

BRANSTON

SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2017



BRANSTON
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

NATIONAL SUPPORT SCHOOL (NSS)

We have found out this month that Branston Community academy has been designated as a 'National Support School' by the National College of School Leadership. This is obviously a tremendous accolade to our school community and is a consequence of the extremely high quality provision within the school and the capacity to support those outside of it.

As a designated NSS that support will now take the form of working with at least one other school in the next academic year with the objective of, "using existing success and professionalism to provide additional capacity in other schools." Congratulations to everyone involved.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE) PERFORMANCE TABLES

Once again the academic achievements of Branston students were seen to be amongst the very best in the county, including for the new headline performance indicator (Progress 8), when national information was released earlier this term.

Students of ALL abilities are collectively making excellent progress at BCA. We are very proud that all of this happens in such a caring, supportive environment. Whilst the nature of things is such that this can never be the experience of every individual, we will continue to work tirelessly to try and make it so.



School Debating Team



Students at the Future Problem Solving Competition

SCHOOLS' DEBATING AND NATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Our students continue to excel in prestigious national competitions.

Four students attended two debating competitions. The first was at The Cambridge Union (the Cambridge Schools' Debating Competition) where our students gained a couple of first and second places in topics including abolishing the minimum wage in developing countries and encouraging vocational subjects in areas of social deprivation. The second was the Oxford School's Debating Competition at Leeds Grammar school with debating topics including ensuring equal numbers of males and females in parliament.

The four students are Rachel Kearney, Juliette Burt, Caitlin Davis and Jessica Taylor. The girls state that the experience has been fabulous for developing their confidence in a range of key skills. Mrs Hewerdine states that the students have been amongst the youngest competitors this year and so have the potential to be even more successful in the next academic year.

Mr Jenkins took 31 students (8 teams) to the National Problem Solving competition in Hampton, Middlesex. All of our students impressed the organisers who for the third year running invited some of our students (three of the teams) to compete in the international competition in Chicago. Unfortunately logistical considerations (external examinations) render this impractical but again it illustrated the quality of our students work. Mr Jenkins states that "All students represented the Academy with distinction." Those students are: Joe Soutar, Isaac Werling, Maisie Harrington, Rosa Karamazonada, Shania Lacia, Leah Crowder, Tegan Jackson, Katie Wilson, George Ganiford, Neve Hill, Vincent Shaw, Ellie Bullivant, Katie Christopher, Rachel Kearney, Juliette Burt, Lorna McRitchie, Lizzie Catlow, Lily Brocklehurst, Jess Taylor, Caitlin Davis, Chloe Dearden, Katie Robinson, Lucy Ivatt, Sarah Burtenshaw, Rebecca Joynes, Alice Hudson, Evie Walker, Scott Addison, Tom Herbert, Jordan Pearson Ismail, Cormac Dann

*Mr P Beighton
Principal*

YEAR 7 LEPRA CHALLENGE.

On January 25th a representative from LEPROSA came in to discuss their work. Year 7 then got busy fund raising for this charity. They raised money in a number of ways including a cake sale, sponsored workout and one tutor group actually strapped their hand for a day up so they would know what it was like to suffer from leprosy. In total year 7 raised an amazing £1582.69. Special mention to Jacob Hawes and Kaitlin Martin who received a special certificate for raising £92 and £47. Also many thanks to 7 MC who won the prize for the most students in their tutor group being involved with 24 in their group taking part. Overall a huge thank to all of year 7 for their great efforts this year.

Mrs Woods



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

On Thursday 19th January 2017 Year 12 Health and Social Care students completed a full day first aid training session by St John. The students were taught what to do at the scene of an emergency and how to perform various first aid techniques. They practised CPR, abdominal thrusts, bandaging sprains and placing each other in the recovery position. At the end of a busy and successful day all the students received a St John's first aid certificate and now know what to do if they come across an accident.

Mrs Woods

Year 7 have been working on a project to promote Medieval Lincoln as a place of pilgrimage. Adam Hutchinson wrote this poem as part of his group's presentation.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BY ADAM HUTCHINSON

It all began in 1073
By a man called Saint Hugh.
He dreamed of a cathedral,
Touching the sky blue.

He wanted to let God's light in
For all the people to behold.
So he made two huge windows
Fantastic and bold.

One was called the Bishop's Eye,
The other was the Dean's.
One faced north and one faced south
And they made the cathedral gleam.

There were hundreds of structure failures
And a thousand ugly falls.
But the earthquake in 1185
Was the worst one of them all.

Also, there's the Lincoln imp,
An evil little creature.,
And yet people come from miles around,
To see this particular feature.

