

Brakenhale School

Year 8 News



Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Year 8 Students

It's nearly half term and we're looking forward to next week's celebration assemblies and house assemblies. We had an excellent assembly on bicycle safety by Mr Thomas who taught us that accidents are just that, an incident that occurs due to poor judgement or wrong decision in a short space of time. Sometimes we can be involved in an accident that wasn't our fault; we just happened to be there, so always wear your helmet. Remember no helmet means no cycling and Mr Thomas will remove your cycle pass.

At school, we are working on our memories, by using recall questions, in depth questions, pictures or symbols as well as words. Mrs Powell explained in her assembly about breaking up our learning into different time chunks, to use different methods of learning; work in silence, work with music, work in different places. Try working with no interruptions when doing a new task but your performance may improve if you do a repetitive task with interruptions.

Our PSHE topic was on differences and how we should celebrate people's differences and look for opportunities to embrace those differences. We watched and discussed a video about discrimination based on eye colour. It is amazing how our society has changed, even in the last decade, to be inclusive and respect all people. In Britain and #teamBrakenhale we expect everyone to accept people of different faiths, sexual orientation, religions and culture. This includes treating all with respect and having zero tolerance for discrimination.

Mr Cooper led an inspiring assembly on disability which included a video of a teenager girl with Down's syndrome who went on to represent team GB for gymnastics at the Olympics. If we support one another and try our best what could we achieve? On the topic of hard work, and determination, a huge well done to Tia Johnson of 8N who has been selected for under 14 girls Berkshire football squad. That is a massive achievement and we wish her good luck in her new team!

Our attendance as a year group is improving as 149 out of 206 are over 95%. Well done to 8N, 8R and 8E tutor groups who achieved attendance at over 95% for last week. 8R are at 98.2% for the term so far! Attendance matters because students will achieve better grades when they attend school every day. A student will find it difficult to build their skills and progress if they are frequently absent. We have looked at house points and found 63 of you who have achieved 20 house points or more so far this term. Three of you are even over 40 points. Who? You will find out at next week's house assemblies!

Ensure you are checking for homework online with Showmyhomework and doing your maths homework via diagnostic questions. Remember you can access both at school in the LRC, before school, break, lunchtime or after school. Check over your uniform and tools for learning so you are ready to achieve your best before our half term break.

Kind regards

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Please share with us your views on what you like about the school and what we can do to improve by clicking on the links below:



Fab & Drab

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**Staff Member
of the Week**

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Paper copies of nominations can be dropped into the boxes in main reception

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 15th October 2018

	Tutor	Notices
Monday		
Tuesday		Clubs:
Wednesday		Clubs:
Thursday		Clubs:
Friday		Clubs:

Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in G01
 Period 6 A04 with Mr Cooper and Mrs Wilkins from after school until 3:30pm

If you do not attend your lunchtime detention, there will be a message sent out via schoolcomms to your parents/carers and you will be expected to be in period 6 the following day.

Key Dates

Date	Event

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