



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we started by welcoming back our students who attended the PGL revision trip from Friday to Sunday. Apart from being a little bleary eyed due to all of the work they completed, they all returned feeling very positive about the weekend and what they had learned. They now feel more prepared for the upcoming Pre-Public Exams which all Year 11 will be sitting across the next two weeks.

On Wednesday, our Post 16 students were accompanied by Mr Hartley to Reading University for the Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation. This is incredibly hard hitting viewing but yet something we feel it is so vital for the students to see and hear. They were incredibly reflective afterwards and we really hope that this is an experience that stays with them and leads to sensible decisions in their own driving and when they are in the car with others. Our Year 12 and 13 Maths students also undertook the Senior Maths challenge on Wednesday accompanied by Mr Dean our Director of Maths. This was another example of the opportunities available to our students to aspire to achieve the very highest results.

This week I have delivered assemblies again to all year groups and I have been delighted to be able to present students in Year 7, 10 and Post 16 with congratulation letters based on their most recent grade reports. I have piles for signing for the remaining year groups which I will distribute next week. One of the best parts of my job is acknowledging the incredible hard work and effort that so many of our students put in on a daily basis. As part of my assemblies this week I have read to students the 'Take 90 agenda', I have included where to find out more information about this campaign further down in Parent news. It is about taking 90 seconds to think when you feel yourself getting angry, it is a really powerful article and I have had lots of students come to talk to me about it.

I have had the privilege this week, for the first time, to properly set foot in our new building! Myself and Mr Eley, Facilities Manager, were taken on a tour of the first and second floor construction site by the developers. To be able to stand in what will be the design technology corridor and some of the English and Maths classrooms was such an exciting experience, it really is coming up quickly. Our Year 7 and 8 students have been given raffle tickets this week which the rotary club have very kindly given to us and all donations from these sales will come straight back to the school. This money will be added to our building fund project and help us to kit out our amazing new school.

Last night we held our Sixth Form Open Evening which was an incredible success. The hall was packed with parents and students who listened to an impressive presentation by Mr Duffy, Head of Sixth Form, Jordan and Ella our Head boy and girl and Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher. This was followed by an opportunity to visit subject stalls and talk to staff about the options available at Post 16.

Students of the week:

Harrison Helyer in Year 12 – Harrison organised a charity bake sale for The CUP foundation (Cancer of Unknown Primary). Not only did he raise a significant amount of money (over £180) for a very worthy cause, he went about it in such a lovely, professional, articulate and mature manner as he always does with everything. He is a real credit to the school and to the area, and is a really valued member of our Sixth Form community.



Alfie Griffiths and Nathan Spoiala in Year 8 - who volunteered to help to repair another student's trousers that had ripped. They used the sewing machine to fix the trousers and did an amazing job. Both the staff member and the student concerned nominated them for their real community spirit.

FAB feedback this week:

- Lost school uniform always finds its way back promptly to our children in school. Being all named certainly paid off. Thank you.
- Thank you to a lady in the main office for finding our son's missing PE kit.
- The care from staff in this school goes above and beyond. From lessons, lunchtime, first aid, after school clubs. We thank you all.
- Great communication to parents as always and newsletter packed with information.
- Great choice of food available in canteen although always a long queue.
- How you have dealt with the corridors and the systems to get to lessons since last time most students were late to their lessons.
- The school lunch.
- The majority of students always look smart going into school.
- Bringing back the previous times for lunch and break.
- As the evenings get darker it's a great comfort to know staff are still walking about the area with our kids at the end of the school day.
- All the staff seem to work well together as a team in and out of school hours, to keep our children safe and us as parents updated. Thank you.

