



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen another exciting milestone in our building project with the new Music block officially being completed and handed over to us. It is a fantastic space with a very large classroom and 5 practice rooms. The quality of the finishing is superb and the work of the project team has been praised by the government agency overseeing the build.

In the run up to December we have been addressing the concerns around staying safe at the weekends across the Christmas period. Students have had bespoke PSHE sessions with outside speakers who have discussed how to respond if you feel you are in a vulnerable situation.

On Thursday we held our Year 10 Parents Evening and again we had a very positive attendance rate. This was an opportunity for parents to discuss how their children are progressing at this very important turning point in their school career with 1 term of their Key Stage 4 studies almost complete.

The Year 11 students have taken part in a taster day for the Sixth Form today. They were able to sample a selection of subjects in order to gain a real understanding for the curriculum areas they are thinking of continuing with at Post 16. The students showed great maturity and engagement and leave us all feeling incredibly positive about our Year 12 cohort for 2019-20!

Next week we see the Year 9 exams beginning and the students all seem very well prepared. On Wednesday we are holding the Performing Arts Show and our students will be once again illustrating their incredible talents in Dance and Singing. Finally on Thursday the PTA will be holding their annual Christmas Market – please join us in the festivities where you can buy lots of gifts whilst enjoying a mince pie. The parents and staff and our Year 7 students have put an incredible amount of effort into this event and it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally some incredibly exciting news was confirmed this week. We have been given the green light from the Ministry of Defence to set up a Combined Cadet Force on site. Mr Beukes has put hours and hours of work into the application for this incredibly prestigious opportunity and it has paid off. We have managed to secure a new member of staff, Mr Briggs, who has spent over 20 years in the armed forces, as the School Staff Instructor and he will be leading the group of cadets in their training and parading. He will also be working with students who are interested in joining the forces. Watch this space for more info!

Students of the week:

Danielle Rabulan and Ethan Nunn in Years 12 and 10. They delivered an assembly to the Year 11s about Anti-Bullying and were absolutely fantastic. The planning and preparation was clear to see and both were charismatic in their delivery.

FAB feedback this week:

- Turns out my daughter's gym coach has put Brakenhale as first choice for her son. She said the atmosphere and the ethos of the school was fantastic and she was blown away by the open evening and the tour. She has everything crossed he gets in.
- The amazing effort and general amazingness of the staff and students.
- Mr Maye has been incredibly supportive holding weekly meetings with my daughter and communicating with home frequently - he's never too busy for us, thank you!

DRAB feedback this week:

More trips. The only trip you'll expect in the school is the costly PGL trip in the summer or sports tournaments in general. There should be more opportunities for purposeful and less expensive curricular trips during the school year.

I am currently looking into how we can improve this and we are analysing the trips that we do run to see where we can add more into the curriculum. I will update you as soon as I can.

Staff member of the week:

- Mrs Harbour Helped me massively during a problem I had. Very nice when teaching me hard maths. She helped me in maths. The nicest teacher I have ever had.
- Mr Boucher For making PE a subject that everyone looks forward to.
- Miss Peralta Being extremely kind and nice and dealing with students appropriately and promptly.
- Mr Dean For being really helpful with our A-Level work and making sure we understand all the new content and also for letting us work in the Maths office when we need somewhere quiet to concentrate.

The motivational quote for next week is:

'Encourage, lift and strengthen one another. For the positive energy spread to one will be felt by us all.'

Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 3rd December

Wednesday 5th December

Thursday 6th December

Year 9 Exams Start

Performing Arts Show

STOP Parenting course 1-3pm

Christmas Market, 7-9pm

Creative Trip to The Design Museum

Year 10, 12 and 13 Product Design students enjoyed a trip to The Design Museum in London last Friday for The Creative Quarter Festival. Offering students between the ages of 13 and 19 the chance to explore work in the creative industries and creative careers, students experienced two new exhibitions: 'Design Futures' and 'The Beazley Design of the Year Awards 2018' along with the permanent 'Designer, User, Maker' exhibition.

