



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been extremely busy as we prepared for our annual Open Evening which we held last night. This was an incredibly successful evening and although we anticipated significant numbers we were overwhelmed by the number of parents and children who chose to give up their time to come and be with us. I could not have been more proud of my staff and students who showed throughout the evening what an amazing school we have. Their passion was evident and it was obvious that our motto of high expectations was fully taken on board by all. The feedback both during the evening and since has been incredibly positive. Well done to all and a huge thanks to all of our students who came along to help out they really showed themselves to be absolute superstars. School tours start on Monday and I am very much looking forward to showing round an anticipated 400 people who are already booked on.

On Tuesday we held the Year 10 Open Evening and to which a significant number of parents attended. The evening was an opportunity for Year 10 parents and the students to get further information on study support and the upcoming curriculum for the year as we are heading towards the all-important GCSE exams.



Today we welcomed Dr Phillip Lee who came to meet with Miss Loj to personally congratulate her on successfully gaining her visa allowing her to remain at Brakenhale as a teacher. Dr Lee provided much support to our cause and clearly understands the importance of retaining great teachers. Half an hour after Dr Lee left we welcomed the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Roger Meakes. He presented Miss Wilhelmy and her art students with their award for coming runners up in the National Hoardings Competition, along with a cheque for £500 that Wates, the construction company, have donated to the school. Another example of our students achieving great things.



Staff member of the week:

Mrs Duffy for being nominated for the National Dance teacher of the year award – well done!

Student of the week:

This week we have two students of the week:

Alexander Morris (8) who whilst walking to the canteen stopped and assisted two teaching staff in tidying up our classrooms after last night's open evening.

Dragos Popa (11) for designing the QR code for our school prospectus in his own time.

Kind regards

Jane Coley, Headteacher

What's on next week

Monday 24 th September	Year 11 Drugs Workshop School Tours start
Tuesday 25 th September	PTA Meeting, 7pm
Wednesday 26 th September	European Day of Languages Welcome to the Sixth Form Evening for Year 12 Parents Year 13 University Application Evening
Thursday 27 th September	Year 11 Cause for Concern Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning

Ms Douse and Year 9 will be hosting this year's Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September. We are all aware of the work this charity does and even if we have not been supported by this group, most of us can think of someone who has.



Cakes will be on sale next Friday morning from outside the Head of Years' office and Ms Douse and the students are looking forward to your support in raising as much as they can for this charity.

New Build Project

We need your help to raise £47,872 by September 2019!!!!

Thank you so much to those who have donated on our MyDonate page.

Dear Parents/Carers

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:

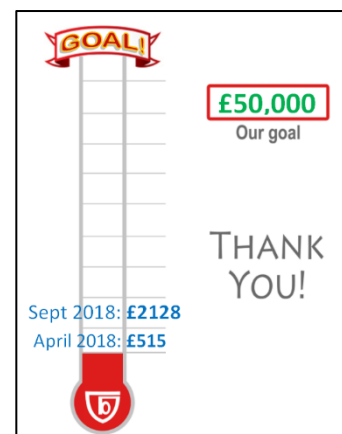
fundraising@brakenhale.co.uk

Please don't forget to visit our fundraising page and either donate some money (however small), or buy some furniture.

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

With thanks,

Karen Roche, Chair of the governing body





Open Evening

I think this feedback from one parent sums up how we all at #teambrokenhale feel about the success of our Open Evening on Thursday:

“We would like to say a massive thank you to the staff and students who put in so much effort and energy to make our visit to your school such a wonderful evening. Our special thanks go to our tour guides, who not only showed us around with enthusiasm and passion but also listened to our requests to see certain areas for longer or speed up. We visited the dining area last and were warmly welcomed by exotic and tempting cakes which we all loved. If at all possible would we be able to have a copy of the cake recipes! Thank you again for such a lovely evening.”



Performing Arts News

Year 13 Drama and Music student Kier Buist will be performing in Private Peaceful from Wednesday 10th October to Sunday 14th October at South Hill Park as part of the commemoration of 100 years since the end of The Great War. Kier will play the leading role of the young Private 'Tommo' Peaceful. Tickets are available via South Hill Park Box Office.



We would like to congratulate Kier on gaining such a fantastic role and wish him good luck for his performances.

