

The Buzz

11th February 2022



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



We have had a busy couple of weeks for **charities**, during which our children and families have shown such generosity in providing support for the wider world. **Miss Newman and Lemur class** are continuing with their squat challenge throughout February to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. **Koala Class** have been doing lots of jobs at home to earn money to save the koalas. They have been collecting logs, helping in the garden, feeding animals and doing lots of housework, and



have raised a total of £25.80! They have sent the money off to Australia where it will be used to help protect koalas in the wild. It is in the news today that koalas are now officially on the endangered list, so this fundraising has come at an opportune time. Well done, Koala Class, and thank you!



Polar Bear Class have also been busy fundraising. They really wanted to raise some money to help the polar bears in the wild and also to support the charity WWF. Over the past couple of weeks they've not only advertised their cupcake sale by creating posters during computing, but they've also baked and decorated cupcakes at home with their grown ups and some more in class too. It was so exciting and the children worked hard to sell as many cupcakes as they could to help raise



money. We're so proud of each and every one of them for the team work and dedication they showed. They managed to raise a MASSIVE total of almost £100 for their charity!!!! A big thank you to all the parents and carers who helped make this happen and to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. (See our Facebook page for more photos.)



Tuesday also saw **Safer Internet Day**, during which children learnt different ways in which they can help themselves to keep safe when using the internet. There have been, unfortunately, some incidents that have come to light this week about some of our older children using social media accounts inappropriately, including the use of offensive language. An email was sent out to all Key Stage Two parents about online safety. We urge you to check your child's phone and use of social media, and bear in mind the minimum age limit for these sites.

This week was **Children's Mental Health Week**, in which a range of activities took place. Lemur class talked about their emotions and what causes them, spoke about how they can grow emotionally and how we can support others, and then they did a class activity where each had a positive word to walk around with. Every time a child met another child, they had to pay them a compliment using that word. Keep up the good work, Lemur class!



Thursday 3rd March brings **World Book Day**. Children can come to school dressed as a book character, for a £1 donation which will go to the charity Book Aid International.



I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Perseverance

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Encouraging Others To Keep Going**

When Jesus went to heaven to be with His Father, the disciples were left to continue to tell others about the Good News of God's love, the work that Jesus had begun. One of the disciples was called Barnabas. The name Barnabas means 'Son of encouragement' and that is exactly what Barnabas was, an encourager! He always saw the good in people and was never slow in offering help and practical assistance to those in need.



"Barnabas was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith." Acts 11:24

We watched a puppet show in which Barney encouraged Bella to keep practising for the netball match, and not give up. (Thank you to our wonderful Y5 puppeteers!)

When was the last time you encouraged someone to keep going to achieve their goal?



What could you say to others to encourage them?

Prayer To Encourage Others

Lord Jesus,
Make us more like your disciple Barnabas.
Help us to:
Use our eyes to notice,
Use our ears to listen,
Use our voice to encourage,
And use our hands to help.
Amen



School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Mac N Cheese	Chicken Filo Pie	Roast Gammon	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Veg Burrito Wrap	BBQ Beans	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake	Meat-Free Nuggets
Dessert	Raspberry Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread	Fruit Crumble	Cake

Poetry Corner

Winter Morning

Take one starry night
Without cloud blankets.
Sprinkle icing sugar all about.
Leave to set.

Frosted leaves
Sugared trees
Spider's web appears
Marked out in silver pen.

Serve with hats and mitts on,
Boots and scarves on.
Scrape silver from the car.
Outside's a big fridge.

By dinner time the sun
You left it to bake in
Has licked up all the sugar.
Winter's work undone.



By Angela Topping

Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Prepositions

A **preposition** combines with a noun or pronoun to tell us time, location, or movement. Here are some **prepositions**:

Time	Location	Movement
during	on	around
before	behind	against
after	in	across
since	over	into
from	in front of	on
to	between	off
on	above	from
until	below	down
upon	near	up
through	through	towards
by	beside	away from

Example:
I will meet you at school.

Example:
Stand between the two trees.

Example:
Please run around the oval twice.

Golden Book

Koala	Charlie & Skye - working hard with their reading. Meadow - huge progress with letter formation.
Polar Bear	The Whole Class for working together as a team to run a very successful bake sale in aid of the Polar Bears.
Lemur	Reuben - for consistently setting a good example to his friends.
Chimpanzee	Alfie L - for his caring attitude in class and on the playground.
Orangutan	Will - for his enthusiasm and mature learning behaviour. Elin - for completing Mrs Sharp's reading challenge.
Sports Bee	KS1 Sports skills club - for demonstrating beautiful sportsmanship and encouraging each other.
Bee-Haviour	Tristan - for demonstrating our school value of love so beautifully.

Whole school dates

February - Active Travel Challenge

Monday 14th February - Valentine's Day mufti: wear something red for a suggested £1 donation

Friday 18th February - HIVE DAY - Last day before half term

Monday 28th February - First day back

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day. Come dressed as a book character!

Reminders

There should only be **water** in bottles, not squash or flavoured water.

Hair accessories should be in the school colours.