Hugh had so many visions,
Each better than the last.,
But then one day, the final time came,
When he would have to pass.

Hugh never got to see the finished cathedral,
As we know it today.
But somewhere in its tombs, he's buried there,
Peaceful as he lay.

We think you should come to Lincoln cathedral,
So you can enjoy it too!
But as you walk around the halls
Just think about Saint Hugh.

GIFTED & TELENED

After a lot of hard work and preparation, we again took 31 students (8 teams) to the Future Problem solving National Competition in Hampton, Middlesex. During this competition, our students competed against 6 other, fee paying schools and a total of 29 teams. All of our students, some competing for the first time were very competitive and greatly impressed the organisers. Our top team come fourth overall and all teams were competitive. For the third year running, three of our teams were invited of the teams to compete in the international competition in Chicago. Unfortunately this is impractical due to finance and examinations but of course this shows the high quality of the students work. All students represented the Academy with distinction. As a further part of the Academy's enrichment programme, the students visited Hampton Court palace to develop their knowledge and understanding of History, politics and British culture. A good time and positive learning experience was had by all.

Mr M Jenkins

GUYS AND DOLLS

Students and staff have been working hard since September on the latest school musical Guys and Dolls which was performed during the week of March 20th. We are extremely proud of the professionalism shown by both the cast and production crew throughout the run to produce an outstanding show in so many ways. There were some fabulous individual performances by Eleasha Reay, Vincent Shaw, Elliott Cobb, Charlotte Hayes - Cowley and Lucie Evans supported by an extremely talented chorus. A special mention should go to year 13 students Tom Herbert and James Armstrong who have worked to support school shows in lighting and sound for a number of years, we will miss them when they leave at the end of this year. A huge well done to the cast and crew and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Mrs A Hackett



Cast of Guys and Dolls

MFL

Year 10 Languages intervention starts after the Easter holidays. All students in Year 10 studying French are entered for these sessions. Each one will last half an hour per week.

Information regarding this will be communicated on an individual basis at a later date.

French Exchange to Noyelles-Sous-Lens will leave on 30th March. Miss Irimia will be taking 20 students for 5 days to France. More information will be published later on.

Mrs P Card
Joint Head of MFL

OTHER NEWS

Following an inspection by North Kesteven District Council, our premises have been awarded five stars for food hygiene rating. Well done to all the staff for their hard work!

Mrs P Alexander
Canteen Manager

Congratulations to Stacey Kettleborough who has qualified for the next round of the UK Maths Challenge having been placed in the top 2000 nationwide with one of the highest scores in the school.

We wish her well in the next round.

Mr M Sowerby

Y13 FIELDTRIP TO THE RIVER NOE, DERBYSHIRE 17/3/17

On a very wet and cold Friday, the Y13 Geographers set out to collect their primary data for their fieldwork component of their A2 exam. The students collected a variety of data on different river variables, including surface velocity, gradient, cross sectional area and bedload. Working in groups the students worked in three sections of the river so they could study how the river variables changed downstream. Despite the inclement conditions the students were magnificent and collected accurate and detailed data, even if some were not as prepared for the conditions as others! The session was run by the Peak District Learning and Discovery Centre, whose expertise and equipment was invaluable. Students were accompanied by Mrs Shaw, Mr Hawkins and Mr Lamming.

YEAR 12 FIELDTRIP TO SHEFFIELD

On 22nd March the Y12 Geographers headed out to Sheffield to collect primary data on the rebranding of Sheffield's city centre. The bad weather that had plagued the Year 13 fieldtrip the previous week, unfortunately followed us to Sheffield, although the city centre does provide more shelter than the middle of Edale! The students collected information from four sites that have undergone rebranding to counteract the main issues of deindustrialisation, online shopping and the continued success of Meadowhall. Students completed environmental quality and reimagining surveys, questionnaires, pedestrian counts and took photographs to analyse back in class. The Y12s were a credit to the Academy and worked well throughout the day. They were accompanied by Mrs Shaw and Mr Wood.

Mrs J Shaw



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

As part of their course Year 10 Engineering students have been on some great visits so far this year. An invitation to take a tour around RAF Waddington enabled students to visit the Heritage Centre museum and listen to a talk about the history of the airbase. They were also lucky enough to view a Boeing AWACS aircraft up close and go on board the AWACS training simulator. These impressive aircraft are a crucial part of the UK's early warning defence system. Highlight of the visit seemed to be trying on the various pieces of headgear available!

Students also attended a Construction Fair at the Lincolnshire Showground where they got a chance to try their hand at a variety of different trades and other activities. This included life size bridge building, teamwork activities with the Army, car wheel changing, surveying and their favourite - JCB driving!