Mrs Duffy, Head of Performing Arts

Camera Club Returns



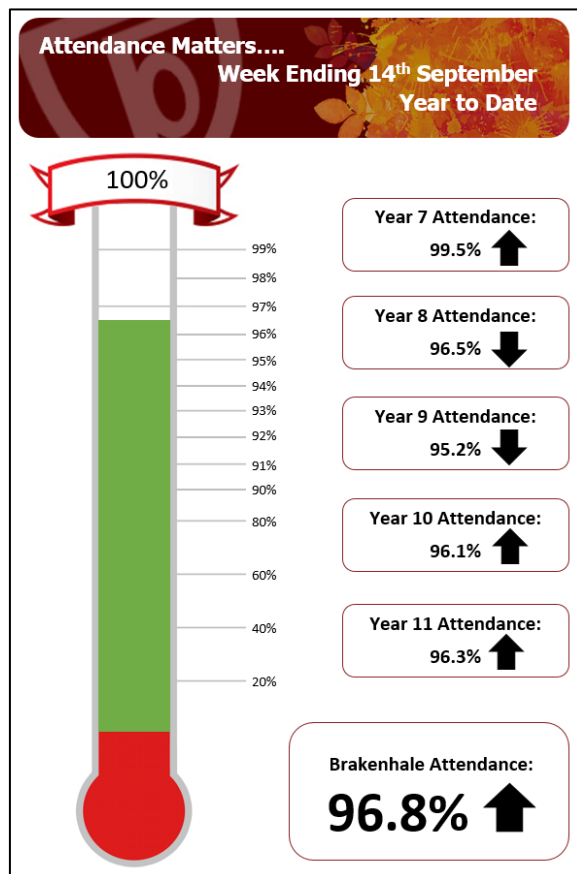
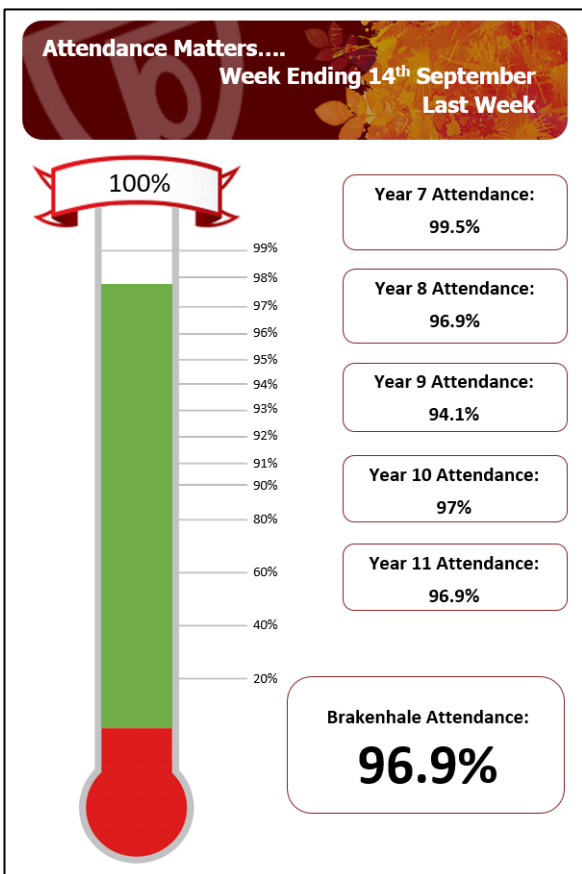
A reminder to all budding and seasoned photographers, Camera Club runs every Monday lunchtime in B17 and all years are welcome. You do not need a camera, just a love of taking pictures and a desire to learn a bit more about the world of photography. This week's challenge was to take a photograph of what you did on Thursday afternoon (for those of you reading now, take a picture at the weekend instead) and I look forward to seeing the results on Monday.

