

# Newsletter

# Spring Term | February 2025 Message from Naomi Grant

#### Hi everyone,

This half term has been relatively short but, my goodness, it's been busy! We've had a couple of 'early doors' open afternoons where parents have been able to go into classes and see the teachers.

There has been a good turnout for these events. The last one started with phonics sessions for the parents of our younger children and there was some great feedback from this. We've also had parents' evenings and these were massively positive. It is always great to welcome parents into school so thank you to everyone who has attended.

We've had a couple of trips including Year 2's visit to Brocks Hill. Despite the cold, they all had a great time and stayed relatively mud free! The choir attended the Young Voices event in Birmingham at the end of January. They had a fabulous time and represented the school brilliantly. Thanks to Miss Ground and Miss Fisher for organising and the other adults who attended.

Year 1 children had a visit from The Animal Man this week. The children really enjoyed seeing some exotic creatures and handling them. They were certainly braver than me to hold the snake! On Wednesday we welcomed some very special visitors from Persimmon Homes. Miss Summers had applied to them for a grant and we were lucky enough to be awarded a whopping £5000 to upgrade the Foundation Stage playground. They came to present us with a cheque and to see where the money would be spent. They were also joined by Elaine Pantling who is a councillor for Leicester City.



I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and come back raring to go on Monday 24th February.

# Mrs Grant, Head of School

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**Young Voices** 

Our BFPA Choir did the school proud on Wednesday 29 January when they took part in Young Voices, performing with other schools.

Well done to all pupils - you sang beautifully!









#### **Mental Health**

On 3rd-7th February we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in school in connection with Place2Be and Disney's Inside Out films. This year's theme was 'Know Yourself to Grow Yourself'.



We set staff, children and in some cases their grown ups at home, the task of creating posters or models, called Islands of Personality, to showcase who each of our children are as individuals, their likes and dislikes and what brings them joy. The children really impressed us with their imaginative and creative artwork which was displayed in school throughout the week. It was wonderful to see the sense of pride and confidence the children had when telling staff all about their very own, Islands of Personality. We are looking forward to celebrating Children's Mental Health Week with all our children and families again next year.



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#### **Chinese New Year**

Western Park had a great time learning about Chinese New Year!



We learnt about the Chinese zodiac, dragon and lion dances, tried kicking jianzi (Chinese shuttlecock), and even got to try some Chinese snacks (Diaoyu Shao: a fish-shaped cake filled with rice cake and red beans)! We also saw a pan chang knot, which is a knot given to others on Lunar New Year to represent longevity and good luck.



Year 2 had a wonderfully muddy time at Brocks Hill.





We explored the habitats within the woods and used our magnifying glasses to spot any creatures and considered what their food sources may be. We then had to try out the playground and had lots of fun altogether before it was time to come back to school for lunch!

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#### **Attendance Cup**

Well done to Western Park and 3J who claimed the Attendance Cup for having the highest attendance last half term! Who will be next to win the cup?







#### **Fencing Workshop**

This month, Year 5 got the fantastic opportunity to take part in a fantastic Fencing workshop hosted by Sprint Active Education.

The children got the chance to parry, block and lunge while wearing fencing helmets.

They all had a wonderful time and really enjoyed themselves.







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# **Tour Braunstone Frith Primary Academy**

We are now running weekly school tours to showcase Braunstone Frith Primary Academy to anyone who is considering joining us. Please share the details below with anyone you know who would be interested in learning more about our school.



Find more about our school by scanning the QR code.



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# Call us today on 0116 287 2487 to book a tour of the school



Our pupils are Positive Thinkers and Life Long Learners as they explore a bespoke curriculum which incudes:

- A mixture of child-led and adult-led learning experience
- Learning Through Play
- Wraparound Care is our new provision and is offered at the following times:

7.30am-8.30am and 3pm-5.30pm (5pm Friday). Please ask at the office for hourly rates. Ready to join? Contact us at the following details:

Braunstone Frith Primary Academy, Cuffling Drive, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 6NF t: 01162872487 e: office@braunstonefrith.org.uk www.braunstonefrith.org.uk





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#### New Governors

Welcome to our new parent governors:



#### NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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Use NHS 111 when it's urgent If you need urgent care, you should seek help straight away. Contact NHS 111 online, by phone or via the NHS App at any time, day or night



Use a pharmacy for minor illness armacies can support with common es by providing advice and medication Pharm Many can also prescribe prescription is without you n for some condit needing to see a GP first.



Get in the know, before you need to know

right NHS care for you and your family

Tips for getting the



Use NHS 111 to make sure it's the right place for you.



Visit a neighbourhood mental health cafe If you need support with your mental health and wellbeing, visit one of the local neighbourhood mental health cafés. There are cafés spread around Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, run by trained and supportive staff.

Visit <u>www.getintheknow.co.uk</u> for lots of useful information on getting the right care at the right time over the winter months.

# Safer Internet Day

Braunstone Frith Primary Academy was proud to take part in Safer Internet Day on the 11th February 2025, a day which highlights the importance of staying safe online. This year the theme was 'too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

In support of this, on this day the children discussed ideas and took part in activities that support them to understand how to stay safe online and protect themselves from potential scams. We know that it is important to keep ourselves up to date with ways to stay safe as technology continues to advance.

If you would like to support your child with any activities at home here are some ideas:

- You can complete the UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive guizzes with your child about this theme.
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's tops tips for parents and carers here.
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for children and young people with your child.

Thank you in advance for your support around this and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for more information.

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**Useful Numbers** 

New Parks Library - every Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm (Take ID and proof of income) Binspired, Wellinger Way, Braunstone - 0116 2232256 Tuesday & Thursday 11- 4pm Early Help Team - 0116 4541004

Safeguarding Duty and Advice (Social services) 0116 4541004 Child health advice: - 0116 2153231 NSPCC - parent helpline: 0808 8005000 Childline: 0800 1111 **New Parks Children Centre/Advice** Point - 0116 229 3257 Braunstone Children Centre/Advice Point - 0116 373 7150 **Citizens Advice Leicester -**0808 2787970 Domestic Abuse support - UAVA -0808 80 200 28

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### Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead

(DSL) at our school is Miss Hynes. The deputy DSLs are: Mrs Smith, Mrs Duggan, Mrs Grant, Mr Booth and Ms Wittering. They are available to discuss any issues or concerns.

# **Stay Connected**

Be sure to follow us on social media:

Facebook: **BraunstoneFrithPrimarySchool** 

Twitter: @BFPSOfficial

Youtube: Braunstone Frith Youtube

# **Important Dates**

Spring 2025	Monday 17 February
Half Term	2025 —
<b>School Closed</b>	Friday 21 February
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 —
School Closed	Friday 25 April
May Bank Holiday. <b>School Closed</b>	Monday 5 May

#### **Wraparound Care**

We now offer wraparound care before and after school with Clubszone. Go to https://braunstonefrith.org.uk/wraparound <u>-care/</u> to find out more.



#### **Contact Us**

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