



**Brownmead
Academy**

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Newsletter

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By now, you should all be aware of the outcome of our Ofsted inspection that was held on the 8th and 9th of January 2020. The section 5 Inspection is required by law to ensure that all schools promote improvement and are held to account for the spending of public funds. OFSTED provide an independent assessment of the quality and standards of education in schools and check whether pupils are achieving as much as they can.

Through the hard work of staff, parents and children we are GOOD in ALL areas. This is a fantastic achievement that has been built over a number of years. I want to personally thank everyone involved for their dedication and resilience along the journey to get Brownmead back to where it should be.

For us, it doesn't stop there, as we are now working on developing a school that is solidly good over a period of time, working towards OUTSTANDING.

Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Requires improvement

Upcoming events

Thursday 6th Feb at 2.30pm - Y4 Maths Parent workshop

Friday 7th February - Y5 Class assembly

Thursday 13th Feb at 2.30pm - Y5 Maths Parent workshop

Friday 14th February – Brave the Shave Assembly

Friday 14th February – Break up for half-term

Monday 24th February – School re-opens



Attendance Grand Prix

20th December – Birch 93.3%

10th January – Acorns 100%

17th January – Acorns 99.2%

24th January - Dragonflies 98.1%

Congratulations to the above classes for winning the weekly attendance. They have moved along our attendance grand prix board and are moving closer to the reward trip.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding 2 evenings for parents to discuss the progress of their children.

Tuesday 24th March or Tuesday 31st March 3.50pm – 6.00pm

Please log on to <https://brownmead.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Change 4 Life

Change 4 life is all about children making healthier choices. We took 10 Yr3 and 4 children to a school games Change 4 life festival. This was an opportunity for children that haven't taken part in a competition or an afterschool club yet to represent the school and try new activities. This is something that the school would like to carry on, by doing more activities and making healthier choices throughout the school day.



Young Voices 2020

I had the great pleasure in attending the Young Voices event on Tuesday 21st January. Our choir, represented by Miss St Ledger and Mrs Gates took part in the event, held at Resorts World Arena. The event, consisting of 6000 primary school children, was amazing and I hope that this inspires our children to discover a love for music. It was also great to work with the famous Tony Hadley, The Shires and Urban Striders. I think the children only knew the Urban Striders! Our children were amazing and had a great time. I want to say thank you to the staff for giving up their time to ensure that our children can take part in these fantastic events.



Chatroom Alert!

Please be aware of a chat room application called Discord. This app is commonly used by gamers to talk to each other whilst gaming. Users can send direct messages to one another or listen in to larger group chats.

Connecting with friends is easy - users can simply join an existing gaming server or send an email invitation to start a new one. Most significantly, you do not have to download an app to use it as it can be accessed via any browser and is free to use.

Internal filtering systems in schools will pick this up if there is any activity, but it is important to share this information as the Discord social networking tool is geared towards adults, not children and young people.

The link below provides more information about Discord, with some parental advice relating to the app.



Please see our website for a parent leaflet about DISCORD

After-School Clubs

For our current range of after-school clubs, please visit our school website.

Year 1 visit to the Ikon Gallery



Year 1 had an exciting trip to the Ikon Gallery and the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. They worked with artists and looked at lots of art and exhibits. That's another one ticked off the Brownmead Bucket List!

School Communication

We are finding that some messages and letters are not getting to parents. We would like to reiterate that **every child is given a letter relevant to their class requirements.**

Please check your child's bag regularly. If your child has been off school, please see the office as soon as they are back so we can update you straight away. Messages are also sent out on class Dojo, if you do not receive these messages then **please see the class teacher at the end of the day to sign up to Dojo.** It is very important that all slips are returned to school as soon as possible. If reply slips are not returned and signed by parents as authorisation, for your child to take part in the event then it may mean that will have to stay in school.

If you change your telephone number it is really important to inform the school immediately, or give the office an alternate number for emergencies.

Travel Tracker Competition

The annual badge design competition, to design the 11 WOW Travel Tracker badges, is now open. Last year Living Streets had over 100,000 entries. It would be amazing if a Brownmead pupil could win the competition and get their design produced. The entry form is available to download on the school website in the OUR SCHOOL- WALK TO SCHOOL section.

