

Brimrod Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024



Brimrod Primary School Values

Challenge, Aspire, Create and Achieve.

This Week's Winners:

Attendance: **Year 2**

Punctuality: **Year 5**

Good to be Green: **Year 2**

Class Superstars

Year 1— Ahmed Shaffan

Year 2— Adam Ashraf

Year 3— Anam Adrees

Year 4—Princess Aghahowa

Year 5— Areeba Bhatti

Year 6— Amara Mustafa

Home Learning Superstars

Year 1 - Ayat Ali

Year 2 - Adam Hakmaoui

Year 3 — Rafay Aslam

Year 4 - Shazaib Mohammad

Year 5— Casey Chen

Year 6— Emaan Amir

	Attendance (LA Expected 97%)		Punctuality
	No. of sessions missed	Percentage	No. of late marks
Nursery	15	84.21%	1

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	89.11%	12
Year 1	20	92.86%	6
Year 2	9	97.00%	13
Year 3	26	91.03%	8
Year 4	23	92.07%	6
Year 5	21	93.00%	1
Year 6	11	96.45%	2
School total	1537sessions missed	93.07%	48 late arrivals



**Attendance Stars
Year 2**

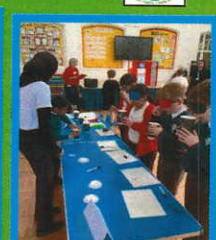
**Punctuality Stars
Year 5**



On Wednesday our wellbeing ambassadors welcomed children and staff from 5 other schools in Rochdale to take part in a wellbeing workshop run by themselves and Miss Shaw. The children shared ideas, learned about healthy eating from the school nursing team, did yoga, played board games and played detectives with their senses.



Brimrod's Wellbeing Workshop



News and Notices

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Leading Parent Partnership Award

I am thrilled to inform you that on Monday, Brimrod Primary School, was awarded the "Leading Parent Partnership Award" which is something we have been working towards for the last 18 months.

The award verifier spent the whole day in school, going through everything we have in place including documents we have created, courses and activities that we have held and how we have listened to parents and taken the wonderful feedback you have given us into account when planning events.

We will be continuing the work we have started as this is now part of our school so look out for the events coming up and courses that are on offer.



Rochdale Primary School Games Award

This week we were also awarded the Primary School Games silver award. This is awarded to schools for the work they do in getting their children active and healthy. This includes clubs, initiatives, parent events and competitions. It also included the work we do with our sports council. We will be continuing all of the things we have in place and will be going for Gold accreditation next year.



Reporting your child's absence

If your child is not well enough to come into school you must report their absence on the first day. This can be done by ringing the school number 01706 647146 and pressing option 1. This gives you the opportunity to record your message for the office staff to listen to when they look at that day's attendance. You do not need to actually speak to someone, you can just leave a message. Thank you



School Photographs - What to do next

School photographs will be sent into school in the next few weeks. Once you have received the photographs you will be able to order them online and choose and pay for the items that you want.



Maths workshop for parents—Year 5

There will be a maths workshop for the Y5 parents on Monday 13th May at 2.45pm. This session will help you understand some of the mathematical concepts and activities that Y4 children do in class and provide you with ideas and resources that you can use at home. We look forward to seeing you there.



Picking up from after school clubs

Please can I remind parents/carers that all after school clubs finish at 4pm and that children must be picked up at that time. Late collections will result in a charge as staff have other duties that they need to complete and cannot be stood with children needing to be picked up. Thank you for your support.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Wb 13th May—SATs Week

Wb Monday 20th May—Health week

Wb Monday 20th May—Scholastic book fair after school

Friday 24th May—Break up for half term

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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