

BRANDHALL BEAT

INSPIRE - BELIEVE - ACHIEVE

All of our children; all of the time
Courage, Compassion, Honesty,
Ambition, Respect, Belonging

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Year 4 have been exploring archaeology. They used metal detectors to find a mixture of primary and secondary artefacts hidden in the sand. Some of the items they found were hundreds of years old!



Once they found the items, they identified them using a range of source materials and put them into chronological order. We all agree in Year 4 that history is amazing!

Reminder—Teacher Training Day

Monday 2nd November

School will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November.



After reading Room on a Broom some of our Year 2 children made broomsticks with pipe cleaners. They added beads to represent the characters in the book.



Weighed down by debt?

Free debt counselling in your community from an award winning charity.



FREE Debt Service For All

CAP provides free support and advice within the community to anyone wishing to become debt free. The Oldbury Debt Centre is based at Kings Community Church, Brandhall. If you know someone who would benefit from this support they can contact Chirstians Against Poverty on the following free phone number.

Tel: 0800 328 0006

For more information see their website.

www.capdebthelp.org



We are delighted to share more wonderful news with you.

Congratulations to Miss Shipton on the birth of her beautiful baby girl Myla-Rae.

Parent Governor

Congratulations to **Mrs. Rachel Price** who we welcome as our new Parent Governor. Thank you to all the nominees that stood for this important and valued role.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to announce that **Mrs. Roberts** will be taking over the role of Extended Services Leader. She has already begun planning lots of exciting activities for our Breakfast and After School Club children. If you are interested in your child joining the fun and games before and after school, please contact Karen in the school office.

WANT TO TALK?

Sandwell Beam is an emotional health and well-being service for 5 to 18 year old's and up to 25 if you're a care-leaver.

You can contact us on the website anytime, and we will get back to you and listen to whatever is troubling you.

To access this service and learn more about how Beam can support you, please register here:

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/beamsandwell

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We're here to listen and support you.



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Advice for Halloween

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

You will probably be aware that the government has announced new coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, naming Sandwell and many other areas in our region as a 'High Alert' zone. Unfortunately, we are seeing a rapid rise in the numbers of people being taken to hospital and dying after becoming infected.

With COVID-19 infection rates high across Sandwell, we therefore need to give some advice about Halloween.

At this time of year many families will be preparing for Halloween at the end of October. There is no reason why this annual event cannot be celebrated in your own home or garden with people you live with.

However, in light of the government restrictions because of the high infection rates, we believe it is far better for your children not to call at other houses to trick or treat as this will increase the risk of infection, either to your children and family or to people answering the door.

While we know this may be disappointing for some children who enjoy trick or treating', please stay safe, protect yourselves and others and look at alternative, safe ways to celebrate Halloween this year.

Remember, the more cases there are, the greater the risk of passing on the virus, especially to older and vulnerable people in your family or neighbourhood who are at a much higher risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.

Please also be aware that the current government restrictions for Sandwell prevent people from different households mixing inside each other's homes. And people from different households are not allowed to meet outdoors in groups of more than six. Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/localrestrictions for more details about the government restrictions.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support to schools this term. Schools have detailed infection control measures in place and, while we are seeing cases among some children and staff, the risk of an outbreak is significantly reduced by everyone following the guidance issued by your school, public health and the government.

If your child has been sent home to self-isolate because of a confirmed case in their school, please keep your children at home and play your part in stopping the spread of the virus.

Thank you again for your assistance during these difficult times.

Yours faithfully,

Sandwell Council

