



Parent News: Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been delighted to welcome back the vast majority of our students who have been in self-isolation. A huge thank you to all the community who have supported students and families through this difficult experience. We are ready for any Covid situation that presents itself to us and our robust plans will mean that all students will continue to receive a highly effective education. I have reviewed the policy of mask wearing in the corridors and have decided to extend this for another two weeks, at which point I will review it again. During this time can I remind you that students must bring their own mask into school. We had a very generous donation of masks, however, we have been giving many of these away to students who have been forgetting their own. We are now unable to continue doing this as I am sure you can understand we do need to keep a small supply on site for emergency use. We have therefore ordered individually wrapped masks and students who forget their masks will be able to purchase them for 50p from the vending machines.

Next week we will be starting some of our A level resits and we wish all our students the best of luck. Year 13s will also be taking their Pre Public Exams PPEs (mocks) so it will be a busy time for our Post 16 students. On Thursday we will be holding a Health & Social Care career day which will give our students the opportunity to find out about careers that can be followed once they have completed their studies.

SLT Assemblies:

Mr Corry has delivered assemblies to all year groups this week focusing on leadership. I am always so impressed with the qualities that our students illustrate around the school and many of them are showing what great leaders they already are. Mr Corry emphasised the key principles that great leaders follow and this is all part of our continued drive to give our students the highest aspirations in life.

Student of the week:

Neve Jennings in Year 7 - Neve is always polite and seen doing the right thing during lunchtimes. Yesterday Neve was very helpful and kind in helping out when asked with a student that was feeling a little lonely. I asked Neve for help and she didn't hesitate to help me and make friends with this student and keep her company for the remaining lunchtime.

Isabella Hawkins in Year 10 – Isabelle has baked well over 400 cakes and cookies herself from finishing school on Friday, right through to Saturday afternoon which she sold in boxes over the next 2 days to donate all monies to Macmillan Cancer Support - an impressive £510 in just 2 days.

Fab:

Receiving phone calls from class tutors and hearing how much you have already learnt about our Year 7 children, very impressive!

Drab:

I noticed that some of the Sixth Form girls aren't adhering to the dress code and seem to be wearing inappropriate clothing, especially tops.

Many thanks for bringing this to my attention, I am aware that the Head of Sixth Form has communicated home our expectations and individual students are being spoken to and dealt with when they do not meet our standards.

Staff member of the week:

Mr Collins He is funny and he makes my day turn around.

Miss Rendall She is very kind and she always makes my class silent and it is nice with silence.

Mr Spaul He is very nice and helps out a lot! He's the nicest member of staff.

Mrs Palmer I sincerely believe that Mrs Palmer should get staff member of the week for this week. I think this because she always is here to help and no matter what she will listen to you, help you with your problems and just check up on you if she feels as if you are a little down. She honestly is amazing. Thank you for all your help and advice Mrs Palmer.

Quote of the week:

"Walk with your eyes on the horizon."

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes *Jane Coley, Headteacher*

What's on next week

This year we have a 2 week timetable so there will be a week A and a week B.

Next Week: B

W/C 5 th October	Post 16 PPE Exams start National Libraries Week
Thursday 8 th October	Health & Social Care Career Day

Applying for Secondary School 2021

As you are most likely aware the process to apply for secondary school for Year 7 in September 2021 is now open until Saturday 31st October 2020.

Please see the useful links below:

Applying for Secondary School:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

www.facebook.com/bracknellforestcouncil/

School Admissions, Bracknell Forest Council:

school.admissions@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Phone lines are open weekdays between 8.30am - 12.00pm



Open Evening Virtual Information

- ▶ [Headteacher's Live Stream](#)
- ▶ [Department Information Video](#)
- ▶ [Virtual School Tour](#)



Performing Arts Update

Year 13 Success

Our Year 13 Dance and Drama student, Lauren Williams, has gained a place on the prestigious CAT (Centre for Advanced Training) scheme at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London.

