



## This week's events...

It's been another busy week at BJA, with this term's topic of 'Under the Sea' being started. The children have been:

- recapping on some previous Science learning
- using maps and atlases in Geography
- exploring painting techniques in Art
- learning how to keep themselves safe when using computers
- looking at composition of music in Music
- practising various PE skills
- exploring 'symbols' (Y3/4) and 'faith' (Y5/6) in RE
- learning greetings and basic classroom commands (Y3/4) and features of the locality (Y5/6) in French

## Useful information on our website

Please go to our website: [www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) where you will find lots of useful information.

Under the 'Parents' tab, you will find information about:

- Information and events to support families
- Mobile phones
- Second hand uniform
- Holiday / Medical Appointments
- Useful 'Letters and Forms'
- Your School Lottery

Under the 'Curriculum' tab, you will find lots of useful information about how to help your child with their learning.

This page:

<https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/local%20events.asp> has information on a whole range of local events.

## Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Individual photos** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- **Cairn Ceremony** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. *All new children asked to decorate a rock/stone to put on our Cairn. More info will follow nearer to time.*
- **Parent Info session "Helping your child with their learning"** – 3.40-5pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- **Year 3 Parent drop-in to see how settled etc** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm
- **Harvest Festival at All Saints Church (2pm start)** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (parents invited to attend **PLUS, any help from adults to help us walk to/from the church, gratefully appreciated**)
- **Autumn Term 1 ends** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Children start back after half term holiday** – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

*Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.*

## Other items to note:

A huge **THANKYOU** to the very kind parents who have offered to advise us on a microphone system for the children to use.....most appreciated! I shall keep you all posted of any further developments! 😊

**Can anyone help us with walking to and from the church at our forthcoming Harvest Festival (afternoon of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October)? Please email [enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to let us know.**

## Mr Pyburn's E-Safety tips!

Most weekly Branston Bulletin's will have an 'e-safety top tip' from Mr Pyburn – one of our teachers. Mr Pyburn also puts useful information onto our school website: [E-Safety - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk). This week his 'tip' is about information which will be coming out to parents in the near future.

## Reading our Computing Family Acceptable Use Policy

Welcome back to school! For 'new' parents, carers and their families who have joined us this September, allow me to introduce myself: my name is Mr. Pyburn and I'm the Computing Co-Ordinator here at BJA. This also means that I'll be looking forward to teaching your child computing whilst they're here in our BJA family. Any time soon, you'll be receiving an email with an attachment named, '**Teams and Distance Learning Acceptable Use Policy**'. Once you get to reading it, you'll realise that it was written during the distant days of lockdown. However, the policy is still in use as your child will be using Teams in some of their computing classes. If you could read through with your child, particularly paragraph 2 ('Chat Functions'), I'd be most appreciative. There's no form for you to fill in, or to reply to me - just a quiet read with your child. Wishing you all the best, and if you ever want to pop in to discuss your child's work in computing, please do feel free to make an appointment.