

# Brakenhale School

## End of Year News

21<sup>st</sup> July 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

I can't quite believe this is the last parent news of this academic year. It has been a very busy one in so many ways. You will see that I have sent out an end of term letter too which highlights staff changes and key things for September along with dates for your diary, please do look through these.

This final week of term has seen the annual summer dance show which was probably the best that Miss Haley and her team have put on. I was so pleased to see so many young people involved in the show and I was quite taken aback by the number of students as I talked to them back stage, it was just lovely to see the excitement and the nerves on their faces and for them to be given this opportunity to showcase their talents.

Another highlight of this week has been the Fusion assembly to Year 7. The students who have been involved in this project presented their work, along with a fantastic bench that they painted which will now form pride of place in the Science garden.

The police have also delivered assemblies to all year groups this week on knife crime and I continue to be impressed with the support that the school as a whole receive from the local police.

You will notice that a number of schoolcomms messages have gone out in the last couple of days particularly with regard to uniform and tools for learning and the new safe cycle scheme that will be introduced from September. Please can I ask you to read these messages carefully.

I would just like to wish you all a very safe and happy Summer and I am very much looking forward to working with you all in September.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*

## What's on during the summer holidays

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## Attendance Update

We have had some brilliant results with attendance and to name a few....

- 31 students achieved 100% attendance this year and were entered in to a draw to win an Amazon voucher which was won by Megan W for the Year 7/8 group and Faye T for the Year 9/10 group.
- 462 students achieved the school's attendance target of 95%.
- Year 7 achieved the highest attendance figure of 94.9% and the whole school achieved 93.9% Narrowly missing out on our goal.

Enjoy the next 6 weeks of rest and relaxation and we look forward to seeing you every day in the new academic year from September 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Mrs Evans, Attendance Officer*

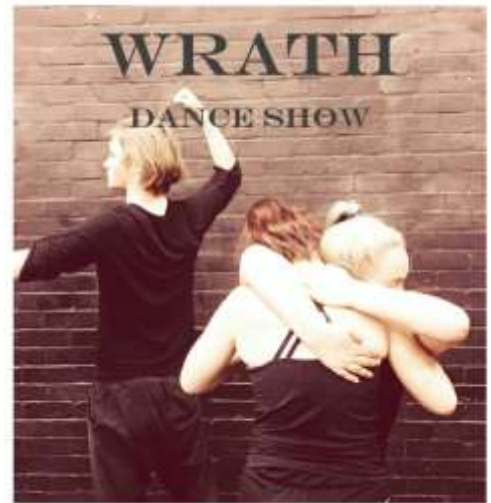
## Dance and Drama News

### Dance Show

We would like to extend a very well-deserved 'congratulations' for all students who participated in the end-of-year dance show on Monday and to everyone who came to support them. They put on energetic and content-packed performances and showcased how much talent we have here at Brakenhale.

### Drama Assessment

Year 10 students Sam F, Charlie, Courtney L and Danielle R performed as part of a Year 12 Drama assessment on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Students worked with Chloe J, Year 12, on a theatre for education piece based around bullying and acceptance for a Year 7 audience. Chloe developed and wrote the piece as part of her BTEC course, as well as performing in it alongside the students. The Year 7 student audience thoroughly enjoyed the piece and had plenty of positive feedback. A special mention to Jemma T, Year 9 and Fay B, Year 12, who stood in as performers for students who were absent due to illness.



### Whole School Show

In September, the Performing Arts teachers will be holding auditions for the show "School of Rock". Information about auditions will be released in September, in the mean-time if you are interested; do some research, watch the film and come and speak to a member of the Performing Arts Team.

*Mrs Raby and Miss Haley, Dance and Drama*

## Maths in Practice

My 9Y3 Maths group (who I only teach one lesson a week) have completed a project "Organising an event" which involved them using ratio, proportion, conversion of quantities and pricing up items.

The following girls then baked cakes, cookies and other goods to sell at break time today in aid of Marie Curie and have raised £20.

- Lauren B, Emily W, Olivia H and Livia Piotrowski.

I am extremely proud of them as they organised the whole event by themselves.

*Mrs Howes, Maths Teacher*

## Mental Health Issues

Please find below for your information, a link for Bracknell and Ascot CCG Transformation Plan for Mental Health Services for Children and Young People. It has been sent to us by Bracknell Parent/Carer Forum via Bracknell Forest Council, with the request that it is circulated to parents of all children and young people.

[Bracknell and Ascot CCG Transformation Plan](#)

## Art Mural at Wildridings School



Mrs Hemmings, along with 2 Year 11 students Jamie B and Bethan VP, were commissioned to paint an underwater themed mural on the walls joining the lower and upper schools at Wildridings Primary this term.