A trip to a local kit car manufacturer is planned for this term. Details to follow.

Mr Creasey



PE NEWSLETTER (SPRING 2017) BADMINTON

WINTER LEAGUE FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND SQUADS

We have had another fantastic year of badminton, being the only school in the Lincoln and Gainsborough leagues to finish all of their fixtures. All players who have represented the school have done brilliantly, displaying a really positive attitude at all times and fighting hard for every point of every game. Because of that we have won the Yr 8 Girls league and finished second in the 4 boys leagues. We would have won the Yr 8 boys league but had to play a weakened team v LSST and lost to them. We also entered 2 teams in the Yr 8 and 10 boys' leagues and both acquitted themselves very well, finishing 3rd and 4th respectively. Well done to every player who have played this year.

YEAR 7 - BOYS

P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
4	3	0	1	17	7	2nd

Squad; Alfie Challinor, Daniel Stamford, Callum Thomas & Daniel Wilson

YEAR 8 A AND B - BOYS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
A	7	6	0	1	39	4	2ND
B	7	4	0	3	23	19	3RD

Squad; Nojus Janutis, Joe Soutar, Alex Armstrong, Harry Shaw, Jack Hutton, Oliver Moorland, Harrison Ainslie, Cade Chambers Lewis, Alex Filingham, Adam Lockwood & Jedd Gilbert

YEAR 8 GIRLS

P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
2	2	0	0	10	4	1ST

YEAR 9 - BOYS

P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
6	4	0	2	24	14	2ND

Squad; Ross Armstrong, Ben McKee, Jay Ritchie, Austin James & Ben Harker

YEAR 10 A AND B - BOYS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
A	6	5	0	1	25	11	2ND
B	6	3	0	3	14	22	4TH

Squad; Matthew Andrews, Cameron Hullay, Jack Foot, Ben Whitehouse, Drew Hilton, Lewis Deaton, Joel Thompson, Lewis Crisp, Callum Turner & Jack Moore

YEAR 10 GIRLS

P	W	D	L	F	A	POS.
5	3	0	2	25	11	3RD

Squad; Katie Christopher, Isla Sullivan, Charlotte O May, Amber Pickard, Emma Oliver & Alice Tissier

BOYS FOOTBALL

YEAR 7

COUNTY CUP

Branston 4-0 NK

Branston 4-3 Skegness Academy

Branston 2-1 Louth Grammar

Final: Branston 0-3 Carres Grammar

LEAGUE

'A' team

Branston 3-2 William Farr

Branston 6-0 QEHS

Branston 2-1 R Patt

Branston 1-2 LSST

Branston 1-1 City PA

'B' team

Branston 2-1 LCHS

Branston 1-2 Cherry Yr 8

Report

When we returned after the Christmas break the Yr 7's have had a busy schedule. Excellent County cup victories against Skegness Academy and Louth Grammar, where the team showed real grit and determination to come from behind, got us into the final against Carres Grammar. Unfortunately they were too good for us on the day and won a deserved 3-0 victory.

In the League we returned with a 2-1 victory over R Patt which was a real game of two halves due to a very powerful wind blowing directly down the pitch. We led 2 nil at the break and survived a powerful onslaught to hang on. Then came a crucial game against the also unbeaten LSST. It was a very good game and again we battled back to level from 1 nil down and took control of the game. We looked the better team but could not make our advantage count and conceded a sucker punch to lose 2-1. This led to a final game v City PA and once again we showed our fighting spirit. We conceded a incredibly soft goal and did everything but score for the rest of the game. Just when we were resigned to defeat Lewis Townhill won a penalty and Callum Turner finished it with aplomb to secure a 1 all draw. All year we have had a brilliant turnout at training with nearly 30 boys coming most weeks. Because of this I arranged 2 friendly games v LCHS and Chery Yr 8. Both were great games, which we won and lost. This allowed a further 16 boys to represent the school this year, which is fantastic.

Overall all the boys that played this year have shown a great attitude and always tried their best. I feel they will develop further into Yr 8 and will suit the change to 11-a-side very well. A really positive future awaits.

