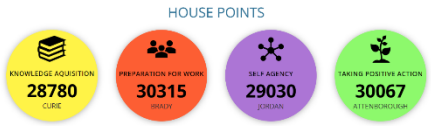
Half Term Round Up!



BROADSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our pupils on such a positive start to the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see our school community return with enthusiasm, determination and a commitment to learning. This half term has seen many celebrations.

Whole-School Highlights

- **4 Pillars Award** — Congratulations to the pupils who have received their first 4 Pillars Award for Knowledge Acquisition, recognising their commitment to learning and academic excellence.
- **House Points** — We have also celebrated a number of pupils who achieved 150 house points, earning themselves a lucky dip prize! Their hard work, positive attitudes and contributions to school life have been fantastic to see.
- **Open Evening** — A huge thank you must also go to our families for their support at our Open Evening. The event was a tremendous success and showcased the pride our pupils have in their school and learning.
- **Visits, sport and performance** — Across the school, pupils have enjoyed an array of educational visits and sporting fixtures, helping to bring their learning to life and create memorable experiences beyond the classroom. We are also incredibly excited about the launch of our school production, *Matilda the Musical*!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have made an excellent start to life at BMS and should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far. This half term, pupils completed their first module, 'Knowing Me, Knowing You', producing some outstanding self-portraits in Art and developing their teamwork skills through PSHE. A particular highlight was their visit to Butcher's Coppice, where they put these skills into practice during an exciting day of outdoor learning and challenge. The year group have now begun their second module, 'Best Place in the World', launching their learning with a visit to Poole Quay to study the local geography and deepen their understanding of the area in which they live.

Thank you to all Year 5 families for your support in ensuring such a settled start to middle school. Pupils have been exemplary in their approach to learning, presentation of uniform and engagement with the wider BMS community.

Looking ahead, we are welcoming donations of milk bottle tops to support their upcoming 'All I Want for Christmas' Cam Toy Project.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have embraced their learning opportunities this half term and have enjoyed a range of curriculum experiences. To support their module 'A Life on Our Planet', pupils took part in a local litter-picking visit, helping them understand the importance of environmental stewardship while making a positive contribution to the community. They have also had an exciting introduction to their latest focus, 'Mayhem Mayhem', exploring key concepts in History and Geography through engaging activities and enquiry-based learning. Sporting success has also been a highlight. The Year 6 Boys' Football Team produced an incredible performance and secured an excellent result against Allenbourne. We are equally excited to see our girls' teams begin their fixtures after half term.

During November, pupils will complete their first Mock SATs, which will help us identify strengths and areas for development. Further information, support materials and practical ways families can help at home will be shared during our upcoming Book Look Evening.

YEAR 7

Year 7 have settled brilliantly into the new academic year. We have welcomed many new pupils to the year group, and they have all made a fantastic start to life at BMS. One of the highlights this half term has been the opportunity to experience specialist secondary learning environments. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed getting the Bunsen burners out in science, carrying out experiments that have helped them deepen their understanding and engagement with key concepts. In Technology, Year 7 have shown great creativity and enthusiasm. Their carrot muffin baking project was a huge success and certainly made the whole school smell incredible. It has been wonderful to see pupils embracing new learning experiences with such positivity and confidence.

YEAR 8

Year 8 pupils have had a busy and rewarding half term with many opportunities to demonstrate leadership, resilience and excellence both inside and outside the classroom. A special thank you goes to our Student Senior Leadership Team for their outstanding contribution to school life. They have organised and delivered the Harvest collection for Corfe Mullen Foodbank, sold poppies in support of Remembrance, distributed House Point prizes and confidently represented the school during our Open Evening by presenting alongside the Head of School. Many Year 8 pupils also took part in a Mathematical Challenge Trip with PGL at Osmington Bay, where they worked collaboratively to solve problems and develop their mathematical thinking skills. In lessons, pupils have been exploring *Noughts and Crosses* in English, developing their understanding of algebraic sequences and indices in Mathematics and given the recent weather forecast they thankfully have a vast knowledge of flood management from their Geography learning. We are also incredibly proud of all pupils who have represented the school in sporting fixtures this half term. Their commitment, teamwork and successes have been excellent to see.

Looking Ahead

A reminder for KS3 families that are attending the French residential, that we recently held our French Trip Information Evening. If you were unable to attend and would like further information, please contact Madame Baron. ***Please see our Autumn Term dates poster on Facebook and our website for upcoming events to December. Keep an eye out of additional Spring and Summer term dates on our website calendar.***

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards of uniform and presentation. These expectations play an important role in creating a positive learning environment for all pupils.

Finally, we hope to see many of you at the rescheduled Fireworks Event on Saturday 14th November as we come together once again as a school community.

We wish all pupils and families a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of learning, achievement and opportunity.

Mrs Palmer