The students worked very hard in their own time, after the GCSE exams were over, to create the marvellous scenes that you can see in the photographs below.

Everyone who has seen the work in progress has been complimentary and headteacher is delighted with the finished work of art.

*Mrs A Hemmings, Art Teacher*




## Parent Workshops

The following Parent workshops are available next term.

If you are interested please contact Tracey Gosling, our Family Worker, by telephone on 01344 465045 or via email: [tgosling@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:tgosling@brakenhale.co.uk)

Date	Time	Workshop
20/9/17	9.30am-11.30am	Anxiety Workshop
25/9/17	6.30pm-8.30pm	Self Esteem Workshop
28/9/17	9.30am-11.30am	Managing Behaviour Workshop
5/10/17	9.30am-11.30am	Communication Workshop
12/10/17	6.30pm-8.30pm	Pre-Teens Workshop
19/10/17	6.30pm-8.30pm	Anxiety Workshop



Workshop and talk for parents of children awaiting diagnosis or newly diagnosed with **Autism Spectrum Disorder**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am-12.30pm** at The Oaks and Hilles Children's Centre, Woodsworth, Bracknell RG12 8QH

Bracknell Parent Forum welcomes local charities

**Autism Berkshire**  
and  
**Parenting Special Children**

They will be providing information on their services and how they can offer support and guidance.

Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits provided.  
All parents/carers welcome.

[www.autismberkshire.org.uk](http://www.autismberkshire.org.uk)  
[www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](http://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

## The Wayz Summer Offer 2017

### Young People Aged 14-17yrs

When?	What?	Where?	Wayz Member	Non Wayz Member
2nd Aug	Go-Karting	TeamSport, Reading	£25.00	£35.00
4th Aug	Aqua Inflatables	Lagoons Park, Reading	£10.00	£17.50
9th Aug	London & Duck Tours	Various London Locations	£20.00	£35.00
11th Aug	Kayaking / Canoeing	Wokingham Waterside Centre, Reading	£20.00	£35.00
16th Aug	Paintballing	Delta Force, Maidenhead	£17.50	£25.00
20-22nd Aug	Watersport Residential	Rhos y Gwalia, Wales	£50.00	£80.00

**Limited Spaces so Book Early!**

For more information or to book on please speak to your youth leader or contact:  
Gareth Mopham 01344 463 596 / 07328 816 186 or [gareth.mopham@berkshireyouth.co.uk](mailto:gareth.mopham@berkshireyouth.co.uk)



**PE News**

Wow what a year it has been for the PE department with a range of extra-curricular clubs, fixtures, leadership opportunities, house competitions and reward trips.

**T20 Middlesex v Hampshire Reward Trip**

On Friday, Mr Beukes, Miss Rushby and myself took 33 students to the Ageas Bowl to watch Middlesex v Hampshire. All the students were fantastic and enjoyed watching the game. One of our students did not only keep us entertained but also everyone around us entertained as well! They all enjoyed a little bit of dancing and karaoke on the coach, led by Mr Beukes. Some students managed to get a number of the player autographs. Despite the late night, a good time was had by all!