The CAT scheme is audition-based with students from across the country trying to gain one of the limited places each year. As part of the scheme Lauren will have access to a range of opportunities to work with dance professionals and teachers at the conservatoire; this includes Tavaziva Dance and Wayne McGregor. It is a fantastic achievement and reflects Lauren's dedication to the subject and talent. Congratulations Lauren!

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts



LIBRARY
READ ALL ABOUT IT
BUSINESS AS USUAL

The LRC has changed slightly to accommodate the split breaks but we are still open for business. Social distance rules apply at all times. One student at a table or computer only, masks should be worn. Once homework has been completed, students are required to join their year group in their allocated area.

Before school. 7:30-8:30

- The LRC is open to all students needing to complete or print homework.

Break time.

- 10:30-11:00 Year 7s can borrow and return books or complete homework
- 11:00-11:30 Years 10 and 11 can borrow and return books or complete homework

Lunch time

- 12:30-13:00 Years 8 and 9 can borrow and return books or complete homework
- 13:30-14:00 Years 10 and 11 can borrow and return books or complete homework

After school 15:05-16:00

- All years may use the LRC to complete homework.

EAL Department – Young Interpreters Club

Young Interpreters Club

The diversity of students and staff at Brakenhale School enable the EAL department to help and support our new arrivals who come with different languages with little or no English.

Because we know the importance of the first language, the EAL department is going to run a lunch time club for Year 7 students who speak different languages to prepare them to be Young Interpreters for our school.

Time: **1-1.30pm every Friday**

Venue: **F05**

Miss Cmok and Ms Fandi, EAL

Drama Clubs

We have 2 new exciting Drama clubs starting after half term:

**Year 7
Drama
Club**

Starting after half term



**Thursdays
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio**



Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

**Year 8
Drama
Club**

Starting after half term



**Tuesdays
3.05pm to 4pm
in the Drama Studio**



Brakenhale School High Expectation and Challenge

Miss Cullip, Drama

Hegarty / Sparxs Maths Leaderboard

Well done to everyone for really applying themselves during their Hegarty and Sparx lessons.

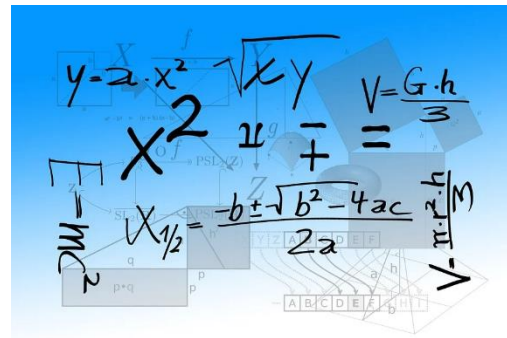
Congratulations to the following Hegarty and Sparx heroes who have really gone above and beyond this week.

Mrs Turner, Maths

Key Stage 3

Year 7

Place	Name	Total XP points
1	Jeremiasz Habram	1334
2	Alesha Hodgkins	1320
3	Dylan Williams	1190



Year 8

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Dana Locmele	77
2	Supreeth Suragala	73
3	Shreya Rai	55

Year 9

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Raul Dan	69
2	Callum Cobb	65
3	Rebeka Gazsi	49

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Joshua Rudge	33
2	Valeria Romanescu	32
3	Azhmat Giga	20

Year 11

Place	Name	Correct MemRI Questions
1	Millie Southall	28
2	Shania Ali	23
3	Riley Gallagher	21

NB: XP is the name of the points that Year 7 can achieve in Sparx, and MemRI is a recall quiz on Hegarty Maths that the students take part in.

Parenting Special Children

The Charity 'Parenting Special Children' are running the following events online via Zoom. They are free for Berkshire families (£5 refundable booking deposit) or at a nominal cost. Some events have a small number of tickets available for non-Berkshire families. Please click on the highlighted event title for further information and to book.

For more information on this charity please click [here](#) and for all online events going forward, please click [here](#).

