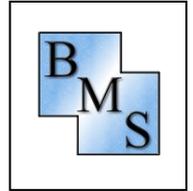




# BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Thank you to all parents who responded to the Parental Questionnaire on Book Look night and also provided their comments on the proposed school uniform change. We are in the process of looking at all of the returned slips and will feedback to you in the next newsletter. *Mrs Wilks*

## YEAR 6 HEALTHY SNACK BARS

This week the Year 6 pupils have been making healthy snack bars. After a taste testing session, pupils planned their ingredients to make either a non-bake bar or flapjack. During the making session, everyone followed their method carefully which resulted in some very tasty snacks. The Year 6 staff were particularly impressed with their listening and clearing up skills afterwards! *Miss Swann*



## THEO'S POP ART PAINTING



After many weeks of hard work, Theo Y(8X) finally completed his Pop Art painting! Theo started his rotation in Art in September and chose a comic strip piece to enlarge in a Pop Art style, using the grid method. Despite finishing his Art lessons in early December, he has spent many lunch times in the Art room meticulously working on his painting. After numerous colour changes and many layers of paint, I think you'll agree, the finished piece looks fantastic! Well done Theo!

*Miss de Looze*



## NEWS FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT

Our teams have taken part in lots of sports fixtures so far this term.

The Year 6 football team have managed to progress to the semi-final of the County Cup, beating Wyke Regis 3-1 thanks to goals from Ashton P, Abi B and Harry C.

The Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics team came 1st in their heat, involving Heatherlands, Talbot Primary and St Joseph's. We now await the results of other heats to find out if we progress.

In KS3 the focus of fixtures has switched to football. The Year 7 football team have played an indoor tournament, in which they won 1 match, drew 2 and lost 1, unfortunately not quite doing enough to get through to the semi-final stage. The Year 7s also had two fixtures against Poole Grammar which was an excellent learning experience for both teams, and most recently against St Edward's which was again a closely fought match, losing 4-2.

The Year 7 girl's indoor team progressed through their group, and after beating Lytchett Minster in the semi-final played Ferndown Middle in the final. A really close game saw Ferndown score with literally the last kick of the game! An awesome effort for never playing indoor rules before.



The Year 8 boys have played against St Edward's which was a great opportunity for the boys to play in a variety of positions. We eventually ran out 5 – 1 winners!

The Year 7 and 8 netball leagues have also begun. The Year 7s began with a 3-1 victory over Purbeck whilst the Year 8s have played against Parkstone Grammar, losing 5-3, and winning against Poole High 9-6! It is great to see the girls put their skills to the test against other schools!

### **Cross Country**

We have had some great results from the Poole and East Dorset Sports Association (PEDSSA) cross country events which took place at four locations throughout the Autumn term. The best three scores are counted towards a final total – the lowest being the overall winner. In Key Stage 2 Henry O came 8<sup>th</sup> closely followed by Danny D in 9<sup>th</sup>. In Key Stage 3, Kieran G finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place, whilst the boys team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Susie F came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the girls Year 7 and was only 1 point from winning. The Year 8s have to race against the Year 9s and so for Esme J to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place was a great effort. Well done to all those that participated in various races and also a HUGE thanks to parents for giving up their own time to enable their children to take part, it is greatly appreciated!!

It is amazing that already this term 84 different children have represented the school in the different sporting events that have taken place. Clubs are up and running again this term so please fill in the reply slip and join in!

## The Romans are coming!



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Roman experience with Ashley from 'Sirteachalot'. The children listened intently to the stories of the fearful Romans and loved participating in a variety of role-plays. Each class had the opportunity to re-enact a Roman army formation using prop shields and swords to scare their opponent. The children of 5W particularly relished in storming towards Mrs Williamson in 'The Wedge' formation until she fled the room screaming. The children of 5X protected Miss Palmer using 'The Orb' formation to create a circle of shields to battle any incoming spears. 5Y used Mrs Dale as ammunition to succeed, and I quote, 'Die teacher, die!' Clearly, the children had no issue transforming into powerful Romans. Finally, yet importantly, 5Z created 'The Tortoise' formation, they had to work as a team to ensure there were no gaps to protect them from the incoming 'arrows' (beanbags). Everyone (including Miss Faber) at this stage became expert archers! The children fully immersed themselves in all the activities and were indulged with knowledge, which they have enthusiastically applied within their writing and history sessions.

*Mrs Williamson*



Due to a number of pupils leaving us at the end of Year 6 to go to Grammar School, we still have some places left in our Year 7. If you know of anyone who would like to join our BMS family please let them know, or if friends are looking for alternatives for Year 7 then we would be happy to accommodate them.

## Young Entrepreneur



### UBC – Young Entrepreneurs

It is that time of the term again when our up and coming entrepreneurs are creating their products ready to sell. There will be a stall with a variety of products such as decorative pencils, billionaire top trumps and many others. The sale will be held in the office area on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 3.30 – 4.30pm**. Products vary in price from pence to pound but please come and support our pupils in their future ventures!

## THE SOCIAL HUB

The Social Hub (formerly known as the PTA) has the following challenge to parents:

Do you want to be involved in an easy way to generate free money for the school? If so, please sign up to the 'Just Giving' initiative (which the last PTA set up but didn't promote). Some of you may already know about 'thegivingmachine', but basically it is a charity which allows anyone linked to Broadstone Middle School to give free donations via their online shopping. It is really easy to install - full details can be found on their website: [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) (remember to install the 'shop and give' reminder to ensure that you never miss a donation). It currently only has 2 givers and our challenge to you is to increase that number to 100 by Easter.

So, if yourselves, grandparents, aunts, uncles (and any other relatives you can think of) sign up we'll easily reach the target! We'll be putting the first one hundred names in a hat and the first name out will win a prize (names of givers are available to see on the 'giver cloud', however if you don't wish to have your name visible you can choose to opt out of it once you have signed up).

Thank you from the Social Hub

## CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

Have you got a talent you would like to share with the school? We would love to hear about your achievements! If you would like to feature on our BMS Superheroes board, alongside all our other wonderfully talented pupils, please come and see me in Textiles or Art. If you already feature on the board and your achievements need updating, please let me know!

*Miss de Looze*



## YEAR 7 THERMITE REACTION

As part of our year 7 topic about metals and the reactivity series, we have been studying displacement reactions, with spectacular results!

Practical work has formed a large part of the learning in science again this term. Students have been investigating the properties and reactivities of metals and their compounds. Displacement reactions have allowed students to derive their own reactivity series whilst the group 1 metals and thermite reaction have been demonstrated to teaching groups with a phenomenal outcome!

*Mr Littleboy*



## SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's have started their Active Kids Vouchers again this week and we would love to collect them to put towards new equipment. There will be a box in reception for pupils or parents to put the vouchers in - all will be very gratefully received!

*Miss Marsh*



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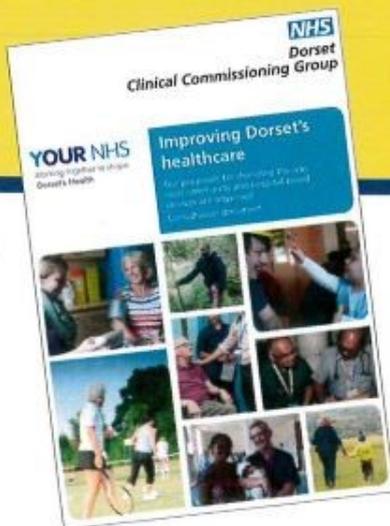
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