	9
Year 1	35	16
Year 2	25	15
Year 3	9	11
Year 4	14	10
Year 5	29	13
Year 6	22	7
	Attendance Stars Year 3	Punctuality Stars Nursery

There have been a lot of children arriving late to school this week. Punctuality is being monitored and any children arriving late on a regular basis will be shared with the school's Educational Welfare Officer.



Christmas brings out our creative side

Walking around school, it is clear to see, busy little hands as busy as can be,
Creating a plethora of Christmas delights, to hang amongst the twinkling lights
No matter the time, no matter the weather, look at what we have created together!



Challenge 14



Our challenge this week is to think about what you could do over the holiday to help someone who cares for you?

Who could you help and how?



News and Notices

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware, Boris Johnson has announced that further measures will be put in place in the coming weeks to try and curb the spread of the Omicron variant. The guidelines sent out to schools yesterday state that schools will remain open and that attendance continues to be mandatory.

I want to reassure parents that all measures required are currently in place and any further changes over the coming weeks will be emailed to you when we receive them so please keep checking your emails and the school website over the holiday period.



Christmas cards

Unfortunately, we will not be having our usual school Christmas post box in place, as we try to reduce the chance of Covid-19 infection. We are, however, allowing children to bring in cards for their classmates and give them out in class. Thank you for your understanding



Wow—December

Next Friday, those children who have walked to school at least once a week throughout December will earn their next badge. The December badge is the next in the endangered animal series and features an orang-utan. The winners of the November Award were Year 1. I wonder who will win it in December?



Breakfast Club—Changes from January 2022

From January 2022, Breakfast Club will no longer operate on a drop in basis. Over the last year, the club has grown considerably and due to health and safety reasons we can only accommodate a limited number of children on a full time basis. If your child usually attends Breakfast Club then you will have had a letter about requesting a place and you will receive a letter confirming whether your child has been given a place before we finish for Christmas. We will be operating a waiting list system for any places that become available in the future. For further information please contact the school office.



Christmas Performances

From next week you will be able to see your children's Christmas performances on their class page on the school website. Each class has focussed their Christmas performance on a different country that they will be following throughout the year and will be the focus for other activities such as sports day and Diversity week. They have learned about how Christmas is celebrated in their chosen country and are looking forward to sharing this with you.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 14th December—Class performances available on the class pages of the school website

Friday 17th December—Christmas parties and break up (Non-uniform and Christmas jumpers)

Return to school—Tuesday 4th January 2022



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The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- ### 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).
- ### 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- ### 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- ### 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- ### 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- ### 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- ### 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- ### 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- ### 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- ### 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- ### 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- ### 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

National Online Safety
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Please see the school website for more information on online safety and the school policies.