

The Buzz



15th October 2021



Learning and Achieving Through Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

We had an 'jam-packed' **Golden Book** this morning, in which we celebrated children's out-of-school achievements. We had swimmers, dancers, gymnasts, horse riders, Beavers, readers and more! Well done to everyone who received an award; it is fantastic to see such a range of talents and skills. All of these children show courage, resilience, dedication, passion, among many other lifelong learning behaviours.

We also celebrated our wonderful runners in Golden Worship this morning. A huge thank you to all the runners, sponsors and the BSA for organising, taking part in, and raising money for an amazing achievement during our **Round the Island Relay Race**. An incredible £1212 was raised, which will go towards a new trim trail on our school field. Fantastic! I would also like to say thank you to the children in After-School Club, who decorated these very special wooden medals.



You will have received an email this week about **Rob Carr**, who is our peripatetic guitar teacher. He has written a new sing-a-long book and song, which is available to listen to and purchase on YouTube and on his website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOpOvgYvX_w and <https://singalongstories.com/> How talented!

This is a reminder about our community '**Spruce Up Our School**' day in half term, on Tuesday 26th October. We are asking if any staff members, parents, members of the community and governors are able to give up a bit of their time to help us with some jobs around the site. These include painting, staining, sanding, weeding and more. If you are able to help out (even if it's just for an hour or two) then please let us know by commenting on the post on Facebook or by contacting the school. Refreshments will be provided. We are also in need of resources and equipment, including paint, wood, stain and more. If you are able to donate any of these (or know of anyone who can), then please let us know. Any help will be much appreciated, thank you!



On the same afternoon (Tuesday 26th October), a fantastic performance is taking place of '**Florence and the Mermaid's Tears**', at St Mary's Church in Brighstone. Bookings for this performance are looking good but the church team could do with some help in serving and providing refreshments for the occasion. Reverend Jackie would be very grateful if you are able to help with providing a cake or helping on the day. To offer your help please contact their friendly Church Warden on junpeth@hotmail.com Thank you.

Today, Chimpanzee and Lemur classes are bringing all their History learning together from this half term with an **Ancient Greece day**. They will be eating Ancient Greek food, wearing Ancient Greek clothing, and taking part in lots of other activities. Watch out for photos on our Facebook page!

Also today, we say goodbye to **Mr Burnett**. Mr Burnett was the LSA in Chimpanzee class for the first part of the autumn term, and we wish him many best wishes as he moves onto pastures new. Thank you, Mr Burnett, for all your help and enthusiasm!

I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday! Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

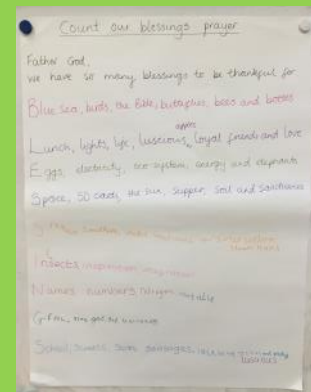
Collective Worship - Thankfulness

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Harvest—Counting our Blessings**

This week we focused on how it can sometimes seem that lots of bad things happen to us, such as having an argument with your brother or sister, or spilling your milk at breakfast time, or losing your football kit. It can be easy to dwell on these, but we talked about how we can think about all the good things in our lives, which will then cheer us up. We can 'count our blessings'.

As a school, we wrote a 'Count Our Blessings' acrostic prayer, which is shown here on the right. The children thought of items that they are thankful for beginning with the letters of the word 'BLESSINGS'.

Counting our Blessings Prayer



What are you thankful for? What blessings can you count?

'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5.16



School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

Last Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausage & Mash	Roast Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Fish fingers
Option 2	Veggie Bolognese	Veggie Noodles	Vegetable Pie	Veggie Curry	Veggie Burger
Dessert	Flapjack	Shortbread	Yoghurt cake	Brownie	Ice Cream

Poetry Corner



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!



