

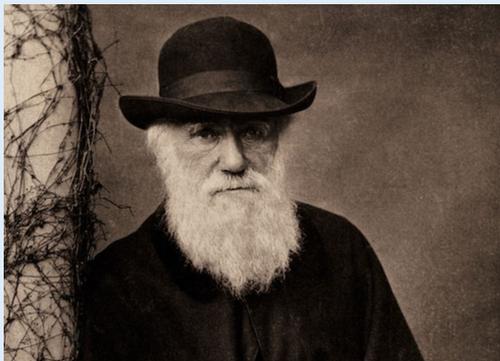


## Newsletter - 1st February 2019

### YEAR 6 SPACE ODYSSEY

Earlier this month, Year 6 were delighted to welcome the Space Dome. Each class took their turn to enter the darkened dome and learn more about the science behind the origins of life itself.

Gazing up, at the images projected above their heads, the children were fascinated to learn more about adaptation and inheritance. The Space Dome



was a great source of inspiration for developing a

better understanding of Charles Darwin's explorations and work and it gave us a real insight into the impact of his discoveries.

Year 6 are now looking forward to sharing their own discoveries with their parents and friends as part of our Darwin Day celebrations, from 2.30pm on Tuesday 12th February.



### Key Dates for the Spring Term

**31st January—All Day JRock Rehearsal**

**5th February/ 8th Feb — Safer Internet Day**

**11th February—All Day JRock Rehearsal**

**14th February—JRock Event!**

**15th February—INSET day**

**23rd Feb—3rd March—SKI TRIP**

**7th March—World Book Day**

**12th March—Book Look Evening 3.30-6.30pm**

### LIP SYNC BATTLE!

Thank you to our wonderful School Council for organising such a superb fund raising event. We had children from each year group attend and they were a fantastic bunch! All were shining stars and encouraged one another's vocal talents. They even got Mr McCalister and Mrs Tomlinson singing a beautiful rendition of 'Sweet Caroline'

We are extremely lucky at Broadstone Middle School to have some real stars among our pupils. I was blown away by the confidence and amazing performance ability! I will be looking out for them on stage in the future!

The proceeds from this event will be contributed to the JRock budget to support funding of the event and ensure a fantastic time is had by everyone after all the hard work they have put into the performance.

Thank you again to our brilliant School Council and Miss Marrufo!



### LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

This week at the Middle School we held our first lockdown drill—this is to ensure the safety of your children if we ever have any type of external or internal threat. This could be anything from a gas leak, chemical spill or a stranger in the grounds.

The staff evacuated children to safe zones within the school effectively and efficiently. The children were an absolute credit to the school they were extremely sensible and responsible and remained silent until they were notified it was safe to do so.

Thank you Broadstone Middle School you were excellent!

## UBC OUTCOME DAY!

Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers dance on air....

Those of you who were lucky enough to make it to the UBC showcase will know I am referring to the extreme talent demonstrated by the 'Lights, Camera, Action' UBC study module who produced their own version of 'Vogue' by Madonna. Filming, special effects and outstanding choreography by the group resulted in a wonderful performance by the team involving members from year 5 through to year 8. This was just one of the twenty four impressive events taking place at the UBC Showcase this week.

At Broadstone Middle School, we are not just about the test results. Of course these are important and the children and teachers work tirelessly to achieve their very best however the real and much bigger picture is that these young individuals will be better future citizens because of the opportunities afforded to them through the University of Broadstone Curriculum.

The past nine weeks have been building to a real and purposeful event. This has not been learning for learning's sake or an afternoon of fun each week (although the engaging subjects have helped to make it so!). It has really been about developing confidence, trying something new, building relationships, being creative and relishing challenge. I know the children are very proud of their achievements as they rightly should be; they have excelled themselves. My thanks go out to the staff and additional parent helpers who have made this opportunity possible - there is no doubt it is hard work but there is even less doubt that it is worth it! Thanks too to Sam W, the official photographer of the event who has been studying photography as part of the Get Snapping module. We look forward to the next Showcase in May - details to follow.



## SPORTING EVENTS!

### Year 8 football

The year 8 football team played Allenbourn in the PEDSSA Cup. After going an early goal down, Broadstone began to put pressure on the Allenbourn defence and created some good chances although Josh and Jay were thwarted by a mixture of last ditch tackling and good goalkeeping. On the stroke of half time, Allenbourn went 2 – 0 up from a corner. Harry had no chance from point blank range. The 2nd half followed a similar pattern, but a defensive lapse left an Allenbourn player unmarked and a simple tap-in made the score 3 – 0. Mr McCalister was really pleased with the resilience the boys showed. They created a beautiful sequence of passing and the ball was played through to Josh who fired into the far corner. With only minutes remaining, Broadstone put Allenbourn under pressure and again created more chances but were unable to score any more goals. The final score was 3 – 1 but a spirited performance in the face of defeat.

### Year 6 football

The year 6 football team continued their County Cup quest against St Mary's, Puddletown. An early goal from Tom S set the tone for the match, with Ethan S doubling the lead after some neat passing from defence through to attack. At half time the message was clear – the next goal needs to be from Broadstone. Unfortunately it wasn't, with a dubious offside decision allowing a St Mary's player a clear run to goal and he duly slotted the ball home. The pressure was on but the boys remained calm and concentrated on their passing game. Again, the next goal came from Ethan, following a quick turnover in midfield. The whole team contributed greatly and worked their socks off throughout, especially in some terrible conditions! In the dying minutes Ethan got his hat trick, with a replica of his previous two strikes into the far corner. Final score 4 – 1 with a semi final to look forward to against Castle Court or Epiphany.

### CAR PARK

I would like to take this opportunity again to remind parents/ guardians around the expectations within the school car park. We are extremely lucky that we have a large school car park that is accessible during pick up and drop off time. However, we would like to ask that everyone is respectful and careful to ensure the safety of your children within the car park. As a school we try to ensure someone is on duty during the beginning and end of the school day but with your support we hope to have a calm and secure car park environment.

The bottom car park near the school gardening area is strictly for staff only. We appreciate accidents happen and have tried to reduce the number of staff cars in the car park by allocating this space. In addition to this, if you do knock, bump or scrape another car in the car park we urge you to be honest and come and report this to immediately the main office.

Thank you for your ongoing support on this matter.



### ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

This is a gentle reminder that you should inform the school of your child's absence by 9am at the latest on that school day. If your child is unfortunately unwell for more than one day, school must be updated daily as a matter of safeguarding. Only in the circumstance of vomiting or diarrhoea we would not need an update as they would need to be 48 hours clear before returning. There is a 24 hour answer phone where you are able to leave a message, which the office staff always pick up quickly, to record absences of children. Thank you for your support with this it is very much appreciated!

