



Brinsley Primary and Nursery School  
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## October 2017 Newsletter

*Learn today, to be a star of tomorrow*

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful half term we have had! We made a great start and this newsletter covers our main highlights.

### Year 1 Tea with the Queen

The children kick started their topic 'Bright Light's Big City' by having a visit from the Queen. The children were very excited and had lots of questions for her.



### School Sport News

It has been a busy month for sporting competitions at Brinsley. We took 2 teams to the Year 5/6 Mini Tennis Tournament at Selston High. We came 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, well done

### YOUNG AMBASSADORS

Six more children have been chosen to represent Brinsley Primary and Nursery School by becoming Sporting Ambassadors. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October the Young Ambassadors went to Selston High School to learn about the different sporting events and the importance of their new roles. The children are going to be hosting different events each month throughout the year.

### Class Attendance

**FS2:** This year: 97.56%  
**Year 1:** This year: 93.89%  
**Year 2:** This year: 97.48%  
**Year 3:** This year: 99.39%  
**Year 4:** This year: 96.07%  
**Year 5:** This year: 98.65%  
**Year 6:** This year: 92.65%  
Whole school: 96.5%

Polite notice, can children please only come in non-uniform when they have received a text confirmation from school, thank you

### Year 2 Traffic Survey

The year 2 children enjoyed learning about Brinsley over the last few weeks. They have gone on a walk around their village and carried out a traffic survey. All the information they have gained has helped them to write all about Brinsley.

### Year 6 Galleries of Justice

The year 6 children had a fantastic time at the Galleries of Justice. They learnt about all the different types of courts from Youth Court to High Court before carrying out their own Victorian courtroom drama. The children were amazing at acting out their roles and the poor defendant was finally found guilty. The children then had a tour of the building meeting actors along the way.

### Enrichment and 'Above and Beyond' Postcards

The children have been coming in thrilled that they have been receiving their postcards in the post. Well done to the children that have already received one and had their 'Above and Beyond' enrichment time with Mrs Bamford and Miss Hodgkin. Beak of the Week's will continue to be given out during a Friday assembly. These are decided upon shortly before the assembly and are a surprise for the children hence parents are not pre-warned about them. Parents/carers are always given prior notice of star/well done dot charts being filled and we look forward to sharing this moment with you.

### Brinsley British Values

**This month the children have been looking at 'tolerance'. They have been talking about what tolerance is and its importance, both in assemblies and in class.**

### Vegetable Competition

Once again the entries were fabulous and it was very hard to judge. Please see our Facebook page for photos. Our winners were:-

**Cut Flower Display:** Harry Barker, **Pot Plant:** Jamie Lee, **Longest Vegetable:** Lillie-May Steed, **Largest Vegetable** Erin Swann, **Oddest Looking Vegetable:** Sophia Dempsey and **Vegetable Mini Beast:** Imogen Sowter. Well done to everyone that took part.

## Wastebuster Home Recycling Challenge and Recycling Week

Well done to the all of the pupils who returned the Wastebuster recycling school part of the competition poster. Year two were the class who returned the most posters, closely followed by FS2. We are happy to announce that we were one of the top 100 schools with the highest percentage of pupils taking part in the national challenge. We have won a very special, exclusive cuddly Busta mascot made from 5 plastic recycled bottles! Well done also to the following pupils who uploaded the home part of the competition poster, to the Wastebuster website. Great work: Riley Norton, Leila Carlyle, Oscar Chambers, Jack Quinn, Jackson Sharpe, Rowan Prescott and Freddie Carlyle!

Pupils in key stage 2 worked with Lydia Powles, Nottinghamshire Schools Action Waste Club Officer. Lydia and the pupils had a great day. Key stage 1 and FS2 made some great newspaper crafts in their classrooms.

### Bikes and Scooters

Can all children please not ride bikes and scooters in the school grounds to prevent any possible injuries especially to small children. If possible can bikes be placed in the bike racks or down the side of the Pre School building so they are not obstructing the path. Thank you

### Hot Snack

Hot snack is a bought-in service through our kitchen staff therefore they have asked that snack is paid for on a daily basis. We are unable to use our online payment facility for this item as it is a brought in service. In extreme circumstances that money has been forgotten please inform staff, as without this verbal permission snack will not be able to be provided.

**We currently have a co-opted vacancy on our Governing Body. We are especially looking for people with a financial background to support the Finance Committee. If you are interested, please leave your details with the staff in the office and I will contact you. Thank you.**

**Lorraine Berry, Chair of Governors**

### Diary Dates

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	School closed for half term
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	Halloween Disco 4-5pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Art Auction - details to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Parent Evenings
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Foundation Stage Nativity 10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Class Swap Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Enterprise Sale
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	INSET DAY - school closed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School closed for Christmas holiday
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	INSET DAY - school closed
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	School closed for half term
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	School closed for Easter holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day bank holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	School closed for half term
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last day of the school year

