



Branston Bulletin

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Welcome to the Branston Bulletin!

Our School Week

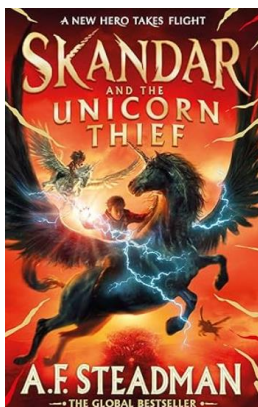
Another busy week in school! We started this week by continuing our theme of respect in our assembly. We learned about International Women's Day and celebrated the achievements of women and girls all over the world. We looked at the importance of respecting everyone no matter what their gender and recognising that even today there is still inequality for women and girls in some parts of the world.

Dodgeball Workshop

On Wednesday some of our children took part in a dodgeball workshop. They trained and honed their skills in preparation for an upcoming dodgeball competition. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop, and we can't wait to hear how they get on at the tournament.

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

Here is Mr Thornton's book of the week, 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief'. A story with a mixture of Harry Potter themes and unicorns. What is not to like?!



Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn – and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . .



Our Pupil Voice

Renley Y3 – ‘I’ve really enjoyed created wishing stories in English.’

Mason Y4 – ‘I liked Maths this week when we were learning about fractions of shapes.’

Ryley Y5 – ‘I loved eating chocolate torte in English this week.’

Julia Y6 – ‘Art was fun when we created Aztec patterns’

Not sure how I wasn’t invited to the ‘eating chocolate torte’ lesson!! Good to hear that the children used this experience to develop their vocabulary for creative writing!

Parents Evening

It was great to see so many of you here for Parent’s Evening on Thursday. I hope that you found the information you received about your child informative and useful. It is really important that families and school maintain good dialogue about how your child is developing in their learning and as a person. Thank you to everyone who completed a parent survey we will analyse what has been said and let you know any outcomes later in the term.



Attendance Reminders

We understand that sometime life happens. Children will pick up viruses and the odd ‘bug’ that is going around. However, children’s attendance in school is very important for the development of their learning. Children’s learning builds on day to day and week to week and the themes and concepts are not taught in isolation. Therefore, being absent for several days will impact upon learning. We don’t want poorly children in school, but we do want children to learn that resilience to feeling ‘not quite myself’ will help them as they become citizens of the world and workplace.

Mr Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Red Nose Day** – Friday 21st March
- **Year 3/4 Chocolate WOW Day!** - Monday 24th March
- **Year 5/6 Chocolate WOW Day!** - Tuesday 25th March
- **Last Day to Purchase Chocolate Raffle Tickets** – Tuesday 1st April
- **Chocolate Raffle Draw** – 2nd Wednesday April
- **Spring Term 2 ends** – Friday 4th April
- **Summer Term 1 begins** – Tuesday 22nd April

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



Useful information on our website

Please go to our website:

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.

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip'

Choosing age-appropriate apps

This week's tech tip again comes from internetmatters.org, one of my favoured sources of sound, easy to digest and practical resources for parents and carers.

Apps, like video games and films, come in a range of age ratings (age-appropriateness). Internetmatters.org have compiled them all and have created a filter feature to easily search for specific apps or platforms to make informed decisions about the technology your child(ren) use.

This includes a very handy 'age-group slider'. This resource can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/w675hrdj>

