



## Branston Bulletin

21.03.25

Welcome to the Branston Bulletin!

### Our School Week

I've been thrilled with how the children have dedicated themselves to their learning this week. Our week started with our assembly where we looked at exactly what respect looked like in the classroom and the playground. Children came up with some wonderful ideas and we are looking forward to seeing these in action in our classrooms and in our playground.

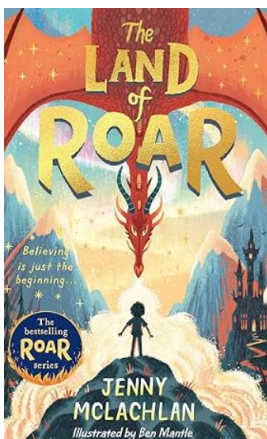
### Chocolate tasting!



This week the school has been filled with the wonderful smell of chocolate. Our children had a tasting session which then inspired their writing. There is no doubt that the impact of the tasting was a superb use of descriptive vocabulary from all children!

### Mr Thornton's Book Corner

Here is Mr Thornton's book of the week, 'The Land of Roar'. This fabulous book is full of vivid characters which come to life. I have to say being a 'ninja wizard' sounds like a pretty good job to me!



*When Arthur and Rose were little, they were heroes in the Land of Roar, an imaginary world that they found by climbing through the folding bed in their grandad's attic. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them (including a very creepy scarecrow...)*

*Now the twins are eleven, Roar is just a memory. But when they help Grandad clean out the attic, Arthur is horrified as Grandad is pulled into the folding bed and vanishes. Is he playing a joke? Or is Roar ... real?*



## Our Pupil Voice

**Annabel Y3** – ‘I really enjoyed doing tennis in P.E.’

**Sam Y4** – ‘I did my best handwriting this week. I was proud of it!’

**Nancy Y5** – ‘I enjoyed our Science. We got to do investigations.’

**Ethan Y6** – ‘I liked our Maths this week. We were converting miles to kilometres.’

Good to see so many children enjoying such a range of learning this week!

## Auditions for the Spring Concert

On the 28<sup>th</sup> March some of your talented children will be performing for the school in our Spring Concert. This week a number of the children auditioned in front of Mr Thornton as they had expressed a desire to perform! I had practiced my ‘That was a musical disaaaaaaaaster darling!’ ready for the audition and I didn’t even need to use it once! The children were confident and musically talented and we are looking forward to hearing from them all at the concert.



## Attendance Reminders

Last week I shared with you the importance of good attendance for children in school. This week I will leave with some information which emphasises very clearly how attendance can affect a child’s learning and therefore their life chances.

<b>Above 97%</b>	<b>Fewer than 6 days absence in one academic year</b> Very good attendance. Pupils with this level of attendance have the best chance of achieving the grades of which they are capable and this leads to the best prospects for work, college or university.
<b>95%</b>	<b>Fewer than 10 days absence in one academic year</b> Pupils are likely to achieve their target grades, and have good opportunities for work, college and university, but will need to invest time in catching up any work missed.
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 days absent from school in one academic year</b> Pupils with this level of attendance are missing a month of school per year and this is likely to have a detrimental effect on their achievement; it will be difficult for them to achieve of their best.
<b>85%</b>	<b>29 days absent from school in one academic year</b> These pupils are missing six weeks of their education and will find it difficult to keep up and achieve of their best.
<b>80%</b>	<b>Pupils with this level of attendance are missing a year of school over five years that they attend school.</b> It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work and these pupils are at risk of serious underachievement. Parents of students with this level of attendance could be issued with a penalty notice.

Mr Thornton  
Headteacher



### Diary dates 2024-2025:

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

### Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip'

#### **Talking to your child about online safety**

One of the most important things that we can do to improve our children's online safety is to open up a conversation and to talk to them about their online lives. It's fair to say that technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace, so it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to, or discussing the potential risks and issues. As a father of two teenage children, I know this only too well!

The NSPCC website has a great set of resources to help you talk to your children about online safety, including advice on how to have age-appropriate conversations. These resources can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/3mw7w6vh>

