

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's Winners:

Attendance: **Year 2**

Punctuality: **Years 3 and 6**

Good to be Green: **Year 5**

Home Learning Superstars!

Year 1 Adam Ashraf


Year 2 Aisha Ali

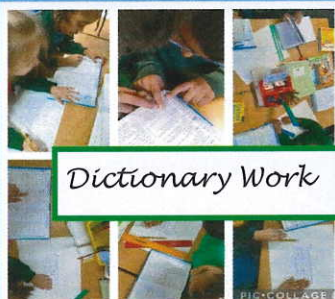
Year 3 Zachariah Ali

Year 4 Jenson Nellist-Day

Year 5 Amara Mustafa

Year 6 Sam Akerele

	Attendance (LA Expected 95%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	23	78%	7
Reception	24	91%	16
Year 1	11	96%	10
Year 2	6	98%	11
Year 3	28	88%	1
Year 4	23	91%	9
Year 5	8	97%	5
Year 6	20	93%	1
School total	143 sessions missed this week!	91.5%	60 late arrivals this week!
	Attendance Stars Year 2		Punctuality Stars Years 3 and 6



Dictionary Work

English at Brimrod



Animal Investigators

Research

Literacy skills used across the curriculum

Sharing Stories

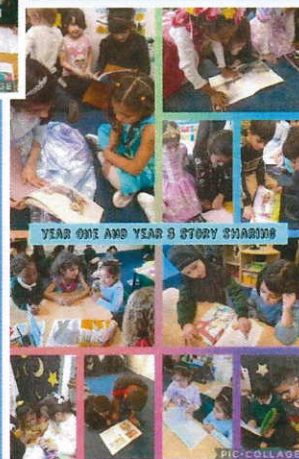
Reasoning Sentences



Talk Partners



World Book Day



Drama sessions



YEAR ONE AND YEAR 5 STORY SHARING

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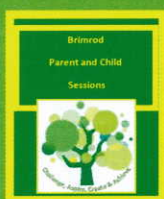
Severe Weather

As we are experienced and particularly cold period for the time of year it is important that children are wrapped up warm and have suitable shoes on. If school is closed (This will only be if the weather is severe) then you will receive a **text message** from school and it will be posted on the school website www.brimrodprimary.rochdale.sch.uk



Child Absence—First Day Call

If your child is off school due to illness then **you must ring school on the first day of this absence** or it will be recorded as unauthorised.



Marathon Kids and Parents Session—Dates and times to follow

We are inviting parents/carers into school during the week beginning 20th March (Dates to follow) to take part in our Marathon Kids sessions. Every week your children take part in a session where they run laps around the playground. These laps are added up and form a class total.

We want to share this experience with you and would like you to join your child during this week and walk / run laps of the playground with them. **You do NOT have to run—walking is fine!!**

This would be a great way to do some exercise with your children

MARATHON KIDS



Parent Sessions coming up soon!!

Keeping Your child safe on the roads— Rochdale Travel Team



Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Instead of doing Comic Relief this year, we have decided to raise funds for the Turkey Earthquake Appeal by asking for donations. On this day children can come to school in their own clothes and bring a monetary donation of at least £1.

All money raised will go directly to the DEC fund.



Dates for the Diary

WB 13th March 2023—Science Week

Friday 17th March 2023—Turkey- Syria Earthquake Appeal (instead of Comic Relief) - own clothes

WB 20th March 2023—Marathon Kids and parents sessions (Dates and times to be confirmed)

Tuesday 21st March 2023—DB Games (Cricket) Years 5/6

Wednesday 29th / Thursday 30th March 2023—Parents Afternoon

Thursday 30th March 2023—Break up for Easter Break



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad, the iPad Air, the iPad Pro, and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parents [insert] so you can regulate how your child uses the device... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Kindle) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads don't have tough anti-knock. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger users.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could limit their ability to read things and learn of interest in more important topics. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you know how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there is always a possibility that something unwanted – perhaps a video that makes them or content they're not equipped to see or understand – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our top five section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but you can also do it proactively and specify those words, phrases, websites or apps (individually) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, go to the 'Ask Siri' functions set up in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting your child access an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, so that you can use the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings once there, go to the 'Add an existing Apple account' (if your child already has one) or set up a new Apple account.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Screen Time' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself on certain devices, for instance. You can also remove access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad won't display a notification when these limits have nearly been reached, leaving your child unaware of the time and of their gaming or spending time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device, without giving parents a headache, you can set up Family Sharing. You can also enable the 'Ask to Buy' feature, whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option isn't free when available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (its apps like music and books, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone MIA, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been misplaced, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Julie is a specialist in digital safety and online security. She has worked for the National Online Safety (NOS) for several years, helping parents and carers to keep their children safe online. She is also a member of the National Online Safety (NOS) advisory board.

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