In addition to this students took part in a 1 hour creative hands-on workshop Called 'Stranger by Design' - using a collection of contemporary design objects, students interacted with key designs through experiential learning, allowing them to gain new perspectives on the role of designers and the impact of design in everyday life.

The workshop and the works on displays have provided much inspiration and made real connections to what students are doing at school and within the classroom. Opportunities like this enhance and enrich their learning experiences to support project investigations for coursework and lifelong learning.



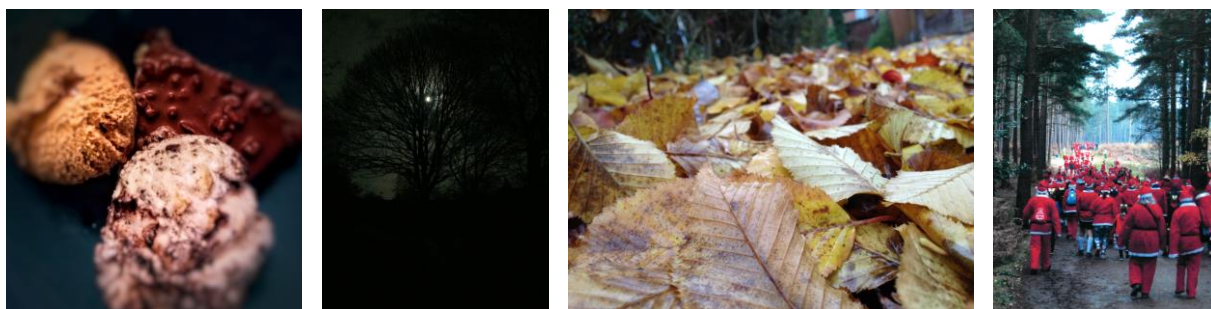
Mrs Lowe, Teacher in Charge of Product Design

Camera Club Update

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Camera Club: last week's topic was Food and the mouth-watering image from Bethia P (7R) was definitely one of the favourites shown to the group and made us all very hungry! This week we focused on Nature, a popular choice among Camera Club members, and ended up with some lovely and very diverse images, including these from Sandia L (8B) and Summer H (8B).

Those whom I teach know that I am not a huge fan of Christmas-related items (especially in November - bah, humbug!) but I love this image taken by Oliver M (7N) from the Santa Run at the Lookout last weekend. I feel that it could be worthy of a caption - so if anyone is feeling particularly witty, send me your suggestions to twilhelmy@brakenhale.co.uk.

Next week's exercise is to try kinetic photography. This is when you move your camera or phone whilst taking the photograph and creates a blurred, abstract and creative effect. Try it out and come to Camera Club on Monday lunchtime in B17.



Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art and Photography

Book of the Month Competition!

The Prize

A £10 book voucher

How do I win it?

Read this month's book of the month and write a review.

Reviews should be emailed to Mrs Duddy before December 20th 2018. All entrants will receive house points. Winners will also be printed in The Brakenhale Bugle!

This Month's Book:

Running on the Roof of the World, by Jess Butterworth

There are two words that are banned in Tibet. Two words that can get you locked in prison without a second thought. I watch the soldiers tramping away and call the words after them. 'Dalai Lama.'

Tash has to follow many rules to survive in Tibet, a country occupied by Chinese soldiers. But when a man sets himself on fire in protest and soldiers seize Tash's parents, she and her best friend Sam must break the rules. They are determined to escape Tibet - and seek the help of the Dalai Lama himself in India.

And so, with a backpack of Tash's father's mysterious papers and two trusty yaks by their side, their extraordinary journey across the mountains begins.