DRAB feedback this week:

- My son (Year 9) received a behavioural point today for being 'out of bounds' at breaktime - he says there is nowhere to go when it rains and they were not told at the time that it would be logged.
Please can you email Ms Douse, Head of Year, so we can look at removing the behaviour point. Students always have allocated rooms inside the building when it is wet break. I have now asked for signs to be put up on a permanent basis around the school advertising where these rooms are in case the students forget.
- PE bags are so small for the huge amount of different PE kit needed.
Mr Potter, Head of PE, met with the school uniform provider this week to discuss this issue and how we can improve the sale of PE uniform.
- Great to get achievement points, but only some staff state a comment as to why. It helps me as a parent to praise and encourage my daughter if I know why an achievement point was given. She does not always know why she has been rewarded.
I have reminded staff to do this. I completely agree, as a parent myself I always want to know specifics.
- School clubs often getting cancelled.
I can only apologise and if a club is regularly cancelled, please contact me directly so that I can investigate.
- Lack of lockers. My daughter has a lot to carry with her from class to class every day as she has sport most days after school. Now to add to this, she will have a thick winter coat as she either cycles or walks to school. Why so few lockers? This can't be good for postures of growing children. Is the school even aware of how many children are on the waiting list for lockers? Is it worth investigating and getting more lockers in?
I was not aware of this issue, thank you for raising it. I have asked the office to contact the locker company to investigate. Please can you contact the school with your daughter's name so that if one becomes available I can allocate one to her.
- My child was participating in, and thoroughly enjoying, after school hockey club. After being told in the first week she needed shin pads and a gum guard we went out and bought these, including a hockey stick. Now, in autumn 2, there is no more hockey due to lack of interest. I ask, how can students learn to persevere and get good at a sport if the turnaround is so quick?
I am sorry to hear this, and I will investigate and we will send out a message to clarify. I understand your frustration.

- Make the bells louder so when you're outside during break and lunch you can hear when break or lunch ends - since the bells are quiet and with all the talking that happens you can miss them.
I have ordered outside clocks which should be arriving very soon and should solve this problem.
- Some teachers aren't putting the assigned homework on Show My Homework (SMH). Please remind teachers to always put homework on SMH as it can prove beneficial to students.
I am sorry to hear this and I have reminded the staff.
- There are not enough Pescatarian/Vegetarian options for breakfast.
I have passed this on to the chef who will look into it.
- A lot of homework having to be done on paper and not in school books. Told not to stick work in books, so completed work left screwed up in the bottom of school bag.
Thank you for this feedback, I will discuss this with staff.
- The use of mobile phone use in school. Although this is not allowed, we are told daily, loads of students use mobiles in school, this is a BIG drab for us.
I absolutely understand the frustration and every time a phone is seen being used it is confiscated. I would ask that parents remind students not to contact them during the school day on mobiles as often this is why a student is on a phone. Students can always get in touch with home by talking to their Head of Year.

Positive feedback from a parent:

'Since Year 2 of my son's school life I've had teachers telling me and him how awful his handwriting is. I have explained who knows how many times why this is. Tonight I got an email from his English teacher, telling me that if I'm happy then she's happy for him to use a laptop for all of her classes and more importantly for his exams. Yes he will lose marks for using a laptop but not as many as if they can't read his writing.'

Staff member of the week:

- Mrs Harbour Her lessons are always fun and the feedback she gives in her lessons and while making it clear what you need to improve on.
- Mrs Duffy Always having a smile on her face making lessons more welcoming and more fun to be in. She is always happy which gives a good vibe in lessons. She is always willing to help.
- Mr Duffy For being supportive and doing his best to try and help.
- Mrs Harris For always making sure the people in the SSC at lunch can talk to her.
- Mrs Hartley For going out of her way to be helpful in the print room.

Motivational quote for next week is: 'The highest result of education is tolerance.' – Helen Keller

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 12th November

Wednesday 14th November

Thursday 15th November

Friday 16th November

Year 11 PPE Exams start

PTA Christmas Market meeting 6.30pm

STOP – Parenting Course, 1pm

Children in Need Cake Sale

November Learn a Day Word

Sixth Form Open Evening

What a fantastic Sixth Form Open Evening we held on Thursday. The atmosphere in the different classrooms and Common Room was fantastic; it felt so positive and it was clear how incredibly strong relationships are in the school. You could see how excited so many of our students are by their potential future with us and just how passionate you all are about your subject and the school. We were delighted to also welcome prospective sixth formers from other schools in the area.