Miss T Wilhelmy, Teacher in Charge of Art and Photography

Attendance

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



PE News

PE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN						
SPORTS RESULTS	WEEK OF: 10/9/18					
<i>Year</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Versus</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Player of the Match</i>
ALL	NO FIXTURES TOOK PLACE THIS WEEK					
SPORTS REPORTS	WEEK OF: 10/9/18					
ALL	It has been superb to see students from right across the school taking part in our clubs and activities over the last 2 weeks; netball, rugby and trampolining have had fantastic numbers, with around 50 at each session, with girls rugby, hockey and badminton seeing new faces also. Fixtures start next week, please see below, and we hope to see the hard work put in by students start to pay off. Please ensure you check when and where your son/daughter is playing (if they have been selected) and ensure they can get home safely.					
SPORTS FIXTURES	WEEK OF: 24/9/18					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Versus</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Start/Finish</i>	<i>Staff</i>
24/9	NO	FIXTURES				
25/9	10	BOYS RUGBY	TOURNAMENT	EDGBARROW	1505-1730	M Potter
25/9	7-10	GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY	COMP 1	HIGHDOWN	1505-1730	L Willimott
26/9	NO	FIXTURES				
27/9	7-10	BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY	COMP 1	HIGHDOWN	1505-1730	C Maye
28/9	NO	FIXTURES				
BEST TUTOR	WEEK OF: 10/9/18					
YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	12/13
TUTOR	7A	8H	9K	10N	11A	P16R
SPORTS STAR	WEEK OF: 10/9/18					
NAME/ TUTOR	Joshua Rudge, 8H					
REASON	This young man has attended hockey for both weeks and has been a super star, helping with kit, showing other people skills and working as a real team mate					

Many thanks.

Mr M Potter, Head of PE, mpotter@brakenhale.co.uk

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

Fab & Drab

Round-Up (to 20th September)

You think we are doing great at the following things at Brakenhale:

- ✓ My son is a fussy eater and since I explained the position he has since been very well looked after by the kitchen staff who have made sure that he has eaten something even if it is jacket potato every day. Thank you to everyone who has looked after him so well, I know he feels happier and I am reassured that someone is keeping an eye on him.
- ✓ We would like to say a massive thank you to the staff and students who put in so much effort and energy to make our visit to your school such a wonderful evening. Our special thanks go to our tour guides who not only showed us around with enthusiasm and passion but also listened to our requests to see certain areas for longer and speed up when our younger children became restless. We visited the dining area last and were warmly welcomed by exotic and tempting cakes which we all loved. If at all possible would we be able to have a copy of the cake recipes, especially the courgette and lime, chocolate/ apple and banana, and the carrot cake. Thank you again for such a lovely evening

You think we could improve on the following things at Brakenhale:

- * The cafeteria queue on a Friday especially is ridiculous. If student's pre order their food before lunchtime they should be able to have a separate queue and get it straight away. This would make the queue much more efficient and quicker. Also the queue where the food is purchased merges in to the queue for buying food, I think the tills should be moved door a little closer to the doors to extend the space

We have been reviewing the queues and we are meeting with staff next week to consider alternative options. I will also investigate the order queuing – it's a great point and one we can easily resolve.

- * My children tell me the toilets are dirty and do not seem to be cleaned regularly enough.

The toilets are mainly part of the oldest buildings in the block which will all be demolished next year. In the meantime we have tried to make them as pleasant as possible. They are cleaned twice a day and we have just bought new soap and toilet roll dispensers. Please advise any young person who notices unclean toilets to report this immediately to reception and I will personally ensure that this is immediately resolved.

****Please note any comments, which reference particular teachers critically cannot be replied to publically so please directly email me and I can respond to you personally.***

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.



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BACK TO SCHOOL GIFT EXPERIENCE GIVEAWAY!

Buy Your Lottery Ticket this term, for a chance to WIN a £50 Virgin Gift Experience.

- Start the New School Year by joining our lottery & be part of our community!
- Tickets cost just £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- Guaranteed Cash Prizes every week.
- Chance to WIN a £25,000 jackpot every week.
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.
- The easiest and quickest way to join our lottery is online, where you can set up your payment either by Direct Debit or Debit Card.

To start supporting, visit:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

And Search For:
The Brakenhale School

Supporter must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 28th October 2018. Terms and conditions apply. © 2018 school lottery

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!

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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!

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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/>

- Deputy Headteacher
- Senior Science Technician
- Assistant Caretaker

Future Diary Dates

** Please note that all events may be subject to change*

Thursday 4th October

Friday 5th October

Thursday 11th October

Friday 12th October

Friday 19th October

Tuesday 30th October

Year 13 Microsoft Interviews

Year 9 Psychology Trip

Staff v Wates Charity Football Match

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening, 4-7pm

Year 11 Bracknell Forest Careers Event

Liddington Revision Trip

PTA AGM

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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