EVENTS STARTING NEXT WEEK

Pre and Post Assessment Workshops: ADHD

For families in the NHS West Berkshire area (Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire)

You will be booking to attend all 3 sessions

Mon 5 October: 7-8.30pm: Intro to ADHD

Mon 12 October: 7-8.30pm: ADHD and Anxiety

Mon 19 October: 7-8.30pm: ADHD and Behaviour

Pre and Post Assessment Workshops: Autism

For families in the NHS West Berkshire area (Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire)

You will be booking to attend all 3 sessions

Tues 6 October: 7-8.30pm: Intro to Autism

Tues 13 October: 7-8.30pm: Autism and Anxiety

Tues 20 October: 7-8.30pm: Autism and Behaviour

Dads and Male Carers Support Group

Tues 6 October: 7.30-9.30pm

The A Team: Awesome Autism

A group for school aged autistic girls (up to/including age 18) who live, or attend a school, in Berkshire

Sat 10 October

Primary Age: 9.30-10.30am

Secondary Age: 10.45-11.45am

Fundraising for Macmillan

Isabella H in Year 10 spent last weekend baking well over 400 cakes and cookies herself from finishing school on Friday, right through to Saturday afternoon which she sold in boxes to donate all monies to Macmillan Cancer Support. This charity is extremely close to her heart as her Grandad has advanced cancer and has been fortunate enough to benefit from the wonderful Macmillan team. Isabella's mum said: "It's been a very hard 18 months for our family and Macmillan have been instrumental in making things more bearable. She wanted to do all she could to ensure that more people benefit from Macmillan's expertise and care."



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING

A BIG THANK
YOU

Thank you for donating £510.00 and being part of this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.


Isabella raised an impressive £510 in just 2 days which has been donated to Macmillan.

PE Update


REMINDERS!!!!

- Please bring a signed and dated note from parents/carers if you cannot do PE. Sick or fit, still **BRING** your kit.
- Label your kit (name tags, sew or write initials).
- Get changed in your own space with your own kit.
- Do not bring in valuables, we do not take responsibility for them. Jewellery and watches are NOT to be worn.

If you have any questions please email Mr Potter: mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk



BRAKENHALE PE CLUBS
Half Term 1 2020-2021



MON	TUE (3:15-4:30)		WED	THURS (3:15-4:30)		FRI (3:05-4:00)
STAFF MEETINGS - NO CLUBS RUN (ALL PE staff)	Y7	Y8	CLEANING AND STOCK CHECK OF ALL PE KIT/EQUIPMENT (ALL PE staff)	Y9	Y10	EXAM PE REVISION CLASSES AND END OF WEEK STOCK CHECK AND CLEAN OF PE KIT (ALL PE staff)
	Boys: Activity - football Staff - JBO Location - astro 1 Changing - sports hall boys	Boys: Activity - football Staff - MPO Location - astro 2 Changing - dance boys		Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LWI Location - sports hall Changing - sports hall girls	Girls: Activity - netball Staff - LRU Location - courts Changing - dance girls	

Clubs may be cancelled due to staff meetings or calendared events. We will send a schools comms home to inform parents.

Follow @brakenhalepe - on twitter and instagram!



Assessment: ME in PE

Your son/daughter will be assessed in 4 major areas, 2 per term, each known as a 'ME in PE'. These are:

- Physical ME (assessed every term, all throughout out the year)
- Social ME (assessed term 1 - September to December)
- Thinking ME (assessed term 2 - January to March)
- Leading ME (assessed term 3 - April to July)

Assessment criteria

'ME in PE'

PHYSICAL	
1	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in an isolated situation
2	Works in lesson to show effects of short term exercise on the body
3	Takes part in a tactical scenario set up and delivered by the teacher
4	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in an isolated situation
5	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a conditioned situation
6	Works in lesson to show effects of steady state exercise on the body
7	Takes part in a tactical scenario taught by the teacher
8	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a conditioned situation
9	Executes the correct technical model for core skills in a fully competitive situation
10	Works in lesson to show the effects of long term exercise on the body
11	Sets up and takes part in a tactical scenario on own
12	Executes the correct technical model for advanced skills in a fully competitive situation

'ME in PE'

