

# Brakenhale School

## Year 8 News



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

Dear Year 8 Students

Since our last newsletter, the theme has been remembering and tolerance. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, we had our whole school 2 minutes silence to reflect, remember and give thanks for those men and women who died in service to our country, in wars around the world. This centenary year of remembrance of the 1918 war has been very poignant as a nation we pass on our family memories to the next generation. Mr Cooper also touched on remembrance at our year group assembly on the following Monday, sharing a visualisation of the poem Flanders fields. Mr Hartley gave an assembly on British values and tolerance and spoke about the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Night of the Broken Glass in Germany and looked at the work of Sir Nicholas Winton, the British man who saved almost seven hundred Jewish children's lives just a few months later.

Our themes in assembly have been on how we learn and remembering is key to achieving our potential. As a whole school we share spelling, punctuation and grammar goals which you can see on the front of different subject books. We strive not to remember only facts but to apply them. This is why we have different recall questions during our lessons when teachers ask us how we came to a conclusion, or to explain our reasoning to the rest of the class. We are being encouraged to draw pictures to help us remember key ideas, for example the arc of a rainbow, can help us remember what part of a circle is called an arc. The ability to divide something into smaller parts so that we can understand a process or recall the order is another tool we are learning to use.

Attendance is on the up. We are pleased that in the last three weeks, the best tutor group attendance has been achieved by 8B, 8K and 8N. As a year group our attendance is now at 95.4% and so we are 1% above the national average. Well done. This is a real achievement because we know that when you are in school you are giving yourself the best opportunity to achieve your potential.

We have enjoyed seeing many of you achieve house points and community points this term. Well done and keep up the good work by ensuring you complete your homework (on ShowMyHomework) and for those of you who find homework tricky, remember there are staff members with Mrs Daniels willing to help you in any subject, in the LRC, before and after school, break and lunch. Well done to all those who are checking their tools for learning regularly. Remember glue sticks, highlighters and protractors are all available in the print room at cheaper than supermarket prices.

Lastly, the sun maybe shining but the temperature is cool, with the wind blowing off the Arctic from the east. So, whilst we are in a cold snap, ensure you wrap up warmly in a plain black coat. Enjoy your weekend.

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:



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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

## KEY EVENTS – 26<sup>th</sup> November

	<b>Tutor</b>	<b>Notices</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Reading project	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports Hall Assembly	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading project PSHE period 1	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board
<b>Thursday</b>	Main hall assembly with SLT	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board
<b>Friday</b>	Reading project	<b>Clubs:</b> please check tutor notice board

### Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in S11  
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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	PSHE Period 1
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Xmas Fayre - set up time 5.30pm opens @ 7 - 9.00pm - Main Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	House assembly's: Swinley in Sports Hall, Jennetts in Main Hall.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	House assembly's: Farley in Sports Hall, Temple in Main Hall.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for holidays at 12:05

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