

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2022



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.




This Week's Winners:

Attendance: **Year 5**
Punctuality: **Year 2**
Good to be Green: **Year 1**
Sports Class of the week: **Year 4**

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Bethany Agg
Year 2 Uwa Ehiorobo
Year 3 Inayah Aslam
Year 4 Hadji Ghafoor
Year 5 Aminah Tariq

	Attendance	Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	No. of late marks
Nursery	25	6
Reception	46	20
Year 1	21	17
Year 2	21	5
Year 3	9	8
Year 4	36	13
Year 5	8	13
Year 6	14	6
	Attendance Stars Year 5	Punctuality Stars Year 2

This year, we changed our sports day and mixed things up a little.

Our teams were made up of children from all the different classes and instead of giving points to those who came first and second etc. we gave points for:

Effort

Sportsmanship

Behaviour

Competitive Spirit

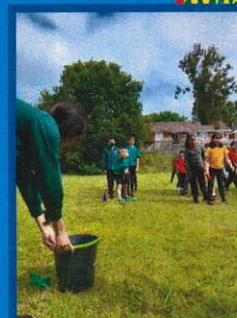
All teams earned points for all the categories but the overall winner this year was:

Team Jowle!!

Congratulations to all the children who took part. You are a real credit to yourselves and the school!



Brimrod Sports Day



News and Notices

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End of year school events

Unfortunately, we won't be able to invite parents into school to take part in end of year school events again this year. I understand how frustrating this is but we are going to record express afternoon, the brass performance and the leaver's assembly so that parents can still be a part of the celebrations. We are really hoping that things can return to normal when we return after the Summer holiday.



Eid Mubarak!

Eid Mubarak to all our families and staff who are celebrating Eid this weekend. We hope you have a really special time together.



End of Year Reports

Today, your child will be bringing home with them, their end of year reports and test information if they took national tests. Please read your child's report carefully, complete the comment box and return this to school before the end of term. If you would like to arrange a meeting to speak to your child's teacher, please put this on the form. Thank you



Rochdale Food Bank Donations

Please can I remind parents/carers that we are collecting food donations for Rochdale Food Bank in order to support families across Rochdale during the 6 week holidays. They will be taken at the end of next week so please send in what you would like to donate by then.



New School Uniform for September 2022

Please can I remind parents/carers that the uniform is changing slightly as of September 2022 in order to reduce the cost to parents and make the children look smarter. The children will no longer wear ties or V neck jumpers and shirts. Children may continue to wear old uniform.

They will wear white polo shirts and round neck jumpers or cardigans

Dates for the Diary

Friday 8th July 2022—Reports go home

Friday 8th July 2022—Eid Parties

WB 11th July 2022—History Week

Thursday 14th July 2022—Express afternoon (recorded)

Thursday 14th July 2022—Brass Performance (recorded)

Tuesday 19th July 2022 6pm - Year 6 Oscars Evening

Wednesday 20th July 2022—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Recorded)

Wednesday 20th July 2022— Break Up



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING
Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION
This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS
Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

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