

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023



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Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Attendance: **Year 2**

Punctuality: **Year 3**

Good to be Green: **Year 2**

Sports class of the week: **Year 1**

Home Learning Superstars!!!!

Year 1 Aayat Umer Butt


Year 2 Anam Adrees

Year 3 Shahzaib Ismail

Year 4 Fatima Shiraz

Year 5 Shani Zulfiqar

Year 6 Mahak Sajar

	Attendance (LA Expected 95%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	19	81%	5
Reception	28	90%	6
Year 1	23	92%	7
Year 2	11	96%	4
Year 3	25	85%	3
Year 4	21	93%	8
Year 5	20	93%	6
Year 6	26	91%	9
School total	173 sessions missed this week!	90%	48 late arrivals this week!
	Attendance Stars Year 2		Punctuality Stars Year 3

KS2 Eco Committee



PIC-COLLAGE



**Brimrod
Eco-Committee**



Recycling Competition



**Data collecting in
Eco Committee**

PIC-COLLAGE

After celebrating earning their Green Flag, the Eco Committee has been hard at work ready to earn their next award. The group worked together completing an environmental review of the school - which included interviewing lots of staff members and other children. They then collected the results from this review to help them decide on their actions for the year ahead. This year the group will be focussing on global citizenship, school grounds and energy. Their first campaign will be all about saving energy - which helps the planet and us save money! They have lots of exciting ideas to share with the school and community for the year ahead.

News and Notices

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Strike Action

A letter has gone home regarding strike action that is being taken by teachers in the NEU union.

On Wednesday 1st February 2023 Brimrod Primary School will be open to all pupils

This decision has been based on a full risk assessment and the information available at this point. This decision may have to change on the day of action if there is sickness absence or a picket line at school that employees have decided not cross. As I'm sure you understand, we will be unable to advise you of this in advance and we may need to update parents and carers on the morning of the action to advise of any closure. If this occurs we will aim to do this as soon as possible before the start of the school day. Please check the school website and text messages.

Thursday 16th February 2.15pm

Express

Let's Apply and Reflect!

The opportunity for children to Express their learning, and share their understanding with others.

Express Afternoon—Reminder

Express afternoon for all classes will be held on Thursday 16th February at 2.15pm. These sessions allow your children to share with you what they have been doing in their topics and gives parents a chance to see their work and join in with their children. These were really well attended before Covid and this is the first one that we have been able to do in person since. We are all really looking forward to seeing you!

Well-being and Mindfulness Parent and Child Sessions

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be holding Parent/Child well-being and mindfulness sessions in classes during week beginning 6th February. These sessions will involve calming art and relaxation activities. The sessions will be:

Monday 6th February—Years 5 and 6 at 2.15pm

Tuesday 7th February—Years 3 and 4 at 2.15pm

Wednesday 8th February—Nursery at 11.30am

Thursday 9th February—Reception at 2.30pm

Friday 10th February—Year 1 and 2 at 2.15pm



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 31st January—Dream Big Games UKS2 (3.30pm—4.30pm)

Week beginning 6th February—Parent/Child Well-being and mindfulness sessions (Dates/times above)

Friday 4th February—Last Year 3 swimming lesson

Thursday 9th February—UKS2 cross country at Holy Trinity (3.15pm—4.45pm)

Thursday 16th February—Express Afternoon (2pm—3pm)

Friday 17th February—Break up

Back at school—Monday 27th February.



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true, or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Every Wednesday, we hear from a guest expert at a large primary school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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