



# Brampton Primary School Newsletter

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## Dates for your diary

### **Monday 23rd November**

- Into University Year  
6 FOCUS Week - Sri  
Lanka

### **Tuesday 24th November**

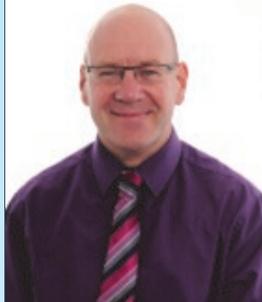
- Year 5 Theatre trip  
Stratford - Nepal &  
Pakistan

### **Wednesday 25th November**

- Raptorxotics visit  
Reception
- Year 6 Theatre Trip  
Stratford - Sri Lanka  
& Uzbekistan
- Year 1 Athletics  
Tournament  
(selected children)

### **Thursday 26th November**

- Theatre Trip  
Stratford - Qatar,  
Oman, Russia &  
Turkey



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **The Readathon**

It is really interesting to see the effect the Readathon is having on children's reading habits over the last week or so. I have had lots of children coming to me telling me how many hours they have been reading at home and how I can check with their mum if I do not believe them (which of course I do). We continue to have a strong focus on the importance of reading because it is probably **the** key skill everyone in the world needs if they are going to be successful in the future. We know that

children find it difficult to access learning across the curriculum if their reading skills are poor as pretty much everything we do in life requires some level of reading skill. Please continue to support your children with their reading and the Readathon because raising its profile makes it a much more enticing thing to do.

### **The Weather and Clothing**

As the winter draws in, the weather is beginning to change and there is more rain and it is getting colder. We do not believe children should be prevented from doing things such as PE or playtimes because of the weather (unless it is absolutely chucking it down) so please make sure that your child comes into school dressed appropriately with a warm, waterproof coat and even spare wellies to wear outside if necessary. Most young children are so active they do not always feel the cold when running around outside but others, who are less physically active can get chilly so a woolly hat and gloves are also something that would be useful. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name and their year group/class so that should they leave it somewhere other than their peg, it is easily identifiable and can be returned.

### **Events in Paris and the Prevent Strategy**

Obviously the tragic events that happened last weekend in Paris are still in the forefront of many people's minds and quite a few of the children's too. We are careful to ensure we do not fuel any fears amongst the children about their safety but we have allowed them to talk with adults who have reassured them that school is a safe place to be. We also took advice from the local authority about going on educational visits, especially when going into London. The advice was that we carry on as normal and if there is a perceived raising of the threat level, they would contact schools and advise them further. We talk regularly with children about how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations and with heightened awareness at this time I would like to draw your attention to the government's Prevent Strategy and the advice to schools.

The strategy is aimed at identifying and preventing children and young people from becoming radicalised through exposure to inappropriate images, literature and influences on social media. I believe the advice given to schools is just as valid for parents because we hear time and again in the media that very often the parents are the last ones to know anything when their children become drawn into anti-social activities. I am attaching a link to the advice we get sent to schools for you to look at. It contains some common sense information about the sort of things that we, as parents, might need to be aware of to ensure our children are kept safe from harm. I do realise that Brampton is only a primary school but all schools have a duty to make sure that children are kept safe and within the law.

Please use this link: <http://goo.gl/F2PyaV>

**Have a safe and happy weekend  
Mr Reid**



# News from the Upper Phase

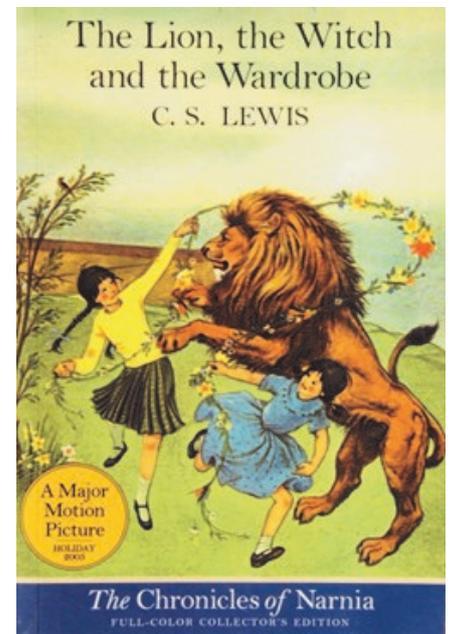
## Year 4

In maths this term, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction using the column method. They have also been learning how to use the bar model to solve word problems, which made even the most difficult word problems accessible. The students have also been developing their knowledge of multiplication by creating pictorial representations of the 6, 7 and 9 times tables and learning how to present these facts as arrays.

