

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.




This Week's winners:

Good to be green: Year 4
Attendance: Year 6
Punctuality: Year 6
Sports Class: Year 2

This Week's Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Ibrahim Shakeel
Year 2 Muhammad Sultan
Year 3 Casey Chen
Year 4 Emaan Amir
Year 5 Muhammad Burhaan
Year 6 Meryem Fatah

	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	11	4
Reception	35	1
Year 1	15	3
Year 2	18	2
Year 3	20	2
Year 4	16	2
Year 5	25	4
Year 6	8	0
	Attendance Stars Year 6	Punctuality Stars Year 6

Our Educational Welfare Officer will be on site on a regular basis looking at attendance and lateness.

Please ensure that you are in school and on time! Thank you



Plants and gardening!



SLIME!

Growing slime was not easy!! Year 1 and Year 3 children tried it and some worked but others didn't.

They had great fun doing it though and got very messy!!



Classes worked together to improve each other's fitness, making sure they grow up to be healthy.



Year 6 & Year 3



OUTDOOR GYM

Our ducklings grew up really quickly!!!

Last week was British Science Week and as part of that every class in school completed science investigations and activities related to this year's theme which was "Growth".

We looked at growth in humans, animals, plants and man made substances.

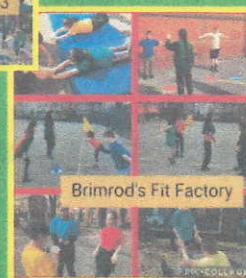


Spring Challenge



As the weather is getting warmer and brighter and things are starting to grow, challenge yourself to grow something at home. You don't need a garden, you can grow things on a windowsill or on your doorstep!!

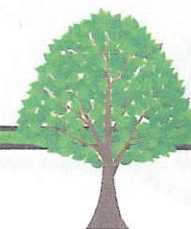
Have a go and see what you can grow!!



Brimrod's Fit Factory

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Reminders

Reading challenges—ongoing

Extreme reading photograph to be sent to the school office or jtaylor@brimrodprimary.rochdale.sch.uk

Spelling Bee

We are once again taking part in Rochdale School's Spelling Bee with lots of other primary schools in the area. All children in KS2 have had their spelling lists to learn and on Monday 4th April, they will compete in their own classes to decide who their class champion is. On Tuesday 5th April the winners of each class will compete in assembly to decide who will represent our school in the Rochdale competition. Good luck everyone!!!!

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 5th April. Once again we can only do individual photographs due to the current restrictions.

Parent Afternoons

Letters detailing when your telephone appointment is have been given out. Please ensure that you know when your slot is so that you can be available. Teachers will not be able to keep calling back as they have a lot of calls to do.

If you are not available at that time for any reason, then please contact school to make another appointment.

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you so much for all the donations that have come in for our Ukraine Appeal. We have taken your donations. These are currently on their way across Europe to be given to those in desperate need. Any tinned goods that have been donated (that are too heavy) will be donated to Rochdale Food Bank.

Thank you once again for your amazing support!!



Online Homework

Every class in school has homework given every week on "Bug Club (reading), MyMaths (maths) and Edshed (spelling).

This homework needs to be done every week and certificates and rulers are given each week to class "online learners". Please ensure that your child does their homework each week. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you for working with us to support your child's education.

Dates for the Diary

Reception and Year 6 Heights and weights—Monday 28th March 2022

Parents' Afternoons—Wednesday 30th/Thursday 31st March 2002

School Photographs—Tuesday 5th April 2022

Finish for Easter—Thursday 7th April 2022

Return to school—Monday 25th April 2022



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All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many online safety risks we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nos.org.uk for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING

SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION

Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common ones include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING

Here, the scammer takes impersonation a step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employers' IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix a technical issue with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This can be more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING

SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on), to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING

If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE

Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH

Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions: it's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS

If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS

If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2018, Kryptokloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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