PE Department Weekly Bulletin

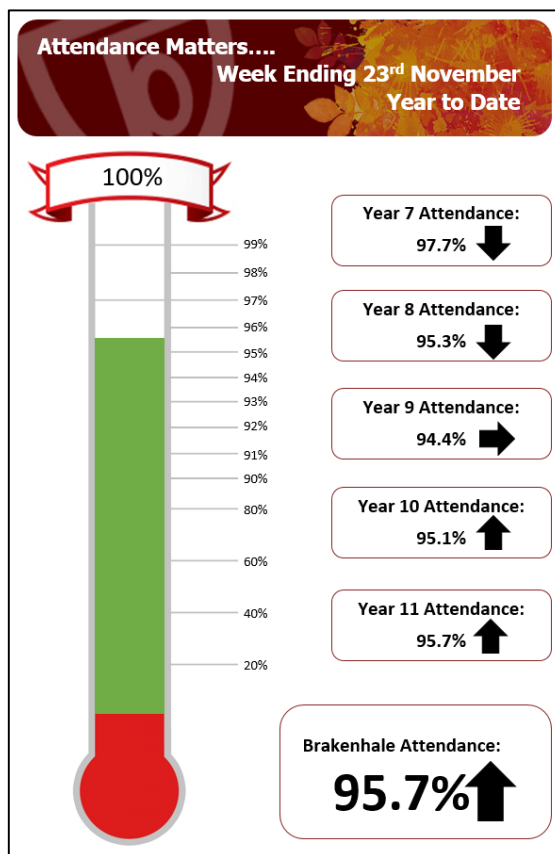
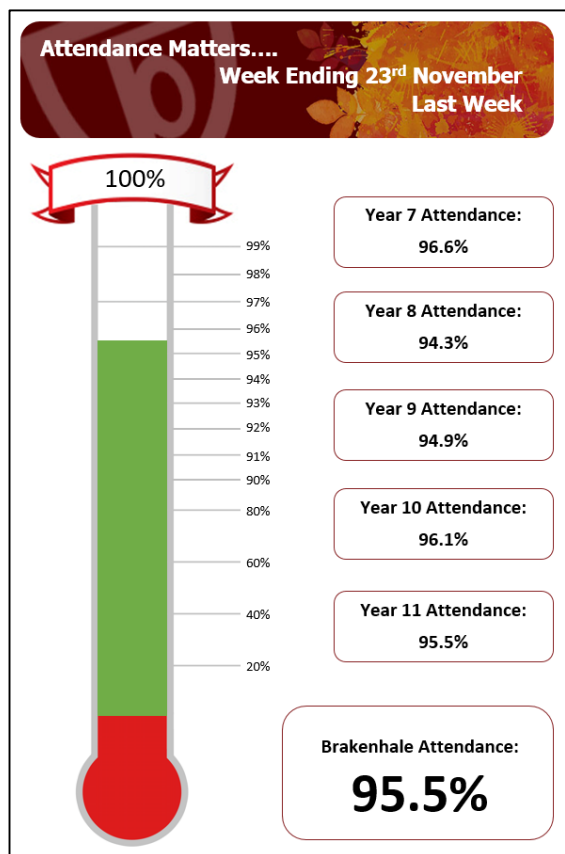
Please find below a round-up of our week in PE plus the fixtures for next week.

RESULTS	WEEK OF 26 th November					
Year	Sport	Versus	For	Against	Result	PoTM
No fixtures this week						
FIXTURES	WEEK OF 3 rd December					
Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
5/12/18	6th Form	Netball	Ranelagh	Brakenhale	3.30-4.30	LWI/LRU
SPORTS ☆	WEEK OF 26 th November					
NAME	Claudia Periquito					
REASON	Continually helping out the PE department with extra-curricular clubs.					

Miss L Willimott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care and The PE Team

Attendance

We believe that high attendance is essential in order for students to make good academic progress and to feel that they are active members of the school community, involved not only in lessons but also in the extra-curricular activities that are so important to their wellbeing. Students can keep track of their attendance in their planner.



Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Skill, Attendance Officer

Fundraising

We need your help to raise £47,770 by September 2019!!!!

Thank you to many of you for working with us to sell the draw tickets for the Easthampstead Rotary Club draw. There is only this weekend for any final sales. With the tickets that we have circulated so far we have the potential to raise £5000. Please can you make sure that you return all **money/ticket stubs/unsold tickets by Monday 3rd December**. There is an additional prize of £100 for the organisation that raises the most money. I don't think there is another organisation that has circulated as many tickets as our school, so we are definitely in for a chance!