**Sports Day**

**Brakenhale School Sports Day Records – Can you beat them? (2017 in BOLD)**

Event	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
GIRLS 300m	N.Nchawanangwa – Hawking 50.09	<b>N. Nguvu – Hawking 49.39</b>	<b>D.Bembenek – Hawking 47.54</b>	<b>C.Periquito – Rowling 49.04</b>
BOYS 400m	<b>A. Johnstone – Nightingale 1.08</b>	R.Probert – Austen 1.04	<b>T.Petford – Rowling 1.00</b>	<b>J.Reed – Austen 57.68</b>
GIRLS 200m	<b>E.Maxwell – Nightingale 29.10</b>	E.Hammond Baveystock – Hawking 30.46	<b>E.Hammond Baveystock – Hawking 25.54</b>	<b>A.Brown – Hawking 27.66</b>
BOYS 200m	<b>A.Johnstone – Nightingale 25.03</b>	<b>R.Osei – Hawking 22.77</b>	<b>E.Hopkins – Hawking 21.27</b>	<b>B.Lambourne – Hawking 21.87</b>
GIRLS 800m	<b>S.Hatch – Rowling 3.11</b>	<b>M.Thorne – Austen 3.16</b>	<b>J.Thompson – Einstein 3.11</b>	<b>C.Little – Rowling 3.18</b>
BOYS 800m	<b>L.Williams – Nightingale 3.01</b>	<b>A. Reed – Einstein 2.33</b>	<b>D.Bradley – Einstein 2.40</b>	<b>K.Meggison – Nightingale 2.22</b>
GIRLS 100m	O. Oleszczak – Nightingale 14.4	<b>S.Buabeng – King 13.94</b>	M. Thorne – Austen 14.80	<b>D.Rabulan – Hawking 15.33</b>
BOYS 100m	<b>J. Prior – Rowling 13.62</b>	L.Sackey – Hawking 11.88	M.Reyes – Rowling 12.18	<b>M.Reyes Rowling 11.73</b>
GIRLS 4x100m RELAY	1.09 Hawking	1.04 Austen	1.06 Austen	
BOYS 4x100m	1.04 Einstein	56.26 Hawking	56.60 Einstein	51.71 Brunel
GIRLS LJ	E.Webber –Hawking 3.18	<b>L. Kenneavy – Hawking 3.87</b>	K. O’connor- Brunel 3.89	K.Hopkins – Hawking 4.27
BOYS LJ	J.Mills – Nightingale 3.70	R.Probert - Austen 4.28	<b>M. Gyau – Rowling 5.19</b>	<b>C.Wooden – King 5.25</b>
GIRLS HJ	<b>D. Jones – Nightingale 1.05</b>	E.Hammond-Baveystock – Hawking 1.28	L.Heaffey – Einstein 1.16	L.Heaffey – Einstein 1.15
BOYS HJ	C.Martin - Einstein 1.10	<b>A.Platon – Hawking 1.25</b>	M.Adams – Einstein 1.36	C.Behrendt – Hawking 1.34
GIRLS JAV	G.Rogers – Hawking 18.30	<b>C.Rose – Einstein 15.32</b>	Z.Patterson – Rowling 14.90	<b>Z.Patterson – Rowling 18.19</b>
BOYS JAV	<b>T.Thompson – Rowling 27.56</b>	<b>C.Thompson – Rowling 25.72</b>	T.Nower – Einstein 36.90	<b>T.Nower – Einstein 33.96</b>
GIRLS SHOT	<b>B.Sumner – King 5.17</b>	<b>M. Sweeney – King 6.60</b>	<b>M.Fitzpatrick Burke – Rowling 9.26</b>	<b>A.Menusi – Nightingale 6.90</b>
BOYS SHOT	<b>L.Clyde – Brunel 8.40</b>	<b>M.Harvey – Hawking 9.19</b>	<b>E.Hopkins – Hawking 8.60</b>	<b>D.Limbu – Nightingale 8.19</b>



As a department we would like to thank everyone who has been involved in extra-curricular clubs, fixtures, as leader, in house competitions or reward trips as without the support, dedication and commitment from the students (and parents) the majority of the PE events would not happen.

We are looking forward to what next year has to bring!

The extra-curricular timetable for September will be issued in the new academic year!

*Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care*

**PTA News**



The PTA meets once every half term. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Our next meeting will be in the autumn term next academic year, everyone is invited.

**Bracknell Show**

We will once again have a stall at the Bracknell Lions Bracknell Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Wildridings Playing Fields between 12noon and 5pm, so come and join in the fun.

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**Congratulations to the recent prize draw winners. The most recent winner donated their winnings back to the school, thank you very much for that.**

Don't forget to join up and purchase your tickets to start helping our school.

Our supporters have gone down recently, so if you haven't signed up now would be the time. This is an easy way to make money for the school and be in with a chance for winning. Thank you to all who have bought tickets and who continue to support the school.

Why not join today and not only will you be in with a chance of winning in the weekly prize draws but you will be helping to raise money for the school at the same time.

Click here to [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)



This term School Lottery are offering the chance for 2 players to win a Family Heritage Membership. You can find full details on their website.

Our School Lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to help improve our school but we need your help to make it the best it can be.



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Don't forget to shop through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!





## Future Diary Dates

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### Term Dates

**SUMMER TERM 2017**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Summer Half Term - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Summer Holiday for students– Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**AUTUMN TERM 2017**

*Inset Days: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September*  
*Inset Days: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December*

Term dates for students:  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Autumn Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Holiday for students – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018



**SPRING TERM 2018**

Term dates for students:  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Spring Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holiday – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**SUMMER TERM 2018**

Term dates for students:  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

*Inset Day: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

Summer Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer Holiday for students – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to (date to be confirmed)

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:  
<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>



### Term Dates 2017-18

<b>Autumn Term:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September to Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Inset:</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September, Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Spring Term:</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January to Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018		<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Summer Term:</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	<b>Inset:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Half Term:</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June

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