



Brownmead Academy Newsletter

'A school community that empowers and inspires all to reach beyond their potential'

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world"

Anne Frank



Autumn Term no.3



Dates for your Diary

16th November	Rec to Y4 Flu vaccinations	All Day
17th November	Dress in spots for Children In Need	All Day
20th November	Road Safety Week	NA
21st November	Year 6 Heights and weights	
29th November	Year 4 Class Assembly	9.15am
1st December	School Closed	NA
4th December	School Closed	NA
5th December	Assessment Week	NA
5th December	Dragonflies Arts/Crafts Inspire	2:30pm
5th December	Year 6 Reading and Writing SATs Inspire	9:15am
6th December	Bumble Bees Arts/Craft Inspire	2:30pm
15th December	Christmas Enterprise Fayre	2:00pm
16th December	Christmas Panto—2 Performances	TBC
18th December	Reception Christmas Nativity	2:00pm
19th December	Reception Christmas Nativity	9.15am
21st December	Class Christmas Parties	
22nd December	Children break up for Christmas	12:30pm

Please note that the Christmas Nativity on 19th December is at 9.15am not 2.30pm as previously stated.

All dates including any rescheduled dates are available on the school website:

learning.brownmead.academy



We would all like to say a big thank you to the PTA for putting on the Halloween disco again this year. The children looked amazing and all had a wonderful time. With your help we raised a spooktacular

£428.43

Which will help provide extra resources for the school.
Thank you for supporting this very popular event.

School PE days

We seem to have a lot of children forgetting their PE kits at the moment. To avoid confusion please note the days and times below:



Bumblebees - Wednesday 1pm onwards

Dragonflies - Wednesday 1pm onwards

1YB - Tuesday 1.30pm-2.30pm & Thursday 1pm onwards

1YR - Monday 10.45am-11.45am & Thursday 1pm onwards

2YA - Monday 1.30pm-2.30pm & Wednesday 1pm onwards

2YR - Tuesday 10.50am-11.30am & Wednesday 1pm onwards

Y3 - Monday 9.30am-10.30am & Thursday 10.45am - 11.45am

Y4 - Thursday 9.30am-10.30am & Friday Swimming 11am

Y5 - Monday 11.50am-12.50pm & Wednesday 9.30am-10.30am

Y6 - Wednesday 11am-12pm & Friday Swimming 11am



ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIX 2017-18

This years Attendance Grand Prix started again last week
Congratulations to the following Years for their excellent attendance.

Week ending 20th October - RYM- 99%

Week ending 3rd November - Year 4 - 97.1%

Year 2R are still in 1st place.

Keep going everyone



Parking

Due to further complaints from local residents, we are offering a timely reminder of the need for safe and considerate parking around school, when bringing or collecting your child at the start or end of the school day. Our expectation is that all parking will be done in a safe and considerate manner for everyone.

If you are unable to park safely and considerately close to the school, we expect that you will park somewhere further away and walk with your child or children into the school grounds, thereby reducing the impact on the local community, whilst maintaining the safety of everyone.

We thank you all in advance for your co-operation in this matter.



Safeguarding Message from Mrs Carter:

SNAPCHAT Map Feature

Snapchat has rapidly become a social media giant, toppling rivals to dominate the photo and communication market, but now schools are warning parents of a worrying new feature of the app which could put children at risk. In late June, the Snapchat Map was launched, allowing users to share their location amongst friends and family. Operating in real time, with real GPS coordinates, many are afraid that friends of friends and obscure contacts will be able to monitor closely the movements of young people. Home addresses and daily movements can easily be inferred, argue campaigners, allowing relative strangers to anticipate movements and intercept vulnerable young people in reality. Although the feature has to be opted into and can be disabled at any time, the concerns over the data protection awareness of social media users has once again been raised and the threat of them unwittingly putting themselves in danger is a real one.

Source – Handsam Limited 19th October 2017

We would ask all parents of children with access to this app, that they talk to their child about safe and correct use of this social media application. If you would like further support please speak to Mrs Carter - Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mr Woodfield - Computing Lead.

Year 2 School Choir



Please note that Year 2 choir practice will finish on Tuesday 12th December until further notice. The following week they will be singing in the Infant nativity.

Please look out for information about Nativity tickets in the near future.

Black History Week



Mrs Richards would like to say a big thank you for the overwhelming response regarding the Black History projects. We have had some

outstanding work from the children which will be displayed around school for all to admire. Thank you for your continued support.

Children in Need 2017



Brownmead will be supporting Children in Need again this year. On Friday 17th November for a donation of £1 we would like the children to come to school in spots.

We thank you in advance for helping us support this very popular and worthy charity.



Sports News

as reported by Mrs Barr

An amazing performance by our Year 2 Multi Skills team who played at Stockland Green and came 3rd in the Kingsbury Sports partnership competition. Again this was a fantastic result. We started this competition with 18 schools and finally came 3rd. The children had lots of fun and showed determination throughout the competition. They all received medals and certificates during our weekly congratulations assembly. We are all very proud of the children at Brownmead and their achievements. Well done to all involved. A big thank you to the parents and carers who continue to support us and come along to these events.

The couch to 5k will be starting for parents in the new year. Please look out for flyers around the school informing you of dates and times.



Twitter

Please remember that we have a twitter account that is used to share the great things we do as a school, as well as give information.

@_Brownmead

School Photos



Please remember, if you would like any of the photographs that were taken in school, we need the envelopes with payment enclosed by :

Monday 13th November.

If your child was absent on photo day they will be able to have a photograph taken when the photographer returns to take class photos in the new year.

Breakfast Club



Please remember that any money that is brought into school for Breakfast Club should be in a sealed and labelled envelope. The playleaders have not got access to any change and should not be handling money. If you require change back from school you can collect it at the office or it can be given to your child before the end of the school day. Thank you for your help.

Universal Children's Day' - Monday 20th November

United Nations Universal Children's day is celebrated on 20th November every year. It's aim is to promote international togetherness, awareness amongst children worldwide and to improve children's welfare. This day is an opportunity to promote and celebrate children's rights.



Antibullying Week



Anti-bullying week takes place next week, 13th -17th November. Children, in school, will take part in assemblies and in class activities to

further develop their understanding.

As part of this week, we would like to replicate our success with the cake making for equality. We had some fantastic entries and I would like to do the same again this year.

The Edu-cake and Cel-a-bake Great Rainbow Bake off will culminate in a cake sale on Friday, after school, in the school hall.

This Bake-Off is a competition and we will upload photos of all entries, where the 10 cakes with the most votes will go through to a live final in February 2018. Bring your entries in on Friday morning, then come and buy them back!

The proceeds will go to a charity, which will be chosen by The Brownmead Rights Respecting Committee, in line with their work during anti-bullying week.

Ready, Steady... Bake

Team GB



On 13th December, we are hosting a Team GB athlete who will deliver an assembly and then take part in workshops with the children. As part of this day, children will be taking part in sponsored activities to help raise money for the Team GB athletes. Look out for this information.