Squad

'A' squad

Callum Thomas ©, Ryan Hewitt, George Wallhead, Rhys Firth, Euan Sullivan, Louis Greenwood, Lewis Turnbull, Daniel Wilson, Kyle Kennealey, Harvey Cook, Brogan Woodham, Lucas Johnson, Tom Baker, Finlay Turnbull, Ryan Leithead, Jovi Staines

'B' squad

Ryan Leithead ©, J Staines, D Stamford, C Pickard, R Sugden, C Barlow, R Sansoa-Twells, B Stafford, J Driver, L Townhill, F Keyworth, T Richmond, O Banner, E Harden, B Woodham,

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
5	3	1	1	13	6	10

YEAR 8

LEAGUE

RP 0-2 Branston (J Hutton & H Ainslie)

Priory LSST 1-4 Branston (T Taylor 2, H Ainslie 2)

Branston 2-0 City PA (N Janutis, H Ainslie)

Fixtures

William Farr - Away

QEHS - Away

Report

Just one game so far this term saw the YR 8's win a deserved but hard thought victory against a strong City PA team. Goals from Nojus Janutis and Harrison Ainslie secured a 2 nil victory to keep us top of the league. Currently we are the only unbeaten side in the league with sides taking points of each other and results becoming somewhat unpredictable.

However our equation is simple 4 points from the last 2 games guarantee's the league title for the second year in a row. Anything less and we could finish as low as 4th.

It is well worth nothing that attendance at training has been excellent and over 20 boys regularly attend and push for places in a squad which is fantastic to see.

Squad

Jack Hutton ©, Austin Wood, Harrison Ainslie, Jedd Gilbert, Oliver Moorland, Connor Thornley, A J Cook, Harry Shaw, Tyler Taylor, Nojus Jantis, Eliot King, Rian Williamson, Branson Coates, Jake Lines, Freddie Baker, Ewan Sullivan (Y7) Callum Thomas (Y7)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
3	3	0	0	8	1	9

YEAR 9

LEAGUE

Branston 2 (L Banner & B Harker) - 2 William Farr

Branston 0-1 QEHS

City PA 2 -6 Branston (J Young, L Priestley, L Banner 4)

Branston 3 (C Isaac 2 & B Harker) - 2 RP

Branston 3 (L Banner 3) - 2 LSST

Report

With an outside chance of winning the league the Year 9 boys took on current league champions and unbeaten RP . Preparations before the game was thrown into turmoil when illness ruled out much improved goalkeeper Liam Powell. Lewis Banner who usual ply's his trade up front took the gloves and put in an inspired display. On the day every single player involved was a credit to both the team and the Academy. Leading 2-0 at Half time thanks to well taken goals from Ben Harker and Cael Isaac the second half was total one way traffic with us hardly getting out of our half. RP scored with 15 minutes to go and simply we then defended for our lives. With less than 2 minutes remaining a hopeful ball over the top was chased down by Cael Issac who forced a goalkeeper error to tap into an empty net and give us a 3-1 lead. Despite RP scoring with literally the last kick of the game a 3-2 score line and an industrious workmanlike performance saw us end RP's unbeaten run and temporarily go top of the league. Categoricaly this was the best performance these boys have put in since year 7. Priory were up next and going into the game we knew that victory would give us a chance of the league title (Depending on other results) but also guarantee runners up spot. On the day another workmanlike performance saw us creep over the line with a 3-2 victory thanks to a Lewis Banner (Back up front) Hat trick.

Overall a very pleasing season where the lads have improve greatly as a team. We look much more comfortable at the back and going forwarded have started to pose a real threat.

Year 10 will hopefully be a very interesting and successful one.

Squad

Liam Powell, Josh Bellamy, Michael Adeboyega, Ben McKee, Ciaran Taylor © Leo Priestley, Ollie Landry, Kieran Downes, Cael Isaac, Lewis Banner, Ben Harker, Morgan Lewis, Ross Armstrong, Ryan Taddeo, Matthew Meadows Tyler Taylor (Y8) & Harrison Ainslie (Y8)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
5	3	1	1	14	9	10

YEAR 10

NATIONAL CUP

Branston Won W/O

Branston 5-4 Kings School, Grantham C Hullay x 2, D Lindsey x 2, O Lane

Branston 0-5 Boston Grammar

COUNTY CUP

Branston 7-3 Giles Academy (C Hullay x 3, D Lindsey x 2, W Jackson, D Hilton)

Branston 8-1 Skegness Academy (J Foot 2, D Hilton, C Hullay 2, D Lindsey, W Jackson 2)

Branston 0-5 Carres Grammar

LEAGUE

Branston 4-2 R Patt D Lindsey, O Lane, C Hullay x 2

Branston 0-4 LSST

Report

It has been the County Cup only for the Yr 10's since Christmas and we started with a comprehensive 8-1 win over Skegness Academy. The game was actually close as we entered the second half but a brilliant 10 minute spell led to 5 goals and the game was won. Carres Grammar awaited us in the quarter-final and they were simply too strong and skilful for us, putting on an excellent display in the second half to knock us out 5 nil. We had no complaints.

