



Brumby Junior  
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Headteacher: Mr P Foster

# Information letter: March 2018

## **Y6 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park**

As part of our topic on evolution and adaptation, Year 6 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park last week. Due to torrential rain on day one, some animals had decided to keep snug and warm in their dens. In true Brumby style, we didn't let this 'dampen our spirits' and braved the rain in order to identify ways in which the animals had adapted to their habitats. Group two, who visited on Tuesday, were much luckier with the weather and managed to stay dry all day and even caught a glimpse of the baby camel (known as a calf) that was born on the 6th March. We also took part in a workshop run by the staff at Yorkshire Wildlife Park where we had the opportunity to see close up and hold (if you were brave enough) a variety of creatures including an African snail, a cockroach and a corn snake. We also looked closely at polar bears, camels and lions and found out some fascinating facts about how they have adapted to their environment. On return, pupils continued their research on a range of animals and learned about Charles Darwin who is known for his contributions to the science of evolution.

## **Y5 Visit to Wilderspin**

Year 5 finally managed to make it to Barton to visit the Wilderspin National School (after cancelling our original trip dates due to the snow). The children really enjoyed experiencing lessons in a Victorian classroom, although maybe 'enjoyed' isn't quite the right word! The teachers were extremely strict and they weren't allowed to get away with anything. The Victorian school certainly made the children appreciate the exciting and interesting lessons we have at Brumby! They all enjoyed their day and it was great to learn more about Victorian school life.

We have a fireman coming to visit Year 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon because the children will be learning more about fire safety in the home. We're sure they will gain some valuable knowledge from the session and we're sure they'll be keen to pass this on to you.

## **Y3 Visit to Austerfield**

Y3 pupils really enjoyed their trip to Austerfield Study Centre last week. Seeing them enjoying themselves working and exploring the Great Outdoors was brilliant. Children were taught the skill of shelter building using natural resources, with many of them using their imaginations to add sofas, kitchens and toilets (!) to their shelters too. All pupils also created natural art using just the resources which they found in the woodland - some of it was very realistic indeed!

## **School Closure**

School closes for Easter on Wednesday at 3:05 p.m. School reopens to pupils on Monday 16th April.



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## Y6 SATS

Year six pupils have been working hard all year to learn and master all of the literacy curriculum content expected of them. Whether it is "passive voice", "past progressive", reading for inference and deduction, writing with cohesion, using a range of grammatical terms or developing their own personal "voice" of writing, the effort levels have been high and expectations are similar!

In maths, children have to master fractions, decimals, percentages, time, measures, angles, algebra and a range of real-life "reasoning" problems too.

All Y6 pupils have been given **Revision Books** too. These are great because they are written to help children to learn, and not just be tested. Of course, they only work if children use them so we also expect our pupils to take personal responsibility and practise in their own time too.

We are already very proud of their efforts. Please continue to support your child by asking them about the things which they are learning, helping them with their reading and other homework and asking the school any question that you may have.

## Sports

After a great performance at the North Lincs' schools' cross-country championships back in December, 3 teams made it through to the Humber region championships at Hull University. The championships involved 16 school teams with just under 100 children in each race. Brumby juniors pupils showed real determination and achieved highly commendable team and individual performances:

- Y4 Boys' team: 3rd (Austyn, Halim, Archie, Oliver)
- Y6 Boys' team: 1st (Kieran, Alfie, Alfie, Corey and Regan)
- Y6 Girls' team: 3rd (Evie, Amira, Libby, McKenzie, Elisha)

Children who have never had the chance to represent BJS in a sports event attended the #doyourselfproud Get Going event held in the sports hall at Ancholme Leisure Centre. Great excitement was visible when the pupils were participating in a variety of sports activities in the dark with glowing equipment, clothing and lighting.

Throughout this week both a Y6 and a Y4 Athletics team will be competing at the Indoor athletics Championships held at the Pods, where the children will compete in twelve track and field events.

## A note from Mrs Thorpe

Due to the hectic nature of my current role as Interim Executive Headteacher and the speed at which I've had to address certain tasks, I haven't had the chance to communicate with you. Excuses aside, I'd like to thank Mr Foster, the staff, Governors and amazing pupils for the warm welcome my team and I have received; the pupils here are the very epitome of all that is great about this school.

For the short period that I'm here, I'd like to assure you that my team and I work alongside the staff here in the best interest of each and every pupil. What we shall draw upon is the outstanding practice from The Grange Primary School (my substantive school). This said, since my start here in February changes have already taken place and impact is beginning to show.

As I will be in-between schools, Mrs Barley and Mr Tait will be on-hand to handle the day-to-day management of the school.

I wish Mr Foster all the very best for the future ahead and thank him most sincerely for his years of commitment to the school.

Best wishes for a memorable Easter break,

Mrs Thorpe