In science Year four have been exploring the use of electricity. The children have been discussing which objects produce heat, light, sound and movement. They have really enjoyed a number of the activities and have begun to develop a good understanding of why we use electricity. Ask your child to explain which appliances they can name that produce heat, sound, movement or light.

This week in English we started reading our class book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S Lewis. The children are really enjoying the story and as a result have been engaged in the learning activities. The book is very descriptive and the children are beginning to understand the figurative language that is being used. We are hoping to read a chapter each day so please ask your child to tell you what has happened that day in the book. This will ensure they are listening and are able to re-tell parts of the story.

In the creative curriculum this term, the children have been learning about the Mayan civilisation. This has included developing an understanding of their societal hierarchy, as well as comparing their religious beliefs and ways of living to ours. During the inspiration day, the children completed beautiful artefacts in the style of Mayan art using clay. The children are very interested in this topic and it would be very useful for them to continue doing research as a part of their homework.



### Year 4 Birthdays

This week we celebrated...

Sami, Robert, Lily, Remarsha, Muhammad,  
Yu Mae & Abigail





# Attendance

09/11/2015 - 13/11/2015

## Attendance

Congratulations to Nepal class for achieving an amazing attendance of 100% for Monday 9th November 2015 to Friday 13th November 2015. Well done!

*Ms Pillai – Education Welfare Officer*

Group	% Attend
Albania Nursery AM	96.5
Cyprus Nursery AM	97.3
Bulgaria Nursery PM	93.3
Denmark Nursery PM	94.8
Estonia	92.7
France	96
Germany	91.3
Hungary	95.9
Kosovo	96.7
Lithuania	97.3
Malta	98.7
Norway	99
Angola	97.3
Botswana	97.7
Chad	98.1
Djibouti	97.7

Group	% Attend
Kenya	98.3
Liberia	99.3
Mali	98
Nigeria	96.6
Rwanda	98.5
Somalia	95.5
Togo	97.7
Uganda	93.8
Nepal	100
Oman	99.3
Pakistan	99.3
Qatar	93.2
Russia	98.7
Sri Lanka	99.3
Turkey	96.7
Uzbekistan	95.9
Totals	97

## Big Talk Home Learning

If children can't say it then children can't write it.

Dear All,

This weekend's BTHL 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> November

This week was anti-bullying week and we talked about how important it is to make a noise about bullying.

What are the consequences when someone is bullied?



## Other Information

### Just Homes Thanks You

Just Homes would like to thank the parents, carers and staff of Brampton Primary School for your ongoing support. We were amazed at the amount of food we received from your Harvest Festival. We are extremely grateful for this food. This food was shared amongst our hostels. We have three hostels for women with children who have no recourse to public funds. They are supported to gain their status and develop employment skills. Our other three hostels support men who have been homeless and are seeking to get back into work, we do not charge them for food so they can use their benefit to look for work.

We would also like to thank you the clothes that are put in our Aspire clothing bank. The bank at your school is one of our most productive banks. The funds raised by our clothing banks are used solely for our work with mothers and children without recourse to public funds.

For more information please visit our website [www.justhomes.org.uk](http://www.justhomes.org.uk).



More choice for  
those in need

### School Menu - Week 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Choice	Fisherman's Pie with Mashed Potato Topping*	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza	Cod & Salmon Biryani*	Tuna Wrap with Salad*	Fish in Batter with Chips or Mashed Potatoes
Meat Choice	Southern Seasoned Chicken with Mashed Potatoes*	Lamb & Vegetable Jollof Rice*	Roast Lamb with Roast or Boiled Potatoes	Lamb & Vegetable Tikka Masala with Rice*	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Chips or Mashed Potatoes*
Vegetarian Choice	Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice*	Vegetarian Mous-saka*	Wholemeal Leek & Tomato Quiche with Boiled or Roast Potatoes*	Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese*	Jacket Potatoes with Mexican Mixed Beans & Cheese
Vegetable Selection	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Peas Mixed Vegetables	Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Sponge Ice Cream Roll	Pear & Pineapple Crumble with Custard*	Fruit Cheesecake*	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard*	Fruit Salad & Ice Cream