

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2023



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's winners:

Attendance: **Year 1**

Punctuality: **Years 2**

Good to be Green: **Years 1 and 6**

Sports class of the week: **4**

Home Learning Superstars!!

Year 1 Aaminah Shakil


Year 2 Subaha Qureshi

Year 3 Zachariah Ali

Year 4 Millie McLennan

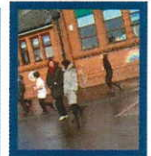
Year 5 Sienna McLennan

Year 6 Muhammad Burhaan

	Attendance (LA Expected 95%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	23	77%	9
Reception	40	87%	8
Year 1	10	97%	13
Year 2	16	95%	4
Year 3	32	87%	2
Year 4	36	88%	6
Year 5	14	95%	11
Year 6	18	94%	5
School total	189 sessions missed this week!	90%	58 late arrivals this week!
	Attendance Stars Year 1		Punctuality Stars Years 2



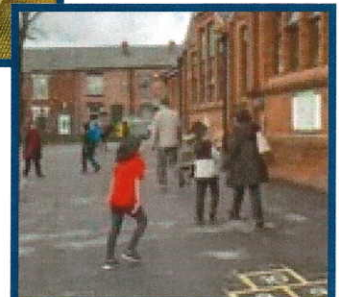
Marathon Kids and Parents!!!!



**MARATHON
KIDS**



Well done to our fantastic parents, grandparents and carers who came into school this week and took part in Marathon Kids with the children. They walked and ran around the playground trying to see how many laps they could do whilst supporting their children to get fitter and healthier!!

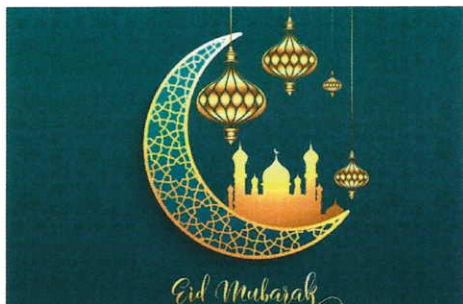


News and Notices

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EID Activity Packs—Free



LET'S CELEBRATE

Get creative this season with an Eid themed craft pack, from the Family Learning Service. These packs come fully resourced with materials to keep the children entertained and activities for the whole family to get involved in.

Our Eid crafts packs are **FREE** and can be collected from the following locations:

Castlemere Community Centre

Thursday, 30th March 2023, 9.00am-3.00pm

Number One Riverside

Tuesday, 4th April 2023, 9.30am-3.00pm

For further information please contact the Family Learning Service at familylearning@rochdale.gov.uk or call 01706 927870

Marathon Kids and Parents Sessions

Thank you so much to parents/carers who took part in our Marathon Kids sessions this week. Remember that Year 6 are still to do it.

Year 6—2.30pm on Monday 27th March

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!!**

Road Safety Sessions

This week the children have been working with the Rochdale Travel Team and learning about road awareness and how to keep safe when out and about. One thing that was discussed is that many of our clothes are not reflective so we are selling reflectors to attach to coats or school bags.

The reflectors come on different shapes and colours and cost 50p each.

School Dinners Price Increase

From Monday 17th April school dinners will cost £2.50 per meal making this £12.50 a week

Parent Afternoons—Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March

Please make sure that you have made your appointments!!

Fund Raising Activities

I am always very proud of our community when it comes to fund-raising as we all pull together to help those in need. However I need to make it very clear that **children should NOT be asking strangers for money or knocking on doors of people they don't know.** This is extremely dangerous and causes a nuisance to other people. Please talk to your child about the dangers.

Dates for the Diary

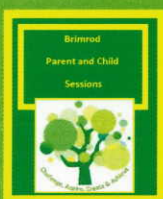
Wednesday 29th / Thursday 30th March 2023—Parents Afternoon

Thursday 30th March 2023—Break up for Easter Break

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Online Safety

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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.

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

CCTV
IN OPERATION

'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with, the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISPP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believed it was essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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