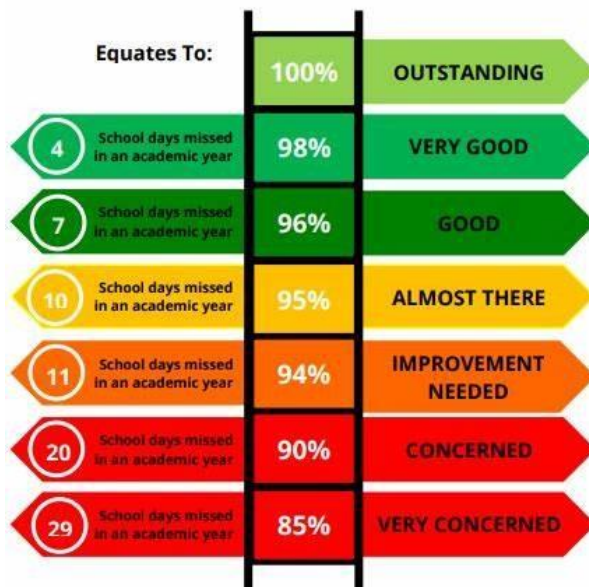




Brentfield News



Dear Families of Brentfield,

Every day in school counts! I have been monitoring attendance throughout the school and am disappointed that we are below national expectations. The week beginning 29th January our whole school attendance was 89% but we should be 96%. Whilst I understand that many children do get ill at this time of year, some of our children take regular days off each week. Just before school holidays some parents take their children out of school early and don't return on the first day after a school

holiday. Please can I ask all parents and guardians to support regular attendance. If your child is on antibiotics or other medication, we can administer it in school. Often children feel worse when they wake up but after taking Calpol feel well enough to attend school. The NHS has produced information to help you decide whether to send your child to school if they are not feeling well [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). If you need support to get your child to school, please see Sam Matthews our Parent Support Manager. Regular attendance for all children is very important, research shows that regular attendance increases the chances of academic success. Please can we all make an even bigger effort to support regular attendance. Have a safe and relaxing half term and I will see all children back in school on **Monday 19th February at 8.35.**

Mrs Harmer

Upcoming Events!



- **Half term**

12th -16th February

Children return on Monday 19th February at 8.35am

- **Coffee Morning**

Wednesday 28th February, Wednesday 6th March, Wednesday 13th March, Wednesday 20th March

- **Parent Consultations**

Monday 4th March 1.30pm (School will close at 1.15pm)

- **World Book week**

We will be celebrating Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March

- **Achievement Assemblies (Invite only)**

Monday 25th March at 9am and 9.30am

- **End of Term**

Wednesday 27th March

Year 3 Visit the [BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir](#)



Year 3 have been learning all about Hinduism in their Religion lessons. To further their understanding and to see Hinduism in practice they visited the Swaminarayan Temple. They explored the Temple learnt how the temple was constructed and they observed a ceremony taking place in the main hall.

Overall, all the children enjoyed walking around the temple and recognising the gods they had learnt about in class. They also spent time retelling Hindu stories they have learnt this term.

“I liked watching the film about how the temple was built” Layla (Blue Class). “It was really exciting to see Rama and Sita in the temple because I learnt their story in RE” Lucy (Sapphire Class).

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Blue Class showcased the story of why the Chinese years are named after animals and how the 12 animals were chosen. They displayed how the animals had a race on a riverbank and the over-confident Ox was beaten narrowly by the Rat who gained the honour of having the first year named after him.

Blue class also told some interesting facts about China and how many Chinese people celebrate the new year. This year, it will be celebrated on 10th February and will be the year of the Dragon. Finally, they learnt and sang a Chinese New Year Song - Gong Xi and performed a traditional Chinese Dragon Dance.



Medical

PROTECT AGAINST MEASLES

MEASLES is on the Rise in London! Is your child vaccinated?

If your child has not been vaccinated against measles you are urged to do so as soon as possible. There is a Halal vaccine available, please speak to your GP.

For more information about measles please see [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

For more information about the vaccine please see [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Reception Parents - Please return the vaccine information form to school ASAP

Coffee Morning - Measles - 6th March at 8.50am

ECO Champions!



Brentfield begins our Eco journey.

Our children care deeply about environmental issues and have a strong desire to actively protect our planet. Therefore, twenty-two of our children have volunteered to join the Eco-Schools Program and become Eco-champions. Their aim is to create an action plan which will help the school follow the seven-steps needed to make a difference in caring for our environment not only in school but also in our local community and beyond. During our first meeting the Eco Champions completed a thorough review of the areas our school needs to focus on with regards to starting our environmental journey which ranged from water consumption, litter, waste of food, being global citizens etc the findings of which will be presented to the school next half term. Watch this space for more information about our work!

Birthdays



We understand that birthday celebrations are important but we are unable to give out party bags or cake in school. We have a high number of children with allergies in school and need to keep them safe. If parents wish to give out party bags at the front of the school at the end of the day, please give them directly to the parents who can check for allergies and if the items contained are suitable for their child.

Thank you for your support!

Contact us!



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