

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

26th January



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

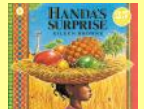
Dear parents, carers and children,

The best part of my job is visiting classes and being enthusiastically greeted by the children eager to share their learning. Yesterday, I popped down to **Ivy Bee class** to visit their Art lesson, and I was astounded to see their classroom and the Sycamore Room taken over by incredible art installations! They were busy beavering away in small groups, using a wide range of materials and resources found around the school, from PE equipment to tin foil and everything else in between. They showed a huge amount of creativity and imagination, as I am sure you will agree when you see the photos.



I had the privilege of teaching some lessons in **Honey Bee class** this week. They have been busy writing diary entries as Tadeo Jones, an intrepid explorer of Ancient Egyptian pyramids (linked to their learning journey in History, which is focusing on Ancient Egypt). Their use of fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases have really brought their writing alive. They have also been busy improving their joined up handwriting, and ensuring that they spell the Common Exception Words and key vocabulary correctly. Well done, Honey Bee class!

Bumble Bee class (Y1/2) have been busy planning their version of Handa's Surprise this week, which they were very keen to tell me about. They told me that they will be including local animals and fruit, adjectives and conjunctions. I shall look forward to reading their stories set in Brighstone next week.



Big Garden
Birdwatch

26-28 January 2024

Reception Bumble Bees have made bird feeders and various bird hides over the past few weeks, in preparation for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend. Today we have spotted a few crows, a robin and a pair of bluetits, one of which was flying into our bird box looking for bugs. At lunchtime there was lots of excitement when the children spotted a huge wood pigeon sitting on the wire outside the window and another one on the fence, watching them eat their fish fingers!

Every so often we undertake **pupil conferencing** to capture the pupil voice on school subjects and safeguarding. This week, with the help of Mrs Jones, our pupil safeguarding leads Max B and Max C asked the children the questions, even coming up with some questions of their own, to check that children feel happy and safe in school.



Just a quick reminder that all **hair accessories and socks** must be in the school colours: navy or other shades of blue, grey, white or black. Novelty socks are not allowed. Trainers on PE days should ideally be in muted colours, if possible. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

There are a few cases of **chickenpox** in school. Please could you check your child and, if they have spots, please keep them off school and inform the office. Click on the link for further guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

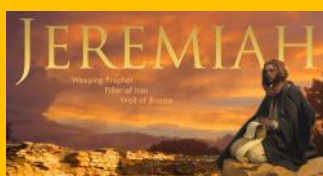
I hope you have a wonderful weekend. With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Perseverance

This week, we have been thinking about Doing the Right Thing.

We heard the story of Jeremiah, who was a prophet. He was sharing God's messages, even if some people didn't want to listen. However, did he give up? No, he didn't. Even when he was arrested and persecuted, he was determined to carry on passing on God's message. He was faithful and he did the right thing. He showed perseverance.

It is sometimes difficult to do the right thing. One of our children received a certificate for this today. He stood up to his friends and 'did the right thing', which can't have been easy. Well done.



What can we learn from this story about perseverance and determination in our own lives?

Is there something that you need perseverance and determination to attempt?

Loving God,

Please help us to do the right thing,
Even when it may be difficult.
Help us to speak up for what is right,
Even when it might be difficult.
Help us to keep on going,
Even when it might be difficult.
Help me to help others,
Even when it might be difficult.
Amen



"Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end."
Hebrews 12.1-2

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 **£2.90** per day.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Beef burger	Roast Turkey	Beef Bolognese	Fish fingers
Option 2	Tomato pasta	Veggie burger	Veggie pastry roll	Veggie Bolognese	Quorn nuggets
Dessert	Choc brownie	Crispy bar	Flapjack	Fruit cake	Ice cream

Poetry Corner

Flying

I saw the moon,
One windy night,
Flying so fast -
All silvery white -
Over the sky
Like a toy balloon
Loose from its string -
A runaway moon.
The frosty stars
Went racing past,
Chasing her on
Ever so fast.
Then everyone said,
"It's the clouds that fly,
And the stars and moon
Stand still in the sky."
But I don't mind -
I saw the moon
Sailing away
Like a toy
Balloon.

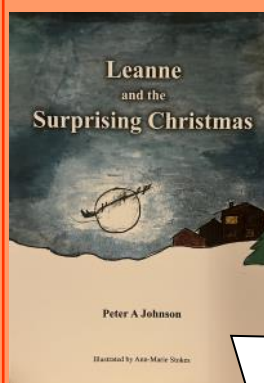


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Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Tom recommends:



I recommend Leanne and the Surprising Christmas because it's really fun and it's easy to read.

It's about Leanne who went to see her granny and granddad, and Simon is really happy to see them again. Simon is a refugee from Ukraine, whose house was blown up when he went to get some sweets.

This is the third book about Leanne and Simon, written by Peter Johnson from SWAY.