Let's keep that momentum going, keep up the conversations and keep up the interest. The deadline for applications is early January!

Mr Hartley, Deputy Headteacher



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

The Brakenhale
Vocal Group

Thursday 3:05 - 4:05

LS1

Adobe Spark

November Learn a

Friday
16th November
2018

Word of the Day

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Challenge for all years:

Use this word during the day, verbally or in your writing in a full sentence and you will be gifted a token. Hand all the tokens that you collect in to Main Reception and the student with the most tokens will receive a prize.

KS3 only:

Make a note of all new words learned on this day, hand in to Mrs. Lewis and the student with the most words will also receive a prize.

Good Luck and I hope you learn lots of new words today :)

Tolerance

the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with

Word Day

Top 6 spoken languages at Brakenhale:

	Polish - tolerancyjny
	Akan - tolerant
	Filipino - mapagparaya
	Italian - tollerante
	Romanian - tolerant
	Portuguese - tolerante

Charity Cake Sale

I would like to start off by saying a massive thank you to everybody, staff and students, who came along to the cake sale outside the head of year's office on Monday and helped raise money for the CUP Foundation. They are a small charity who work to support people suffering from cancer of an unknown primary; a common but unheard of type of cancer. I was pleasantly surprised by the generosity and kindness of the people who came along to the sale; many people making donations without purchasing any of the cakes.



We raised a total of £90 from the sale of cakes and a further £110 came from some very generous donations; bringing the overall total to a round £200. Very special thanks goes to Margaret and Jenny Norwood, Jayne Daniel, Sara O'Grady, Eleanor Bleakley and Miss Wilhelmy who made some quite substantial donations.

Another huge thank you to Emily Lamb, Julie Austin and Miss Wilhelmy for making cakes for the sale and to Jade Daniel, Megan Lockyer, Marc Austin and William Campbell who helped to sell the cakes. More special thanks goes to Mrs Hartley for her amazing help with printing and distributing posters and to Mrs Higham who provided tables for the sale.

The charity are over the moon with our support; as they are such a small organisation, this donation will go a long way! More information about the charity and the work that they do can be found by going to cupfoundjo.org.

Harrison Helyer, Sixth Form Student

Take 90 for anger to pass

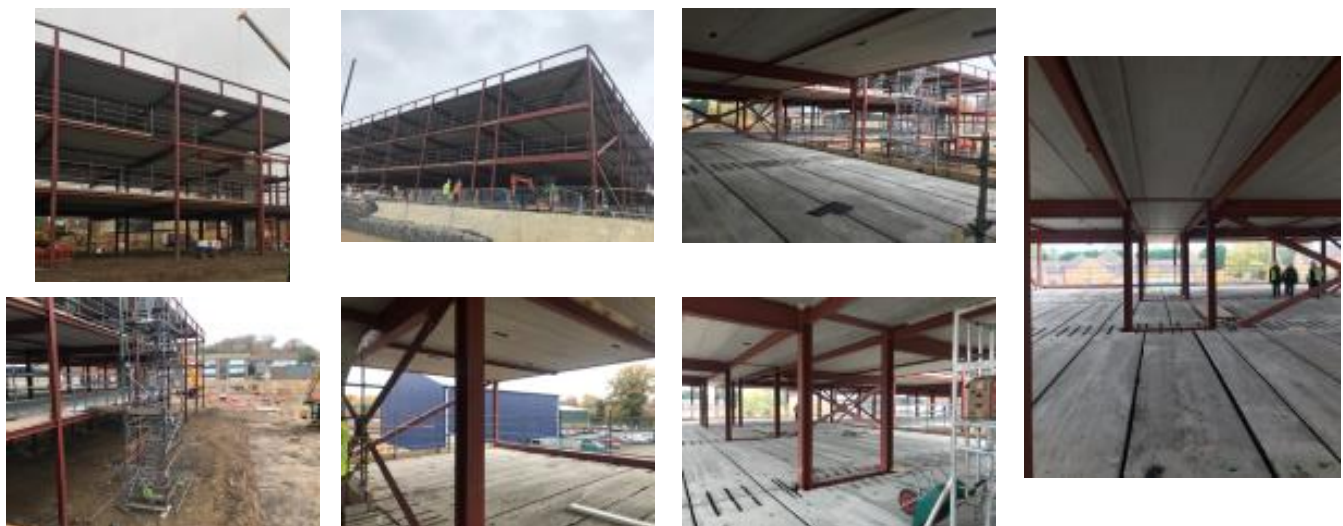
To find out more about this campaign please visit the Police Now and Take 90 websites:

