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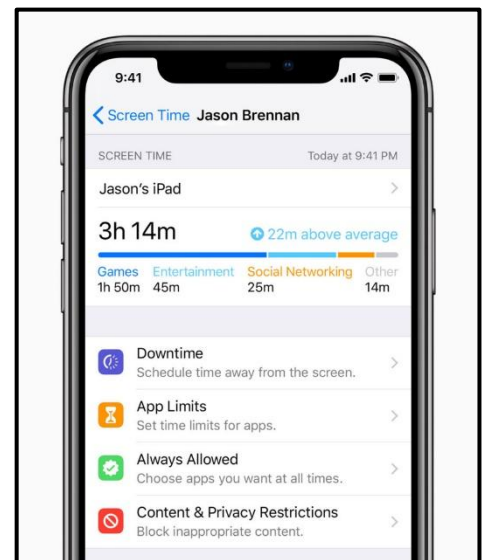
It has been a busy week in school and one that, luckily, has not been affected by adverse weather! It was lovely this morning to be able to hold our belated Celebration Assembly where we recognised the achievements of our students both academically but also linked to their effort and kind-hearted nature. We also celebrated those children in Y4 who have recently 'Gone Green' on TTRS, showing their growing expertise in learning their times tables. Well done!

### **This week in assembly**

As you will no doubt be aware, there continues to be a lot in the news around the use of mobile phones by young people and generally in their use of screens. The school has a parent-led initiative around a Smartphone Free Childhood who are hosting a parent session on Wednesday 11th February at 7pm at Greenhill Community Library. For more information on the initiative or this event, please visit <https://www.bradwayprimary.co.uk/sfc>

On the topic of screentime, this was explored in our assembly on Wednesday. Pupils in KS2 learnt about how they use their free time, recognising that since much of the day is already taken up by routines, free time is so precious. Mrs Shaw talked about how screens often fill this time and what we might miss, such as playing, being creative, being active, or spending time with others. Everyone was encouraged to think about balance and making positive choices.

In our KS1 assembly, children also explored the idea of screen time through the story *The Screen Thief* by Helen and Thomas Docherty. When The Snaffle arrives in the city, she just wants to play, but everyone is too busy staring at their screens. The children loved discovering that The Snaffle likes screens too – as a snack! This provided a gentle and engaging way for our younger pupils to begin thinking about how they spend their free time too.



There is clearly much to consider in relation to phones and screentime and the conversation nationally will no doubt continue. As it stands, we recognise that some families may feel the need for (older) pupils to have a mobile phone for their journey to and from school, and nothing is changing here. We do however feel there is no need for them to be used or visible on school property and so we will be reminding children of these expectations moving forwards: mobile phones may only be used once they have left the school site.

Thank you for your support with this.





### **Sports Newsletter**

Our autumn 2 sports newsletter is now available to view online. It is lovely to see the children's sporting achievements, both in school and beyond. If you wish to have anything included, please email it to [enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk).

You can access the newsletter here: [Bradway Sports Newsletter #Autumn 2](#)

### **Numbots and TTRS Logins**

Learning addition and subtraction, multiplication and division number facts is a crucial skill that supports so many other aspects of maths, but also essential life skills too. For this reason, every child in school from Y1-Y6 has an individual login to Numbots and TTRS to support this learning in school and at home.



We would love to see more children accessing these resources at home, so have this week sent reminder login details to those families. Please look out for these and ask your class teacher for help if needed. Practising little and often has been proved to be the most effective way to practise. We appreciate your support in this!

### **MTC meeting for Y4 parents**

Continuing the topic of times tables, Year 4 have organised a parent meeting to share information about the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check that the children will sit in June. This will give parents an opportunity to hear what is involved and to ask any questions.

This will take place after school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We hope you can join us.

### **Sheffield Young Artist**

We're excited to invite children to take part in Sheffield's largest schools' art competition taking place this half term. Children from both KS1 and KS2 are invited to get creative and submit artwork for the judges' consideration. There is no set topic and no set size, so children can let their imaginations run wild!

For those who wish, children in KS2 will be given an opportunity to work on their pieces during an identified lunchtime, or they can be produced at home. Mrs Gibson will liaise with year groups on when this will happen. All artwork should be returned to school by Monday 9th February, with the child's first name, second name and class written on the back, after which the pieces will be submitted to the competition for judging.





**This week in OPAL.**

We would love to see even more children wearing wellies or hiking boots at dinner time, as this gives them access to our whole site, including the woods, field and den building areas.

We are also still on the look out for any wheeled item donations (not bikes or scooters) and any equipment for our mud kitchen, which will be coming very soon! Thanks for your ongoing support.





### **Bradway Holiday club and job opportunity**

Bradway Holiday Club are now open for bookings for February half term. They are open every day from 8am-6pm: £35 full day and £21.50 half day.

They are also currently recruiting for a Holiday Club Manager and a Deputy Manager and Senior Playworker. If you are interested in either post, or to book your child in for the club, please contact [childrenschoicechildcare1@gmail.com](mailto:childrenschoicechildcare1@gmail.com).

### **Aquatics GB diving taster session**

Ponds Forge International Sports Centre is set to host the **2026 Aquatics GB Diving International!** This three-day competition will take place from 30th January to 1st February 2026. For children who are inspired to give diving a go, Sheffield Diving are offering a free 30 minute *Try Diving Taster Session* with their experienced coaches for participants age 6-15 years of age. For more information call 0114 2233800 or email Mike Gill at [michaelgill@everyoneactive.com](mailto:michaelgill@everyoneactive.com).

Thank you for reading to the end of a rather long newsletter! I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend.

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Mr Chris Thomas  
Headteacher





Spring Term 1	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">Y4</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px 10px; margin-left: 5px;">Parents invited</div> </div>	<b>Y4 MTC Parent Meeting – after school</b> Parents invited after school to a meeting where the Y4 staff will explain what is involved in the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">Y2</div> </div>	<b>Y2 Visit from Trunk Theatre</b> Trunk Theatre will be visiting Y2 at school for a performance relating to the Great Fire of London. Details to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Choir to Young Voices</b> Y4, Y5 & Y6 Choir members annual trip to perform at Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">Y2</div> </div>	<b>Y2 Trip to National Emergency Services Museum</b> This will take place during the school day, details to follow
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