At the time of writing we have 2 games coming in one week v W Farr and QEHS. Nothing less than 2 victories are needed to give us any chance of regaining the league we so brilliantly won last year

Squad

L Deaton©, D Lindsey(v/c), B Whitehouse, C Hullay, W Jackson, J Foot, C Bucknell, E Thompson, J Thompson, J Moore, A Meldrum, D Hilton, O Lane, K Pacey, M Adeboyega (Yr 9)

Current League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
2	1	0	1	4	6	3

YEAR 7 NETBALL

BCA 14-2 William Farr

BCA 5-12 QEHS

BCA 7-4 LSST

BCA 15-0 Robert Patt

BCA 10-8 City PA (Friendly)

League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
4	3	0	1	41	18	6

It was reported in the Christmas newsletter what a good start the team had made to their netball careers at Branston. The team continued to train hard throughout the winter months with matches restarting in February.

Our third match of the season was against Robert Pattinson Academy. Full of enthusiasm, the girls sailed to victory, reaching the necessary 15 goal difference before the end of the 3rd quarter. The defence worked hard to keep Robert Pattinson out of their attacking third and ensured that their shooters hardly got the ball in the circle. Our shooting team were also on form. A solid performance by all with a 15-0 win.

The next league match was going to really test us as we faced Priory LSST. We had narrowly lost to them in the tournament so the girls were fired up for a tough match. The game was very physical and remained close throughout. They worked so hard and did not let some elbows in the back put them off their game! Scores were level at the end of the 3rd quarter, 4-4. Not much divided the 2 teams but the final quarter saw Branston dominate, get the ball to the shooters and the shooters pop in their shots effortlessly. Final score was a hard earned 7-4 victory; the final whistle could not come soon enough!

For me, this game made me really see just how far the team has come since our early defeat against QE Gainsborough back in October. We will look forward to that rematch in year 8!

Our final game of the season was to be against Priory City. We had heard that they were a strong team that had beaten LSST recently so we could not sit back and relax in our final game. This had to be my favourite game of the season as both teams played good netball in the right way. There was plenty of encouragement and the desire to win was high from both teams. Again, a close match with the score being 4-4 at half time. We then had a fantastic burst of pace and the shooting was excellent to go 9-4 up, but to be fair to City, they never gave up and came back at us in the last quarter. Final score was a deserved 10-8 win. This game ended up being a friendly game and not a league match, but a win's a win all the same!

All results from other schools have not been submitted yet, but with our league record being played 4, won 3, lost 1, I anticipate us coming 2nd in the league. This has been an excellent season for the girls, but there is still work to do and 1 school still to beat next year! Well done to all of the squad. You have a very happy coach!

Squad

Megan Yates, Erin Shasby (captain), Naomi Kirkby, Isabelle Dixon (vice captain), Mckenzie Waby, Emily Hamilton-Smith, Rebecca Allen, Millie Nicholls, Kaitlin Martin, Mae Banks

VACANCIES

COOK

An exciting opportunity has arisen to become part of an ever growing Catering team with Taylor Shaw at Branston Community Academy.

Cook - Branston Community Academy

Mon to Fri 8.00am - 2.30pm term time only - occasional evening work. Salary dependant on experience

As Cook you will work under the direction of the Chef Manager and be responsible for cooking main courses/snacks as well as cakes and biscuits.

The ideal candidate will have a 'can do' attitude in their approach to work, be flexible to work around the needs of the business and be able to work well as part of a team or be self-motivated to work on their own and have excellent craft skills.

You will have previous experience of working in a kitchen ideally in a school/education.

You will have a minimum qualification of NVQ1 or 706/1.

If you are interested please send a CV and covering letter to Claire.rowland@taylorshaw.com

The successful applicant will be required to do a trade test prior to commencement of the role.

Interview date: 20th April 2017.

TERM DATES

TERM 5

Tuesday 18/04/17 to Friday 26/05/17

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29/05/17 to Friday 02/06/17

TERM 6

Monday 05/06/17 to Thursday 20/07/17

Friday 30th June - STAFF ONLY

INVIGILATORS

Required to join our panel of staff available for invigilating external examinations during the summer exam season and internal and external exams throughout the academy year.

Salary: £8.66 per hour(inc. Holiday Pay)

Application forms and further details available from:

email: enquiries@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk

Tel: 01522 880400

Closing Date: Friday 28th April 2017

CLEANER

We are looking to appoint a cleaner to join our team.

15 hours a week, Monday to Friday.

The Post is term-time only, plus 2 weeks

£7.50 per hour

For further information and an application form, please contact:

Email: enquiries@branstonca.lincs.sch.uk

Tel: 01522 880400

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