<https://www.policenow.org.uk/take90/>

<http://www.take90.co.uk/>

New Build

Some of us have had the chance visit the new build this week, we even stood in the corridor on the second floor, it really is amazing!!!



Fundraising

We need your help to raise £47,860 by September 2019!!!!

Dear parents and carers

Year 7 and 8 students will now have brought home raffle tickets for the Easthampstead Rotary Club Draw. Please do all that you can to sell to friends, family and work colleagues as we keep every penny that we take and this is much needed for our new building.

Parents of other years who feel able to support us by selling tickets, please contact me at fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk and I will arrange for some raffle tickets to be sent home with your sons/daughters.

We have the potential to raise £10,000 with your support on this.

You may have noticed that we have lots of blue hoarding around the school. **Please will you speak to your employers and ask if they would like to advertise on the hoarding.** We offer advertising space at a fixed price until the end of the project. Although most hoarding is inside the school grounds, there are up to 1000 people seeing it every day – parents, visitors, contractors, delivery companies, teachers from other schools, etc. If you find anyone that is interested, please ask them to contact me at the fundraising e-mail address:

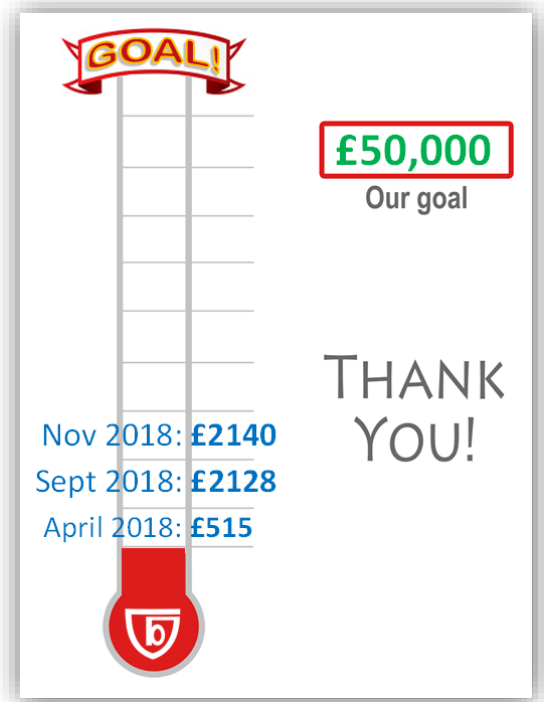
Fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

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



STOP: for Parents of Teens

STOP: A Supportive Programme for Parents of Teens

STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 to 16. It is a step-by-step programme that gives parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during the 'teens'.

The programme will be run on the following dates and be located in school. Please contact the school if you are interested.

- Thursday 15th November 13.00 to 15.00
- Thursday 22nd November 13.00 to 15.00
- Thursday 29th November 13.00 to 15.00
- Thursday 6th December 13.00 to 15.00
- Thursday 13th December 13.00 to 15.00

Miss Manisier, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk

Literacy for Wellbeing

Happiness and wellbeing

Did you know that reading and writing can be beneficial to your child's wellbeing, and help them have a happy and healthy outlook on life?

National Literacy Trust research shows that children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't enjoy reading.

Take a look at the link below for a book list full of titles designed to help your children's wellbeing and feel peaceful, happy and relaxed. There's also a chance to win a selection of brilliant books.

Plus, see top tips on how literacy can help your child's wellbeing, download calming colouring sheets, find out how to create a calm down glitter jar with your child and encourage your child to note down their thoughts and feelings in our worry journal.