The date of the Bracknell Half Marathon has still not been released but if you are thinking of taking part, please consider running for us. We can help you with sponsorship and promotional materials, etc. Please contact me on fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you. Please don't forget to visit our fundraising page and either donate some money (however small), or buy some furniture. **Thank you so much to those who have already donated on our MyDonate page.**

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/iwanttobuysomefurniture/472468#>

With many thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body



Feedback Initiative

Electronic submission:

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

[Staff Member of the Week](#)



We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

Ms Coley, Headteacher

Ticketing Scheme

Discounted Reading FC Tickets plus fantastic prizes to be won!

Brakenhale School are delighted to announce that we have teamed up with Reading Football Club and signed up to their School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme.

We are giving you the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the following fixtures

Reading FC v Nottingham Forest on Saturday 12th January 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Rotherham United on Saturday 23rd February 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Leeds United on Tuesday 12th March 8pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Brentford on Saturday 13th April 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Birmingham City on Sunday 5th May 12:30pm Kick Off.

The Reading FC School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme also allows our School to raise much needed funds, as for every ticket you purchase, a percentage of the ticket is donated back to the school from Reading Football Club.

If our School/Club is successful, then we have the opportunity of winning some of the following prizes:

- Meet the first team players
- Play on the Madejski Stadium pitch
- Bonus towards our funding
- Free Family Tickets
- Signed items and much more!

How to Book

- Reading FC sell 4 home league fixtures at a time throughout the season, and anyone wishing to book should check on sale dates via www.readingfc.co.uk
- Once one of our chosen fixtures are on sale, phone the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote **Brakenhale School**.
- Tickets must be booked by the chosen deadline for each fixture. This is 3pm on the Thursday before a weekend fixture, or 3pm on a Friday before a Tuesday night fixture. After this time, discounted tickets will not be available through the scheme.
- Tickets are only available in the Eamonn Dolan Stand including the family Area.
- Each booking must have at least one child as part of the booking.
- Madejski Stadium ground regulations and ticketing Terms and Conditions also apply, please visit www.readingfc.co.uk

Prices:

Age Band	Ticket Price	Amount Raised for your group
Adult	£15	£5
65 and over	£10	£4
18-24	£8	£3
17 and under	£5	£2
12 and under	£2	50p



Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey

We are pleased to announce that we have continued to be partners with the Bracknell Bees Ice Hockey team and members of their schools' outreach programme. This programme gives us unique offers and discounts for parents and children to attend the game.

The next Bracknell Bees School Zone game is on Saturday 8th December and with your ticket there is included an exclusive 'Skating with the Bees' after the game. Exclusive to School Zone ticket holders is FREE skating and FREE skate hire if required.

Please find below the voucher to receive your exclusive school discount. Please call 01344 789000 and quote 'Schools Zone'. All you then need to do is bring a copy of the voucher with you on the night.

All pre-purchased tickets will be available from the Rink Reception and all Complimentary Tickets will be available from the Rink Reception. All tickets purchased on the night for the School Zone are from the Bees Shop, outside of the Rink. All tickets bought in advance or purchased on the night are at the exclusive discounted price of £10 per adult and 2 kids go free!!

Doors open 5:15pm with the match starting at 6:00pm.

BEE PART OF THE BUZZ

BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE

BEES VS DYNAMOS
SAT 8TH DECEMBER - FACEOFF 6:00PM
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPOORT COMPLEX

PLUS - SKATE WITH THE BEES AFTER THE GAME!

KIDS GO FREE

2 FREE KIDS TICKETS WITH EVERY PAYING ADULT

 THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES FREE ENTRY FOR UP TO TWO CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT PAYING JUST £10 PLUS FREE PUBLIC SKATING AFTER THE GAME

REGULAR PRICE - ADULTS £12.50 KIDS £4.00

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED IN PERSON WITH THIS VOUCHER OR BY CONTACTING THE BOX OFFICE ON 01344 789000 AND QUOTING 'SCHOOL ZONE' - AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE GAME NIGHT
THESE TICKETS ARE FOR OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONE ON SPECIFIC DATES ONLY
VISIT WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM/SCHOOLS FOR DETAILS


