

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



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Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.



This Week's Winners:

Attendance: **Year 6**

Punctuality: **Year 5**

Good to be Green: **Year 5**

Sports class of the week: **Year 5**

Class Superstars

Year 1– Azan Shamas

Year 2– Zakariyah Khan

Year 3– Bethany Agg

Year 4 - Noor Khan

Year 5– Ronnie Hines

Year 6– Areebah Ahmed

Home Learning Superstars

Year 1 - Aaminah Abid

Year 2 - Phoebe Heap

Year 3 – Omar Habib

Year 4 - Rayyan Ul-Haq

Year 5– Aliza Mahmood

Year 6– Amara Mustafa

	Attendance (LA Expected 97%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	31	72.63%	2

Children are expected to attend Nursery every day.

We have reviewed our attendance policy in the light of poor Nursery attendance.

If your child's attendance falls below 95% - you will be invited in to school to discuss this.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% - you will be invited in to school to have a meeting with the Headteacher and Educational Welfare Officer.

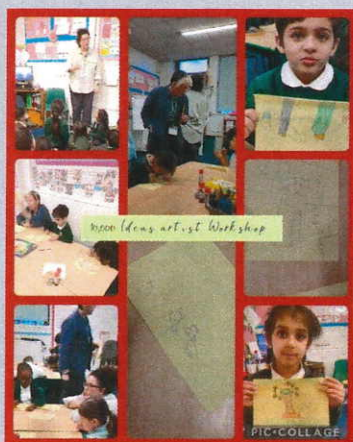
A reminder that 10 consecutive absences will result in your child losing their place and you would have to reapply.

	Attendance (LA Expected 97%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Reception	27	88.75%	10
Year 1	12	95.56%	8
Year 2	24	92.00%	9
Year 3	30	90.00%	5
Year 4	33	88.62%	4
Year 5	13	95.81%	2
Year 6	10	96.77%	5
School total	159 sessions missed	92.5%	43 late arrivals



Attendance Stars
Year 6

Punctuality Stars
Year 5



1000 Ideas Artist Workshops



Year 1 enjoyed the 10,000 Ideas Artist workshop. They had lots of fun completing the art challenges set by the artist including a new way to get to school.

Year 3 loved the 10,00 Ideas Artist workshop today. They had lots of fun completing the art challenges set by the artist that included drawing with their eyes closes, drawing with the hand that they don't normally write with, also inventing fun way of getting out of bed.



News and Notices

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Author / Arts Week—World Book Day

Next week will be our Author / Arts week for this year. During this week we look at a particular author or theme and spend time creating pieces of writing and art that will become the amazing displays that we see in the school hall. This year our theme is “British Wildlife” and as part of this we will be having beekeepers workshops for all children and virtual visits from a number of authors including Mini Grey and Michael Rosen.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Please can children come in to school on Thursday dressed as a character from a book.



Beekeepers Workshops

Springfield beekeepers are coming into school next week to talk to children about the importance of bees and looking after them. They will have the chance to try on beekeeping suits and look at equipment (They will not be bringing any bees into school!)



Virtual Author Visits

On Monday, all children in school will take part in a virtual workshop with Michael Rosen, Jasbinder Bilan and Allen Fatimaharan through our work with the British Library. Also on Monday, Years 1 and 2 will have a 1:1 virtual visit with author Mini Grey. Mini Greys books are used in our literacy topics in KS1 and the children know her books. We are all very excited to be involved in these sessions.



Comic Relief / World Sleep Day

We all know the importance of sleep and that it is an issue across the borough. In order to address some of this we will be combining Comic Relief and World Sleep Day on Friday 15th March. On this day children can come into school in their PJs and bring £1 for comic relief. We will do activities for both and children will finish the day with a bedtime story read by a different member of staff with milk & cookies.



Book Donation Request—More needed

Unfortunately, we have only had 3 donations of books in the last few weeks. Please could I ask families to have a look for any books that are in excellent condition that are not read anymore. Thank you so much for your support with this.



Dates for the Diary

Wb 4th March—Author/Arts Week

Monday 4th March—Author visits from Michael Rosen and Mini Grey

Monday 4th March - Beekeepers workshop for EY and Y1

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—Dress up as a character from a book

Friday 8th March—Ramadan Assembly with Imam Mushtaq

Friday 15th March—Comic Relief / World Sleep Day—Wear Pyjamas for school (Bring £1 donation)

Monday 18th March—EID Parent/child workshop Y1 and Y2 (must be booked on)



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Additional Online Safety: we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to build an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide includes an area of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, links and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device – and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to check the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'Top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) ensure you're locked out of most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, or this lets you utilize the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings, once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been misplaced, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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Please see the school website for more information on online safety and the school policies.