SOCIAL	
1	Independently gets changed in the changing rooms and takes care of personal belongings
2	Communicates effectively with class teacher
3	Communicates effectively with a single peer (verbally)
4	Communicates effectively with a small group of peers (verbally)
5	Works well on a 1-2-1 basis with others
6	Works well in a small group
7	Works well as part of the whole PE group
8	Communicates effectively with the whole class (verbally)
9	Engages and participates in situations with familiar peers
10	Deals with and manages situations with familiar peers
11	Engages and participates in situations with non-familiar peers
12	Can deal with and manage situations with non-familiar peers

Mr M Potter, Head of PE



PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

Week of: 28/9/20



	Staff	Student	Tutor
	Mr Potter	Alex Bourne	10H
	Miss Willimott	Madie Jurcic Marchant	9R
	Mr Maye	Kevin Nowlan	11A
	Mr Boucher	Harry Dutson	9A
	Miss Rushby	Jay Cronin	10N
	Ms Wilson	Amira Chihaoua	7E
	Miss Butler	Alicia Galecki	7N
Well done!			
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Non-Sporting Clubs: Autumn Term 2020

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	TEACHER IN CHARGE
Monday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Brakenhale Explorers [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Astro	Mr Bury
Tuesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 8 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 8 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
	3.30 – 5.30	Combined Cadet Force (CCF)	Invite only	Astro	Mr Bury
Wednesday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
Thursday	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels
	3.05 – 4.00	BTEC Clinic [NEW]	Y10-13	B16	Miss Ioannidis
	3.05 – 4.00	Year 7 Drama Club [Starting after half term]	Year 7 only	Drama Studio	Miss Cullip
Friday	1.00 – 1.30	EAL Young Interpreters Club [NEW]	Year 7 only	F05	Miss Fandi
	3.05 - 3.35	Identity Club	All Years	F10	Miss Bunkell / Mrs Lewis
	3.05 – 4.00	Homework Club	All Years	LRC	Mrs Daniels

Students should check with the Teacher in Charge to sign up to clubs



Curriculum Support Reminders



Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to name all items, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals.

Email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

All items of unnamed lost property will be given to charity at the end of term unless they have been collected.

Chewing Gum

We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

Mobile Phone Policy

Could we please ask parents to remind students that mobile phones must not be used on the school site at all, this goes for before and after the school bell.

Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are sold by Mrs McCrorie from the Head of Year office on the first floor.

Tools for Learning are available to purchase for cash before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. Please note that they will not be available from the Head of Year office during the staggered break times for the time being. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

Tools for Learning that have been purchased online via parentpay should be collected from main reception.

Used Pen Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

Stamp Collection

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

Face Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Cleanliness

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a face mask with them at school as it is compulsory they are worn in all school corridors. We need to keep protecting each other with this, together with frequent hand washing and sanitising and maintaining a social distance.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.

Water Bottles

The weather may be turning but it is still important that students stay hydrated throughout the day. You can buy Brakenhale water bottles from school or bring in a reuseable bottle from home. Single use plastic cups are no longer available in school.

PE Kit and other items

Students should remember to bring their PE kit and any other items needed for the day, including timetables and subject specific items. Getting into the habit of preparing uniform and school bag the night before is a really good idea to keep students organised.

School Uniform

Please remember that bright coloured hair bands, rolled skirts or blazers, frilly and non-black socks are not permitted.

Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link



House Points this Week:

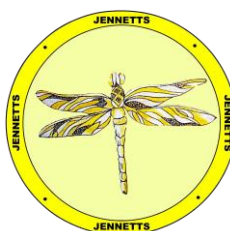
We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work!

Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this week:

Achievement Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	568	468	384	454	182	3	6	2065
Academic Point (x2)	98	124	62	68	54	2	6	414
Academic Point (x3)	24	6	36	0	42	6	3	117
Aspiration Points	0	0	0	28	3	0	0	31
Aspiration Points (3)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Aspiration Points 2	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	10
Community Point	45	70	66	20	3	0	1	205
Community Point (x3)	3	9	6	0	3	0	0	21
Community Points (x2)	46	4	6	0	0	0	2	58
Culture Points	0	1	1	13	0	0	0	15
Culture Points (x2)	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	10
Leadership Points	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	5
Leadership Points (X2)	0	2	18	0	2	2	0	24
Leadership Points (x3)	0	0	9	0	0	3	0	12
Physical	4	49	19	29	1	0	0	102
Physical Points (x2)	24	14	0	2	0	0	0	40
Physical Points (x3)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	822	749	613	619	298	16	18	3135

House Points this week								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	199	161	136	127	60	8	10	701
Jennetts (YELLOW)	202	231	170	153	96	4	5	861
Swinley (RED)	197	182	140	189	74	1	2	785
Temple (GREEN)	224	175	167	150	68	3	1	788
Total	822	749	613	619	298	16	18	3135



House
Winners

Jennetts

School Dining Hall

The School Dining Hall is open daily for all students as follows:

7.45 - 8.30 Breakfast which includes:

Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt bar / Cereals / Bacon or Sausage Rolls / Danish Pastries / Hot Chocolate

10.00 – 11.30 Break-time (staggered)

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch-time (staggered)

3.05: Any unsold food may be purchased at half price by cash or account

Our in-house caterers have a fresh approach to food and we have a number of different meal deals and a hot school meal, which includes either a drink or a pudding.

A selection of sandwiches, pizza slices, salad and pasta are also available.

More information and sample menus are available on www.brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/parent-zone/

There is a 3 week menu rotation, please see below. Next week will be week 3

Week 3	Monday	Allergen	Tuesday	Allergen	Wednesday	Allergen	Thursday	Allergen	Friday	Allergen
Option 1	BAF * Meatballs In Rich Tomato Sauce	Containing Gluten	BFA * Chicken Tikka Masala	Containing Gluten, Celery, Mustard	BFA * Roast Turkey Yorkshire Pudding	Gluten, Dairy Egg	BFA * Beef Lasagne	Containing Gluten, Dairy	MSC * Battered Baked Fish & Chicken Nuggets, Sausage	Cereal Containing Gluten, Egg, Fish
Option 2	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg	Chickpea Curry, Naan Bread	Gluten, Celery, Mustard	Vegetarian Sausage & Mash Potatoes	Gluten, Soya, Dairy	Tex Mexican Vegetarian Burrito	Containing Gluten, Dairy	Broccoli & Tomato Quiche	Cereal Containing Gluten, Dairy, Egg
Carbohydrates	Penne, Spirals Pasta	Gluten	Basmati Rice	N/A	Roast Potatoes	N/A	Spicy Wedges	Containing Gluten	Chunky Oven Chips	Cereal containing gluten, soya
Vegetables Of the day	Green Salad Green Beans	N/A	Cauliflower & Broccoli	N/A	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	N/A	Sweetcorn Courgettes	N/A	Garden Peas Baked Beans	N/A
Dessert	Cocoa Cake & Custard	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Carrot Cake & Cream	Dairy, Gluten, Egg	Banana Cake Cocoa Sauce	Containing Gluten, Egg, Dairy	Fruit Jelly	N/A	Warm Waffles & Syrup	Containing Gluten, Egg

- BFA (British Farm Assured)
- MSC (Marine Stewardship Council)

Catering provided by school is cooked fresh on the school site each day. Please contact the school office for more information or to discuss any dietary requirements.

The daily offer includes: Wholemeal bread, fresh homemade salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts, jacket potatoes with a choice of toppings including Tuna Mayo, Cheese or Baked Beans.

The Admissions Department of Bracknell Forest Council handles the authorisation and administration of Free School Meals. If you think your son/daughter may qualify, please complete the Bracknell Forest Council application form via the link below.

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/.../how-do-i-apply-free-school-meals

It is worthwhile applying for Free School Meals entitlement even if your child does not require a school lunch because your son/daughter may receive financial assistance with other school related expenses.

Taz Asran, Chef Manager

Attendance

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Parents of all years and students in Year 8 and above can keep track of their attendance on their school gateway account.

