

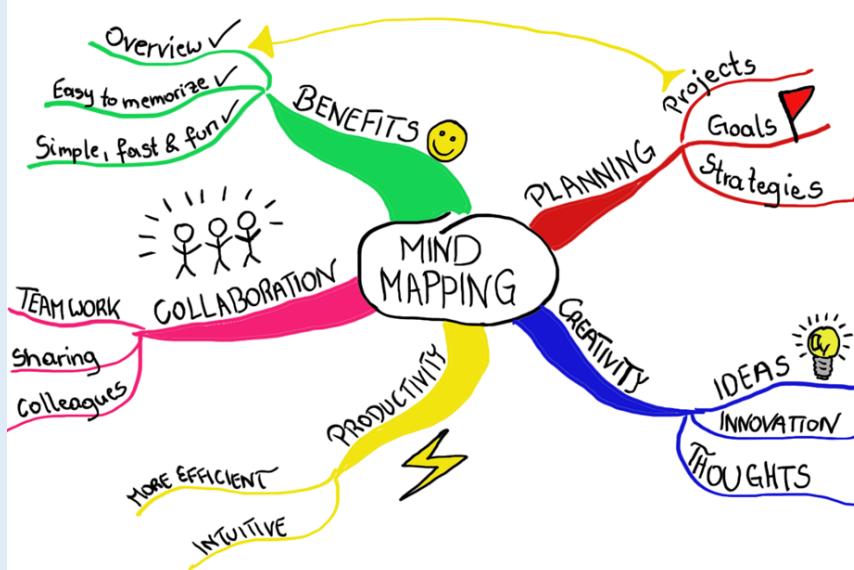


## Newsletter - 24th November 2018

### LEARNING TO LEARN (Mind Mapping)

During the course of this month, we have been looking at strategies for retaining information – or more specifically, mind mapping. Mind maps are a great way of organising facts and ideas into areas and then developing them further and they are great in the development of creativity. Mind maps should be created with different colours as it can aid with remembering information and categorising. So far, our students have been looking at fact files for our new houses and putting the information into a mind map format. The more they practice this skill, the more confident they will

become and then will be able to use this strategy when researching, revising, or thinking creatively. If you would like to find out more about mind mapping and its benefits, then check out the following website: [www.mindmapping.com](http://www.mindmapping.com).



We are well and truly on our way to the Christmas countdown, with lots of exciting events coming up for the BMS community. We'd love to see you at the Broadstone Christmas Parade, where our students will be dancing alongside the first school for our first ever Castleman Trust entry – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30pm.

Our Christmas Fayre, organised by our PTA 'The Social Hub' is currently being planning and prepared and with so many great stalls/activities/food/beverages, you don't want to miss out! Come along on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm.

On behalf of the team,

Dawn

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Last week was Anti-bullying week, with the statement 'all different, all equal'. All week the children explored diversity, sharing experiences and discussing ways to overcome issues with bullying. To celebrate diversity, we held an Odd Sock Day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. It was fantastic to see children

embracing their differences through their zany choice of socks and I don't think I saw two people with the same odd socks!

Mrs Milton



### FUNDRAISING

**Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Thanks to your generous donations, our 'Spotacular' non-uniform day and cake sale raised a total of £572.72. Also, a BIG thank you to everyone who has supported The Social Hub events. As a result they are able to buy some microscopes for the Science Labs.

### Reminders...

There is still time to enter our competition to find a snazzy new name for our newsletter—entries to Mrs Milton by Friday 1st December.

## YEAR 5 TRIP TO HOOKE COURT

A wonderful time was had by all the year 5s who attended Hooke Court! The fun started with lots of team building activities followed by a delicious dinner. We were lucky enough to have had a clear night for the night walk taking in beautiful sights of the moon and stars as well as hearing the calls of owls. Lunch the following day was a cooked and prepared by the children. From skinning a rabbit to making bread, a real lesson in where food comes from. Shelter building and bridging the moat topped off the activities for the 2 days with the first group completing the tasks in the rain! However, not one person complained. The last night saw a feat of entertainment at the campfire singing many songs and hearing some very bad jokes! Thank you to all our volunteers, Mr Kent, Mrs Open, Mr Cooke, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Muzzell and Mrs Sorrell. The pupils were very well behaved and a credit to the school. Thank you for a very enjoyable, although tiring, week.

Mrs Williamson



## HOUSES

This week we finally launched and revealed our new House system at BMS. Everyone was given a secret code word Monday morning which they had to keep to themselves until the afternoon. In assembly, Mrs Serrano revealed the houses which are as follows:-



Dyson – I explore



Rowling – I am resilient



DaVinci – I create



Attenborough – I reflect

The houses reflect most of our learning powers and although our influential role models have been linked to a learning power, they encompass all of the learning powers. Over the course of this year we will be learning more about these fantastic people and holding whole school events so that houses can compete against each other!

## HOUSE POINTS

With the introduction of the house system this week, all children have now been allocated one of four houses. They have been working hard to achieve house points (the new name for reward points) which are collected individually but also count towards their class and house totals. The highest achieving classes in each year group (since September) are:

Year 5 – 5Y – 748 points

Year 6 – 6X – 1110 points

Year 7 – 7Z – 692 points

Year 8 – 8X – 761 points

The first house totals will be announced in the next newsletter! *Miss Bone*

### Dates for your Diary...

30th November— Poole Lighthouse Choir performance

8th December— BMS Christmas Fayre 6-8pm

15th December— last day of term. Pupils leave school at 1.15pm or 3.05 pm.

### Sports Team Results

Congratulations to our Year 6 boys footballers who have reached the county finals on Friday 1st December. Good luck boys!

A big well done to our year 5/6 and 7/8 tumbling teams who competed in a competition on Sunday 19th November. The girls all performed their tumbles brilliantly and we are very proud of them. The teams included; Annie D, Elise O, Lily W, Amy P, Grace D, Evie D, Ellie J, Hannah L, Madie P, and Abby O. Great job girls.

*Miss Marsh*

## BROADSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Families may or may not be aware that the Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum has developed the “Broadstone Neighbourhood Plan” which is out for consultation at the moment. Many members of the Broadstone community have contributed to the plan and it sets out clear objectives on five key themes: green space, housing, access and movement, economic viability and sustainability.

So that the plan truly reflects the thoughts and feelings of local people with a real interest in their community the Forum would like as many residents as possible to have a say in all aspects of the future of the community including housing, green spaces, the local economy and sustainability. In particular, the Forum would like residents and members of the business community to contribute to potential improvements to access and movement in the central area of The Broadway, where traffic congestion and parking issues impact quite severely upon the quality of public spaces.

To find out more about the plan, and have your say on the future of the community, please visit <http://www.poole.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/broadstone-forum-neighbourhood-plan/>