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/wellbeing>

Mrs D Lewis, English Teacher

Comic Strip Competition



All you budding artists and photographers need to get creative! The Brakenhale Bugle is launching its first Comic Strip Competition - the paper needs a comic strip for the first edition due to be published at the end of this half-term.

The theme of the comic strip should be related to either Christmas, winter or events that are relevant to this time of year (not just pumpkins). The comic strip can be in colour or black and white and should be limited to 4 panels (there are lots of comic strip templates available free online). The comic strip can either be hand-drawn, digitally created or even use the Fumetti style and be photographic.

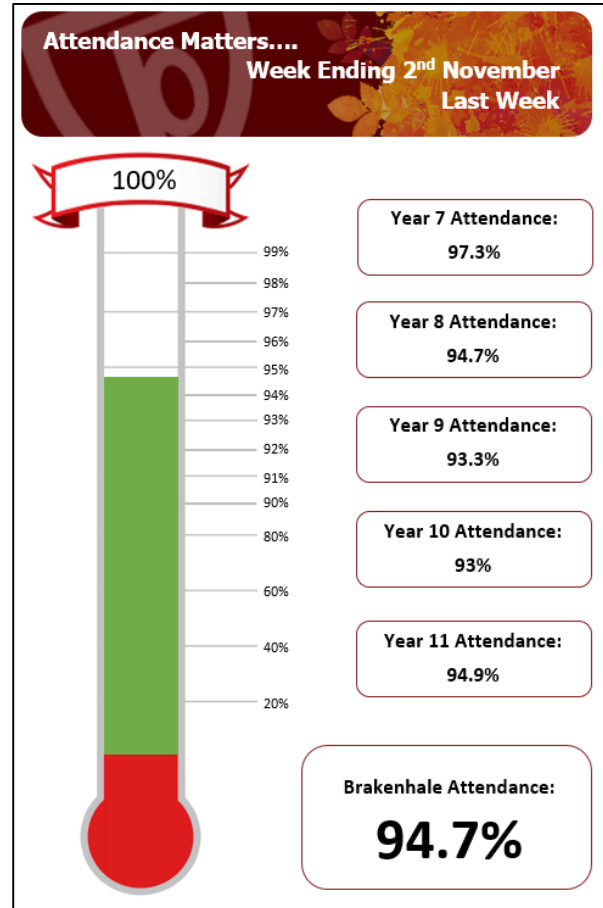
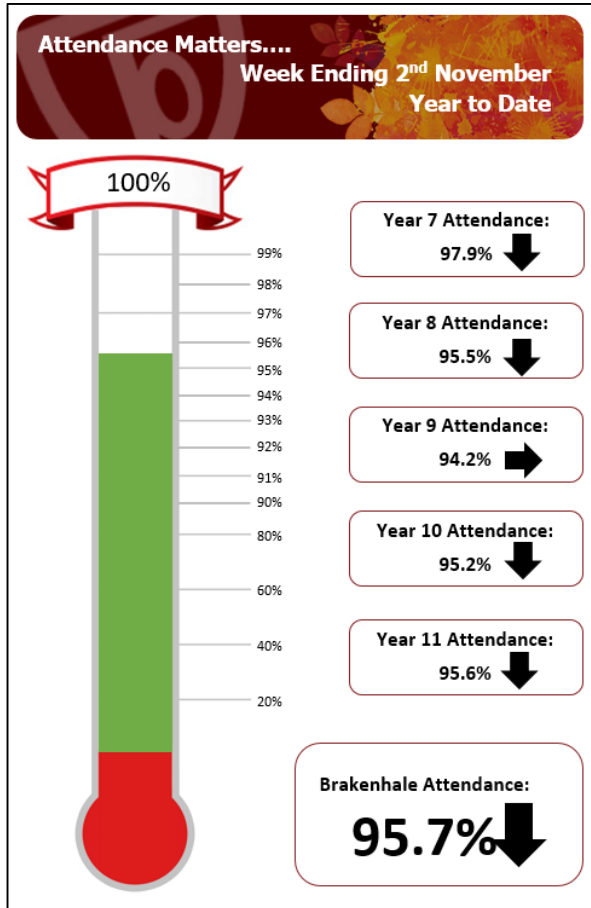
The deadline is the 22nd November and submissions can either be emailed or handed in to Miss Wilhelmy (twilhelmy@brakenhale.co.uk) or Mrs Keljarrett (ckeljarrett@brakenhale.co.uk). If you have any questions or need some help, please come and see either of us.