10% OFF

BEES MERCHANDISE - IN STORE

 THIS VOUCHER ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO 10% OFF BEES MERCHANDISE IN OUR SHOP

MATCH NIGHTS ONLY

WWW.BRACKNELLBEES.COM BOX OFFICE - 01344 789000



Dance and Drama Show

Wednesday 5th December at 6pm
 Adults: £2
 Students/Children: Free
Please pay on the door

Featuring work from Years 7 to 13 Dance, Years 9 to 13 Drama, Dance and Drama clubs and extracts from We Will Rock You.

The Brakenhale School




Christmas Market

Thursday 6th December 2018
 7pm - 9pm

Please come along with your family and friends to support this event and have fun shopping for Christmas Gifts.

If you or a friend would like a stall please contact Carole Forde on 01344 425041 or email cforde@brakenhale.co.uk

Donations only for Entry



The Brakenhale Concert

Rockin' around the Christmas Tree

17th December Main Hall
 Adults - £2 Child - £1

Sign up sheets are located by both music departments

Christmas Lunch

at Brakenhale School

- Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage, Stuffins and Gravy or Roasted Vegetable Puff
- Roast Potatoes
- Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussel Sprouts
- Chocolate Fudge Cake and Cream
- Christmas Cracker

Tuesday 18th December



#CHRISTMASJUMPERDAY



GO BIG. GO BOLD. GO BAUBLYANTLERKNIT.

Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

JOIN US ON 20 DECEMBER!

Get your most fabulous festive knits on (all other uniform remains as usual)

Give £1 to help children around the world. That's all there is to it.

GO ON. MAKE THE WORLD BETTER WITH A SWEATER!

Get your most fabulous festive knit on. Give £1. Go on. Make the world better with a sweater.

christmasjumperday.org



The Brakenhale Vocal Group

Thursday 3:05 - 4:05

LS1

ESTEEM

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECT US ALL

Managing feelings, emotions and mental wellbeing can be challenging for anyone. So, whether you are up, down or going round and round, why not come and meet up for a chat about how you're feeling; doing, or anything else you want to share.

Talk is cheap, but the rewards are priceless!

EVERY THURSDAY @ 1.30PM

LUNCHTIMES

LS1

Brakenhale Presents...

WE WILL ROCK YOU

The Musical

Wednesday 27th February 2019
 Thursday 28th February 2019

Tickets will be available soon

Please book early to avoid disappointment

Please note change of date

National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Congratulations to the prize draw winners this week.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.


Click on the link today and join up:

[Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.



The **School Lottery** is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next winner!



your school lottery supporting

BRAKENHALE
High Expectations & Challenge for All

WIN
£25,000 JACKPOT EVERY WEEK!

Add Magic to your school this term!

Buy your lottery ticket and you could win a Family Ticket to Warner Brothers *Harry Potter, Studio & Tour*

- Join our weekly online lottery. Tickets cost £1 a week.
- 40% of all tickets go to our school, with another 30% funding prizes.
- A GUARANTEED cash prize to one of our supporters every week.
- Chance to WIN £25,000 jackpot every week!

To start supporting, visit
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

And Search For:
Brakenhale

5 games to play 22 Feb 2019 10:00 AM GMT+00:00

Easy Fundraising

With easyfundraising.org.uk you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny! When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website easyfundraising.org.uk - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



Current Vacancies

We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details.

<http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

- Midday Supervisor
- IT Technician
- School Staff Instructor
- Performing Arts Technician

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Monday 17 th December	Music Concert
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 20 th December	Last day of term for students
	Christmas Jumper Day

Term Dates

Term Dates 2018-19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

(Inset Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September)

Wednesday 5th September to Thursday 20th December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October)

(Inset Day: Friday 21st December)

Christmas Holiday for students – Friday 21st December to Friday 4th January 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7th January to Friday 5th April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February)

Spring Holiday for students – Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April

(Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April)

SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 19th July

(Inset Days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July)

Summer Half Term – Monday 27th to Friday 31st May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19th July

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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