Regular and punctual attendance of students at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to a student's success - there is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. I am sure that you are already aware of the 95% attendance target that we are working towards. If students are not in lessons they cannot learn! Every lesson really does count! Statistics show missing 8.5 days or 5% of school in any school year can reduce the success level of a student by 1 GCSE grade.

With this in mind it, I would like to reiterate the expectations that we have regarding attendance:

- Students are expected to be in school in their designated area by 8.35am.
- Should your child be unwell please call the attendance line on 01344 465050 or email attendance@brakenhale.co.uk to inform us of the illness.
- Should you need to arrange a medical or dental appointment can I encourage you where possible to arrange these after 12:30pm as this will reduce the disruption to your child's learning.

If the absence is in relation to coronavirus do not attend school if you have any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

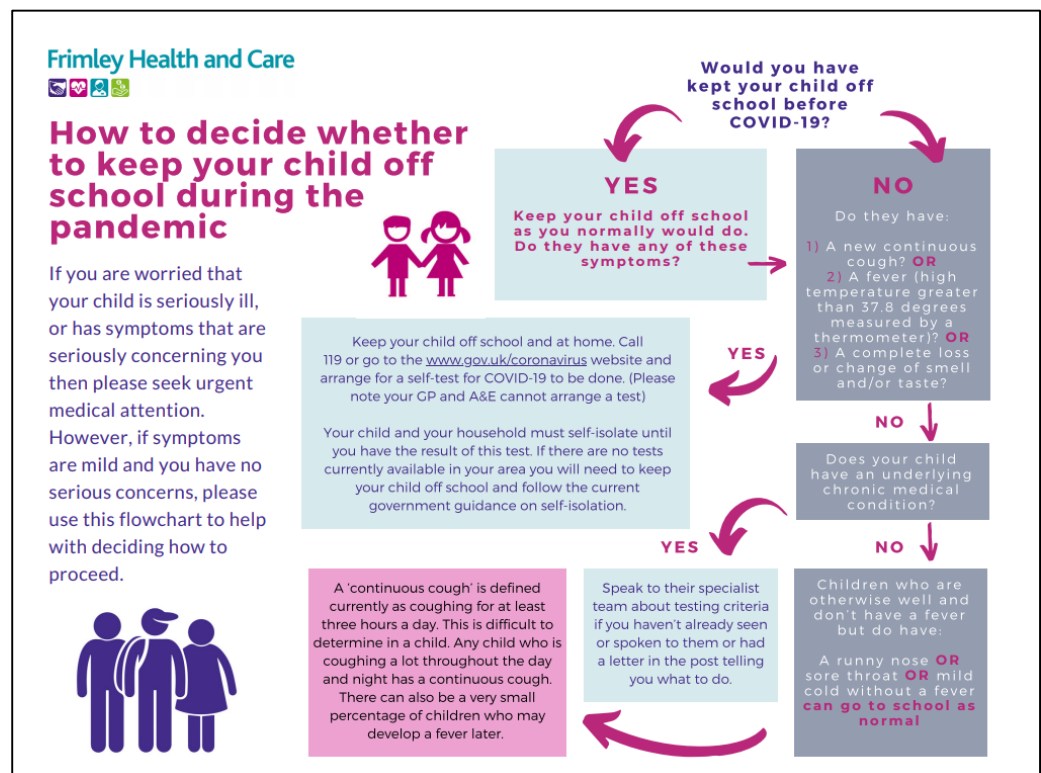
To find further guidance and advice you should take reference from relevant government and NHS guidance available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer



Literacy: Hammer that Grammar

Hammer that Grammar: Issue 4

It's time to hammer our grammar skills.

Now, no one is perfect and it is OK not to know something but, together, we can improve, develop and become experts!



This week's focus: **The Colon :**

Do not fear, we will start with the colon and then move to the semi-colon. This way you should be able to understand one and then differentiate between the two.