His books are available to buy from the school office.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

You can contact the NSPCC:

Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 800 5000

[Find out more](#)

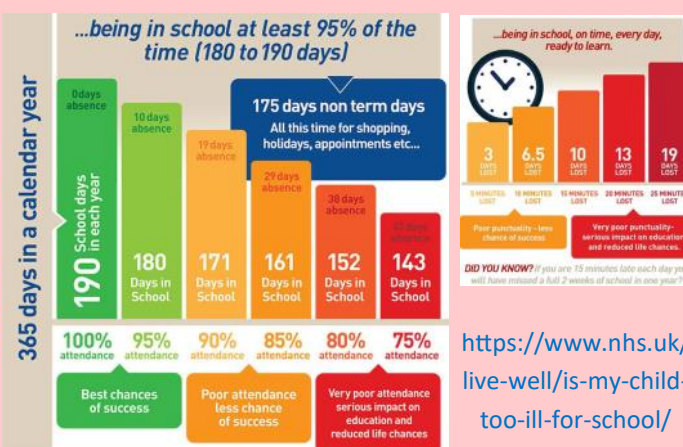
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 22nd January
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

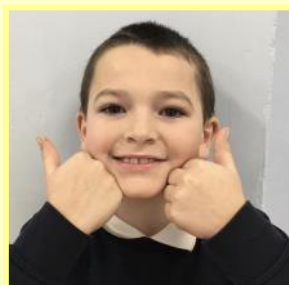
Actual Attendance: 87.62%

Late marks this week: 5



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<p>Forbes for enjoying his reading so much and working really hard at home with Mummy too. Ellis for working so hard at forming his letters beautifully. William, Ellie and Rufus for trying hard to tell the time to o'clock and half past and being very engaged learners. Annie for being a very supportive partner in RWI encouraging her partner to read the special friends, Fred talk, read the word.</p>
Honey Bee	<p>Samuel and Flo for being very helpful in the classroom this week and always!</p>
Ivy Bee	<p>Poppy and Iris for consistently giving 100% to all of their learning.</p>
Bee-Haviour	<p>Reece for showing respect and reminding others about the rules. Alyssa for showing kindness to a friend who was upset.</p>
EARA Awards <i>(These are nominated by members of the EARA group.)</i>	<p>Harvey - Whilst I was tidying up in the Cosy Cabin he came and helped me (nominated by Oskar Y4) Tahnee – For being really quiet and reading books (nominated by Rosie Y4) Max C - for being really peaceful in the Cosy Cabin (nominated by Lucy Y5)</p>



SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



114 Pyle Street,
Newport PO30 1XA



THURSDAYS
2PM - 5PM

Unwind, connect, and find support in a relaxed environment. Come and have a chat - hot drinks, snacks and activities will be provided!

No need to sign up or book just pop in!

SNACK & CHAT

Snacks provided by



Open to anyone on the Island aged 11-24

Online Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Respect Charter

at Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

At Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect, to feel safe, work together and to use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated and action taken.

Expectations

- That all adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no one - staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers or children - be subjected to abusive behaviour or any form of threats from visitors on the school premises.
- That physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language, verbal or written (including on social media), to staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from school premises and/or police action.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating; e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing and name calling
- Pushing
- Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- Disrespecting religion or belief
- Inappropriate communications (posting on Social Networking sites, emails or letters, etc.) which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying, harassment and/or a hate-related comment

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse in line with policy and procedure. If you choose to engage in these behaviours you may be asked to leave the site or the police may be called.

Thank you for your understanding and support



Brighstone School Association
MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

In return for wearing your own
clothes/sports clothes (if you have P.E)
please bring in an item you would like to find in a
family raffle.

*Your donations will be made into prizes for the
Family Quiz Night raffle*
Thank you for your support



Brighstone School Association's
**FUN FAMILY
??? QUIZ NIGHT**
FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY @ 18:30
AT WILBERFORCE HALL, BRIGHSTONE
DOORS OPEN AT 18:15

Family teams up to 5 members
£8 per team to enter
Teas and Coffees available
Bring your own drinks and nibbles
Prize Raffle to be sold and drawn on the evening!

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TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE BSA ONLINE BOOKING
SITE BELOW OR VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH EXACT
CASH PAYMENT IN A NAMED ENVELOPE.
pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation/

We will be open for all children ages
9 months - 11 years.
If you wish your child to attend Holiday Club at
Brighstone Preschool.
Please fill in the form below with days and times
required.
Our opening times are 7.30 am until 5.30 pm.



Prices:

9-12 Months £7.00 an hour 12 Months - 2 Years £6.20 an hour
2 - 3 Years £6.00 an hour 3 Years - School Age £5.50 an hour

Once you have booked you will receive a bill and payment will be due in advance.

Please enter the hours you wish your child to attend on each day and return via email.
(brighstonepreschool@gmail.com) or a printed copy to Rosanna ASAP.

<u>Monday</u> 12 th February 24	<u>Tuesday</u> 13 th February 24	<u>Wednesday</u> 14 th February 24	<u>Thursday</u> 15 th February 24	<u>Friday</u> 16 th February 24

Child's name 1:	DOB:	Any Allergies:
Child's name 2:	DOB:	Any Allergies:

Are you using 30 hours stretched entitlement?	YES / NO
Parent or Carers Name:	
Contact No 1:	
Contact No 2:	
Email Address:	

Please book in by **31st January 2024** in order for us to plan the appropriate staffing ratios.

If you do not attend your booked sessions or you cancel after 31st January 2024 you will still be charged at the full price.

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask or call Rosanna on **07707319843**.



If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:
01983 740285
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Contact us



If you have a **safeguarding** concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

School Day Timings

The school day is as follows:

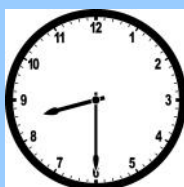
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Thursday 8th February: KS2 trip to the British Museum
- Friday 9th February: Last day of term
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half term
- Monday 19th February: Back to school
- Tuesday 5th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 28th March: Last day of term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: Back to school
- Monday 29th April - Wednesday 1st May: Y4 residential at Tile Barn
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Wednesday 18th - Friday 21st June: Y6 residential in London
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.