Mrs C Keljarrett and Miss T Wilhelmy

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 Shill, Attendance Officer

Lost Property

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with this as naming uniform, tools for learning, school bags and water bottles is of great help to us, enabling us to return property to students efficiently.

All lost property should be handed into the lost property desk in the Heads of Year office and students are always welcome to come and look during break time and before and after school. All names items are always delivered back to the relevant student.

We would like to advise that we have a member of staff who has a specific role in overseeing lost property and as a result of your feedback, we have set up an email address lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk for all queries.

School Office

Your name

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




BEE PART OF THE BUZZ

BRACKNELL BEES SCHOOL ZONE




BEES VS REDHAWKS
SAT 10TH NOVEMBER - FACEOFF 6:00PM
JOHN NIKE LEISURESPORT COMPLEX

PLUS - GET THE BEES' AUTOGRAPHS 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

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 MATCH NIGHTS ONLY

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PE Department Weekly Bulletin

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

RESULTS		WEEK OF 5 th November				
Year	Sport	Versus	For	Against	Result	PoTM
8	Football (Girls)	Tournament			5th	Becky Warner
REPORTS		WEEK OF 5 th November				
Year 8 Girls Football	<p>The Year 8 girls put in an excellent performance on Tuesday night at the Bracknell Schools football tournament, under the guidance of 6th Form coach, Claudia Periquito. Led by our county squad member Tia J, the girls battled hard in all 7 games and came away with a mixture of results, to finish mid table out of the 8 teams. There were some truly outstanding performances from the the girls on the night, including Tia J, Chloe S and Becky W. The girls worked hard and with us having 3 subs they all pulled together to create excellent chances in attack but also to get back and defend our own goal line. Twins Gracie and Ava May both starred in the tournament which was awesome to see. Player of the match goes to Becky Warner who played box to box in each game helping in attack up front and at the same time getting the girls back to help defend against some excellent opposition. WELL DONE GIRLS, EXCELLENT WORK REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL!</p>					
FIXTURES		WEEK OF 12 th November				
Date	Year	Sport	Versus	Location	Start/Finish	Staff
13/11/18	7 A and B	Netball	Edgbarrow	Brakenhale	3.45pm/4.30pm	LWI/LRU
13/11/18	10	Young Ambassador Meeting		Garth	4-5pm	
14/11/18	9 and 10	Netball	Garth	Garth	3.45pm/4.45pm	LWI/LRU
16/11/18	7,8,9	Cross Country	Match	South Hill Park	9am - 11.30am	CMY
16/11/18	6th form	Football	Staff (Friendly)	Brakenhale	3.30pm/4.30pm	
BEST TUTOR		WEEK OF 5 th November				
YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	12/13
TUTOR	E	B	A	K	A	
SPORTS ☆		WEEK OF 5 th November				
NAME	Becky Warner					
REASON	Amazing performance in the football tournament.					

The PE Team

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 *Glorry Potter, Studio's Tour*

- Join our weekly online lottery, tickets cost £1 a week.
- 40% of all tickets go to our school, with another 30% benefiting 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 22-10-2018 to 22-10-2018. Approximate value of prizes is £1000. © 2018 Your School Lottery

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!



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Current Vacancies

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

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

- Assistant Caretaker
- 2 Midday Supervisors

Future Diary Dates

* Please note that all events may be subject to change

Wednesday 21st November
 Wednesday 28th November
 Thursday 29th November

Year 13 Parents' Evening
Year 11 NCS Assembly
Year 10 Parents' Evening

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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