The rules:	
The don'ts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do not use it to introduce a list where there is not a main clause preceding it. For example: I went to the shops and bought: eggs, milk, flour. ➤ You do not need a capital letter after a colon – a colon joins clauses together so it is all part of one sentence.
The dos	<p>Do use it to introduce a list where there is a main clause preceding it. For example: I went to the shops and bought a range of items: eggs, milk, flour.</p> <p>Do use it to join two relative main clauses where one explains the other. For example: The shop was closed: it was Sunday. Why was the shop closed? Because it was Sunday. Here's another one. Challenge: can you spot the movie reference? She puts the lotion in the basket: she was told to!</p> <p>Do use it to introduce an idea or concept. For example: Feedback for Year 10s: or here's another one: this was it: the end of the world. One more just for luck: there is only one thing more important than passion: purpose.</p>

Mrs D Lewis, Literacy Coordinator



Clothes Recycling

Here at Brakenhale we collect in your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household linen items for recycling to help raise money for the school.

We have special Bag2School bags to put your unwanted items in (normally available from main reception) or you can just use a normal bin liner. Please ensure that your bags are not overfilled and are tied firmly to prevent water ingress as wet items will not be accepted by the collectors.

We have 2 big red bins for you to deposit your bags in at any time and they are located at the Coningsby entrance by the bike compound.

Please see the poster to find out which items are accepted and the short list of items not collected.

<https://bag2school.com/>

Bag2School is one of the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity. Since we started our clothes collections we have raised over £1600 for the school which is fantastic.

Brakenhale School

CLOTHES RECYCLING!

**Don't send your unwanted items to landfill...
The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.**

The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together/elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags, Hats, Bags and Belts
- ✓ Scarves and Ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen, Curtains and Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Put your items in a black bin bag. ✓

Please note that the following are not accepted:

- ✓ Duvets and Blankets
- ✓ Pillows and cushions
- ✓ Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- ✓ Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- ✓ School uniforms with and without logo
- ✓ Corporate clothing and workwear
- ✓ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

✗

Thank you for supporting the school!

Fundraising



Please click here to see our fundraising video on YouTube: [Brakenhale Unlocking Potential Fundraising Video](#)

Please click here to see our BBC News film: [Brakenhale School on BBC News](#)

New fundraising page: [Virginmoneygiving](#)

Brakenhale's all-things fundraising/new build webpage: <https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/new-build/>

Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the most recent prize draw winners.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.

Click on the link today and join up:

[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

You have to be in it to win it.

Easy Fundraising

With easyfundraising.org.uk you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website easyfundraising.org.uk - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



Action for Happiness

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>: Optimistic October 2020

Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:



ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY "Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Write down your most important goals for this month

2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

7 Remember that things can change for the better

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october

Vacancies



- IT with Computer Science Teacher
- Computer Science Graduate
- SENCo
- Deputy SENCo
- Health & Social Care / PE Teacher
- Assistant Caretaker (Part time)
- PE Technician
- Senior Science Technician (maternity)

Please visit our website for more details:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

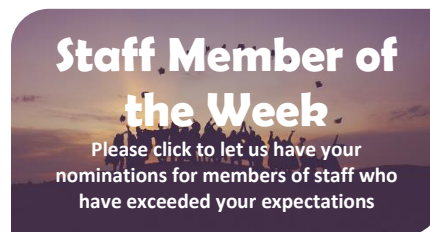
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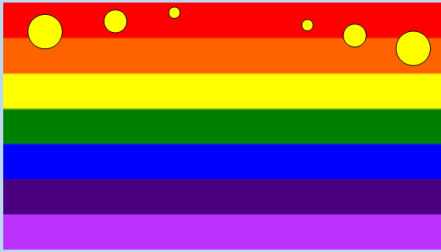


[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Identity



We meet every Friday in F10
3.05-3.35
With Mrs Lewis and Miss Bunkell

Everyone is welcome
😊
A space to be free and be you.

What do we do?

- Discuss recent issues – locally and globally
- Task Master
- Quizzes
- Speed friending
- Film nights
- Competitions

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

W/C 16 th November	:	Year 11 PPEs start
26 th to 30 th October	:	Half Term

Term Dates

Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December 2020

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021

Please check the school website regularly for current information.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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