Reminders

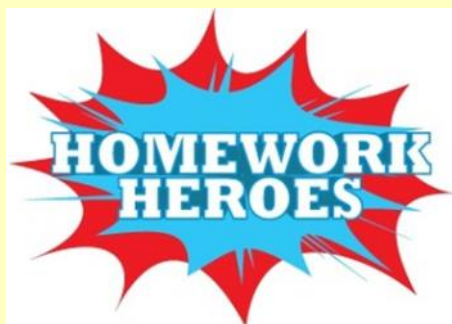
Only plain water (no squash or flavoured water) in reusable water bottles.

Long hair must be tied back (both boys and girls), and hair must be kept away from eyes.

Only fruit provided for snacks, and healthy items in lunch boxes.
No dogs allowed on the school grounds, unless carried.

Homework Heroes

Well done to all the children who received a homework certificate this morning. I think we had more children achieve this than we've ever had before, which is great!



Next half term's homework will be focusing on spellings and phonics.

Whole school dates

Today: BSA Glow Disco Last day of term
Monday 1st November: Back to school
BSA - Pumpkin Competition
Tuesday 21st December: Last day of term
Tuesday 4th January 2022: Back to school

Five Points won this Half-Term

Green	527
Blue	408
Yellow	391
Red	396

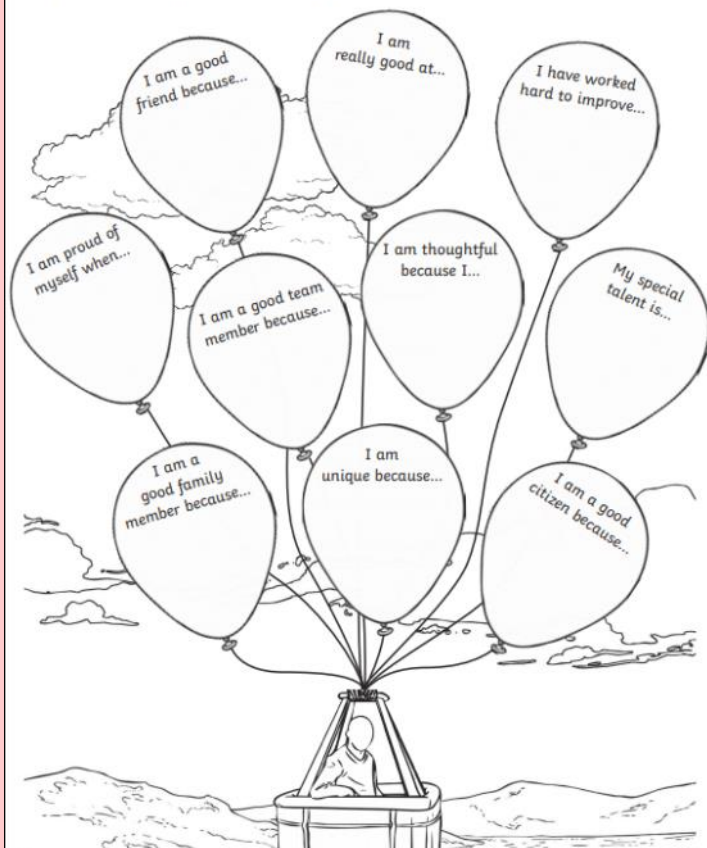
SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Wellbeing Window

I Am an Amazing Person!

Read and finish the sentences in the balloons below.



We are all amazing in our own way!

Try this activity with your children and share why you are all amazing.



It's Today!

Join in with our

GLOW DISCO

DRINK AND SWEET TREAT PROVIDED

Friday 15th October
in the School Hall

NEON FACEPAINT INCLUDED

KS 1
4.45pm -
5.30pm

£2.50 PER
TICKET

KS 2
5.45pm -
6.30pm

Brighstone School Association

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Monday 1st November

£2 PER ENTRY - (battery tea light provided)

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN AND
ENTRY MONEY TO THE THREE
BISHOPS BEFORE SCHOOL

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5PM

★ PRIZES FOR EACH CLASS ★

★ FREE CHILDS MEAL WITH EVERY ADULT MEAL
PURCHASED AT THE PUB BETWEEN 3-6PM ★