



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Purple Post

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### Principal's Message

*We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.*

*Happy Half term everyone!*

*We have now completed the first half of what must be the strangest half term in history. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to help keep our pupils, staff and families safe by adhering to all the measures we've put in place to keep everyone well and minimise the risks.*

*It may feel like an inconvenience to queue every day to drop off and collect, to wear a mask and socially distance whilst on the premises but it does have a real impact in keeping us all safe and well. I also am very aware of how frustrating it is when the vast majority of you are doing the 'right thing' and a few inconsiderate parents are pushing in the queue either at the gate or further along in the line.*

*We do need to all work together on this -we all need to be responsible and help to keep each other safe.*

*I hope that you will join with me in thanking all our amazing staff who continue to work incredibly hard in very difficult circumstances to deliver fun and engaging learning whilst adapting to an ever-changing educational landscape. They are amazing and deserve a well-earned rest during half term- I hope you enjoy one too.*

*Liz Latham*

As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

### Honours Awards – Autumn 1

*Rod Campbell - Carter  
Sue Hendra - Harrison  
Julia Donaldson - Rahul  
Mini Grey - Layton  
Eric Carle - Chibuike  
Oliver Jeffers- Ashley  
Valerie Thomas - Lily  
Roald Dahl - CC  
Roger Hargreaves- Lara  
Shaun Tan - Lawan  
Ross Montgomery - Ellie  
Charlie Mackesy - Sahib  
JK Rowling - Olivier  
Gill Lewis - Vanessa  
Anthony Browne - Leila*

For the consistently high quality of work in Mathematics lessons.

### Times Table Rock Stars

10TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH OCTOBER	Roger Hargreaves 378	Roald Dahl 161	Completed
10TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH OCTOBER	Valerie Thomas 27	Oliver Jeffers 4	Completed
10TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH OCTOBER	Charlie Mackesy 558	JK Rowling 235	Completed
10TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH OCTOBER	Gill Lewis 502	Anthony Browne 30	Completed
10TH SEPTEMBER - 5TH OCTOBER	Shaun Tan 723	Ross Montgomery 474	Completed

**A huge well done to Shaun Tan class who won the battle! Their prize was an afternoon film with popcorn. Make sure you are logging into TTRS over half term – the new battle begins on Sunday!!**

### A few places left for Artology after school Club- Yr 2-6

Feeling arty and like history? Why not sign up to Artology Club- a mix of art and history to create a range of history – based art. Please see the flyer below for more information. We are aiming to hold this on Wednesdays after school starting after half term. Click the link below to complete a form to show interest by no later than Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to save your place (if you've already clicked, no need to do it again!)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEB0rUh7hlpdAkSuyfxHO4vpURFVWN05WNE40WU5JMzJaU1ZNNTTVDMFoyVS4u>

## School Photos- more information!

The photographer will be in school on the afternoon of Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

October. Individual photos of pupils will be taken during the afternoon.



If you would like a 'family group' photo to include all your children in one shot, please come and queue outside main reception after school from 3.30pm. The photographer will be available until 4.30pm and will call one family in at a time to ensure social distancing regulations are met.

## ParentPay reminder

As we are now a cashless school, we are unable to accept cash payments for anything. Please ensure you've signed up for this using the password on the letter you received at the beginning of term.



## Get Arty and Musical in half term:

Please see the flyer below for a great way to get creative during half term – Braunstone's Natural Galleries are running arts and musical activities on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October locally at the Brite Centre. Why not go along and tap into your musical and arty talents whilst having a lot of fun.

## Morning Club

This has already started and is going very well – pupils are enjoying a delicious breakfast and fun activities before school every day and get 'fast-tracked' to the playground every morning! No need to queue! We have some spare places which need to be booked and paid for in advance through Parent Pay so that we are able to make arrangements to support pupils in their Year group bubbles. Please contact the office for more information.



## Coats are still essential!

We are aware that current arrangements to keep the pupil bubbles and families safe and socially



distanced mean that occasionally pupils will be waiting in the rain at the start or end of the day. Unfortunately at this time we are unable to change this. With your help in moving through the school grounds quickly we are clearing the playground on average in 8 minutes. By sending your child with a warm/waterproof coat with a hood, we can help to make sure that they are kept as dry as possible whilst they wait to be collected.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings have always been a great way for you to find out how well your child is doing in their learning as well as how you can support them at home. Hopefully you have all now signed up for a phone conversation with your child's class teacher during the first week back.

## Remote Learning

You may be aware that on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the government will implement a legal duty for schools to provide remote learning for pupils who are absent from school due to self-isolation or if their bubble has closed due to a positive case. We are developing our policy in response to this and it will be shared with you after half term. There will be a range of teaching and learning available using online platforms as well as some recorded lessons for your child to engage with if they are self-isolating. The government expectation is for pupils to access this to ensure they do not fall behind with their learning.

## Swimming Lessons

Learning to swim is a valuable life skill that could save a life – please see the flyer below for swimming lessons being offered by Winstanley College.





# Braunstone's Natural Galleries

arts and musical activity  
for the whole family

SAT  
24  
OCT

At The BRITE Centre,  
Braunstone Ave,  
Leicester LE3 1LE

**Outdoor Gardens 11am - 4.30pm**

Look out for Buzzing Roots flags  
on your arrival at the Library!

**Enjoy live music from  
Iryna Muha,  
Mellow Baku and  
Gemma Fuller.**

Take part of the Natural Gallery activity!  
Learn with fun!

Book one of the time slots for free here:  
[www.bookwhen.com/buzzingroots](http://www.bookwhen.com/buzzingroots)

Treats to purchase at your  
NEW local cafe! Bacon me Crazy!  
63a Imperial Avenue,  
LE3 1JH



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# Bringing Art & Heritage together to learn about our creative human past, as discovered by the archaeologists



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12 week programme delivered over a school term • 10 spaces available  
£4.50 per child • All materials provided • Ties in with the national curriculum

*'Cave Art because there were different options of materials to work with.'*

*'Greek sculpture I made the head of Greta Thunberg as she is my icon!'*

*'I enjoyed the Viking shield design as I am very interested in that era'*

*'I loved the Roman mosaics and learning how to make one!'*

*'I liked the Anglo Saxons because they had amazing art!'*

*'Making my initial into a illuminated letter was fun!'*

*These 6 weeks were great! And I would LOVE to learn more about other ages!*



## LEARN TO SWIM AT WINSTANLEY COLLEGE

Starting from 3 years old with fully qualified swim teachers

### FIND US:

Winstanley College  
Kingsway North  
Braunstone Town  
LE3 3BD

### MORE INFO:

Learn to Swim Coordinator  
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Learn to swim runs from stage one to seven with the opportunity to move into our competitive swimming pathway.

Lessons available

3.30pm – 6pm  
Monday to Friday  
10am – 12.30pm  
Saturday.