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 7th
February

Whole School attendance
target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 96.5% ↑

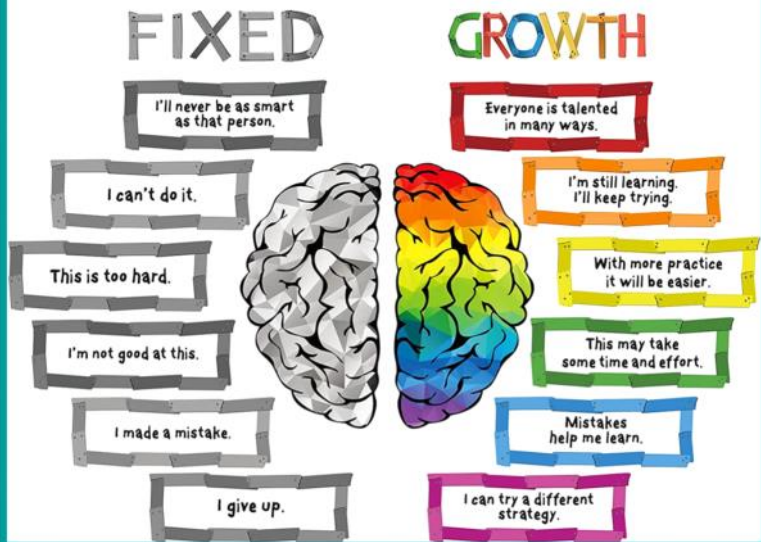
Late marks this week: 7 ↓

Amazing Week! Keep up the good work!

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

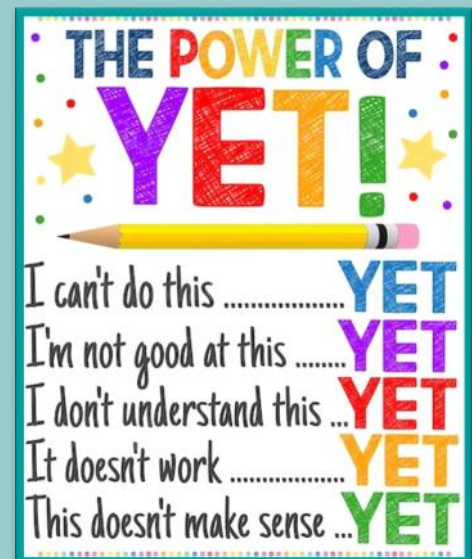
CHANGE YOUR WORDS; CHANGE YOUR MINDSET.



Hive Day

Next Friday, **18th February** will be an action packed day where children will work together in their hives to develop their resilience and growth mindset skills.

Mrs Jones (Queen Bee) and Mr Goldsmith (Bee Keeper) are busy putting together a timetable for the day which will be full of activities and opportunities for children to work together to succeed but also to make mistakes and learn that is ok to make mistakes as we can learn from them.



Positive Thinking
A Positive Thoughts Diary

For one week, record a positive thought at the end of each day. Think back and reflect on the day. There may have been things that weren't so great about the day, but try to always find something that went well. Only positive thoughts are allowed in this diary!

Monday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Friday	Saturday
Sunday	

COMPETITION Deadline

Every child that hands in their completed sheet to me on Monday 14th February will be in with the chance of winning a Valentines' theme prize! - Mrs Jones



Eco-Committee



On Tuesday, Mrs Johnstone and the Eco-Committee led Collective Worship. They talked about the survey that they have completed, and shared their action plan.

Eco-Schools Action Plan

Our next steps

Environmental Review - what we found out

- ▶ From our survey we found out that pupils believe the school is **good** at:
- ▶ Healthy living - what we eat, our mental health and how we exercise;
- ▶ Litter - keeping our school tidy;
- ▶ Global citizenship - finding out about the world around us and how people live.

Environmental Review - what we found out

- ▶ From our survey we found out that pupils believe the school needs to improve in these areas:
- ▶ Marine conservation - how clean are our beaches and what effects does plastic have on our oceans?
- ▶ Waste - where does it go and how well are we refusing, reducing, reusing, repairing and recycling rubbish?
- ▶ Biodiversity - how well are our school grounds managed to improve the number of plants and animals that live here?
- ▶ Energy - how well do we save energy in heating our classrooms?

Our Action Plan for 2021-22

- ▶ The Eco-Committee has decided that this year we will concentrate on these 3 area to help save the world and we need your ideas.
- ▶ **Marine conservation**
- ▶ **Waste**
- ▶ **Biodiversity.**

Marine conservation - what can we do?

- ▶ The Eco-Committee has come up with these ideas but what do you think?
- ▶ Brightstone beach clean - in school and community beach clean.
- ▶ Lesson on single use plastics and how they damage the sea.
- ▶ Cake sale to support a marine charity.



Waste - what can we do?

- ▶ The Eco-Committee has come up with these ideas but what do you think?
- ▶ Compost our food waste
- ▶ Find out where our waste goes
- ▶ Reduce paper waste - less copies



REFUSE-REDUCE-REUSE-REPAIR-RECYCLE

Biodiversity - what can we do?

- ▶ The Eco-Committee has come up with these ideas but what do you think?
- ▶ Plant trees
- ▶ Turn some of our grass areas into wild flower meadows
- ▶ Bug hotels
- ▶ Bird feeders and boxes
- ▶ Grow food



Share your ideas

Tell your Eco-School Committee members your ideas or put them on our display board outside Mrs Lennon's office. The more ideas we get the better.

Together we can make our school an ECO-SCHOOL!

Good Luck!

