



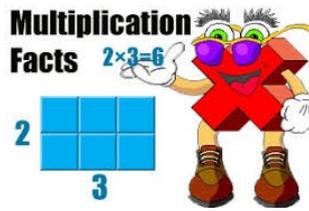
Breachwood Green Newsletter

Friday 11th May

Believe and Achieve

Multiplication Tables Check

Following the success of the Phonics Check being introduced in 2012, the government have introduced a multiplication tables check to be mandatory by 2020 for all pupils in year 4. The expectation is that they will know their multiplication facts, up to 12 x 12, and will complete an online test in the June of year 4.



Over the years, I have investigated various ways for children to learn their multiplication facts and have found that the old fashion method of rote learning is one of the best. It enables the children to know the facts (recalling them at speed) teachers can then support children with their understanding of these as part of the curriculum.

In order to prepare our children, we are introducing the Times Table Challenge. This will be completed half termly and will be an opportunity for children to show how well they are learning their facts. Children from year 2 upwards, will take part in the challenge. They will be given a multiplication test, consisting of 100 calculations, to be completed in 10 minutes. There will be prizes (of house points) for the top 10 children. In order to make this inclusive, year 2 pupils will be given questions about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and the rest of the school will be given random multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.

You may be concerned that the children in the lower year groups will not get the opportunity to win against the older children. However from previous experience I know this is not the case. I have found that once children start to experience it, they have the desire to learn the facts, and as a result of this I have seen a year 3 child beat the rest of the school. However, one of the most important things for the children to remember is that they should aim to beat their personal best - I have seen the determination that our children have to do well and think that this will give them the drive they need.

Our first multiplication challenge will take place on Wednesday 23rd May.

Dates for your diary

May

14th-18th	KS2 SATs week
17th	KS1 Bingo. PTFA event
21st - 25th	KS1 SATs week
22nd	Y5/6 Boys Kwik Cricket
22nd	Brancaster parents info eve
23rd	EcoKids collection
24th	Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket
25th	Class 3 Verulanium trip

28th May - 2nd June Half term

June

4th	Inset Day
8th	Open morning English focus
11th	Class Photographs & Yr6
11th	Y6 Bikeability week
12th	Ridlins athletics
22nd	Music assembly
22nd	Pentathlon event
25th-29th	Class 4 residential trip
26th	Class 1 Standalone Farm trip

July

3rd	New parents' evening
9th	Ridlins athletics
10th	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
12th	Transition Day (Herts)
13th	Sports Day
18th	Transition open evening. All classes
24th	End of term

We need your help!

We want to spread the word about how great we are as a school and we need your help. We would really appreciate you taking your time to write a review on google as we hope that this will encourage people to take the time to come and visit us.

Mathletics

Now that Mathletics is up and running in all year groups we are changing the way we report the results to you. We will now celebrate the children who have achieved certificates by listing them below. Certificates will be presented in Assembly on a Monday.

Week commencing 30th April:

Bronze Certificate ★	Silver Certificate ★	Gold Certificate ★
Nolan Faith Dylan Micah	Saul	

Week commencing 7th May:

Bronze Certificate ★	Silver Certificate ★	Gold Certificate ★
Arthur Ben R Saul		

PE Kit

We have had a number of children recently with either forgotten or missing PE kit and this impacts on lessons as it often means staff members spend time finding replacement kit. Moving forward, we want to teach the children to be responsible for their kit and are therefore putting the following sanctions in place:

Occasion 1 of missing kit: The child will be given a letter to take home explaining to the parents that the PE kit (or part of it) is missing. A record of this will be kept by Mr Jones.

Occasion 2 of missing kit: If the child has missing kit again, they will be given a further letter and will be asked to miss a playtime.

Occasion 3 of missing kit: If there is a third occasion (within one term), of a child missing part or all of their kit, a telephone conversation will be made by the class teacher to discuss the matter with the parents.

We do understand that there are occasions when a child is missing their PE kit and the fault may not be theirs. If this is the case, please forewarn us of this or feel free to speak to me after receiving the first letter.

Please could we ask that all children have trainers for PE, after half term, as we are finding that plimsolls do not provide enough grip.

Book Review

When I grow up I am going to play for Portsmouth by Gemma Carey

This book is about a boy called Jack who wants to play for Portsmouth when he is 21. I liked it when he did get to play for Portsmouth and they played against England, but England won!

By Ethan

ThinkSport Holiday Club

As previously mentioned on Facebook, we have arranged for ThinkSport Coaching to hold a holiday club here over the half term. Today, the children experienced some of the activities on offer and had a fantastic time. Evie said, "I really enjoyed ThinkSport coming in today, it improved my sports skills. It will be a good way to stop you getting bored in the holidays."

This is an independently run company but if it proves successful, it will open up another avenue for the school to raise money through the letting so it will benefit your children.

If you would like to book at place please visit: <https://www.thinksportcoaching.com/shop> Remember, the club runs from 9am to 4pm and costs just £12 per child, per day.

PTFA support

I'd like to thank the PTFA for their support in raising money at the school cake sale. It is a shame that the Fun Quiz had to be cancelled and I know that a number of parents said they couldn't make the quiz but would like to make a contribution. If you would like to do so, please send it in a clearly marked envelope into the office.

If you have any ideas for future PTFA events, please let us know.

Breachwood's Got Values

Date awarded: 4th May 2018

Value: Responsibility

Class 1: Millie

Class 2: Willow

Class 3: Tyler M

Class 4: Lucy