



30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Since I wrote to you in my last newsletter we have filled the last seven days with an unbelievable amount of activities ranging from the Year 11 Leavers' Prom to the summer music concert, Science Trip to London, D of E Expedition and an array of sporting fixtures, all in addition to the usual day to day lessons and lunch time activities and after school clubs.

The Year 11 Leavers' Prom was undoubtedly the best Prom I have been to in my teaching careers. With well over 150 pupils attending, the evening was a total success from start to finish. Once the pupils had made their grand entrance, there were a number of fairground attractions for the pupils to engage with including a test your strength hammer, a giant 'Operation' game, a 'Kentucky Derby' rollerball game and a huge group selfie mirror. After a quick buffet and some brief speeches, the pupils danced non-stop through to the last song at 11pm. In all my years of attending Year 11 Proms, I have never seen so many pupils dancing as a year group right through to the end of the evening. The pupils were an absolute credit to their families, the school and more importantly to themselves.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, our pupils entered a PAN-Ability 7-a-side football tournament held at Christ the King School. The team, who have never played together before had an amazing time and managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall which is a superb achievement. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Walmsley, Henry Barrow, Alice Park, George Mason, Alexander Campbell, Lucy Stafford, Thomas Halstead and Jenson Arthur.

Our talented musicians took to the stage on Tuesday evening to perform at our Summer Music Concert. Over 40 pupils performed to a packed school hall of friends and families. This year we were treated to a range of both vocal and instrumental pieces, from first time performances to the more experienced Broughton School Jazz Band. Thank you to all the pupils who took part and to Mr Shepherd and Miss Peters and the supporting additional musicians.

The Science department have taken 40 Year 8 pupils to visit London this week as part of our annual Science Trip. On Thursday the pupils visited the Science Museum and had a wonderful afternoon exploring some of the amazing exhibitions and the iMax cinema. The evening itinerary included an excellent restaurant meal and a trip to see the hit musical 'Wicked'. Today pupils had an early start and visited the Natural History Museum. I am sure both staff and pupils have had an amazing experience outside of the classroom and thanks to the Science staff who have organised and supervised this trip.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the NEU teaching union will be taking industrial action on Wednesday and Friday next week. Our aim is to continue to keep school open for all year groups and to continue with the planned end of year rewards trips to Blackpool Zoo and Blackpoll Pleasure Beach. As always, I will keep you updated of any changes to these plans if and when they arise.

Our end of year 'Rewards Trips' will take place next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils will be spoken to during assemblies next week about our expectations of behaviour and conduct whilst representing the school on these trips. If the weather is hot/sunny please ensure that your child brings a cap and sun cream and keep themselves hydrated throughout the day.

Headteacher: Mr David Botes

The final PTFA meeting will take place in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. New members are always welcome to join and be part of this group. If you would like any further information please contact the chair of the PTFA Jacqui Bury by email at [PTFAChair@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:PTFAChair@broughtonhigh.co.uk).

The last day of the academic year will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July; school will close at 1.00pm. This day will be a non-uniform day and we are asking for a donation of £1 towards our chosen charity for this term which is Finney House. Payment details will be on ParentPay next week.

Sports Day is fast approaching and I am pleased to announce that we will be able to return to the school field for the event this year. The area where we will mark the track has been fully checked and it is safe for us to go ahead (weather permitting) on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The reserve day is the following day, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Fingers crossed that the weather will be kind to us and we can go ahead as planned on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we will be holding our Induction Day for the Year 6 pupils who will be starting with us in Year 7 in September. That evening, we will hold a meeting for the new parents at 6.00pm. We look forward to meeting all the new pupils and parents.

Mrs Kay Helmn has sadly taken the decision to retire at the end of the school year. Kay has worked at Broughton for over 20 years and has had such a positive impact on so many pupils. Her experience will be greatly missed by us all next year. I am sure you will all join me and wish Kay the very best of luck in her retirement.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact. My email is: [botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:botesd@broughtonhigh.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



David Botes  
Headteacher

### Fundraising for Finney House

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 7R held 'the event of the year': the chocolate tombola. Members of 7R had donated an impressive amount of chocolate ahead of the event which proved to be incredibly popular. Thank you to members of 7R who, not only donated chocolate, but also helped organise the event. A superb £131.50 has been raised for our school's charity, Finney House!

Mrs Armstrong



### Broughton Pre School- Teddy Bear Picnic

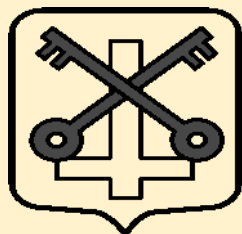
Last Thursday, Broughton pre-school children took part in a Teddy Bear Picnic with our Year 9 pupils assisting.



The children completed several food preparation tasks and enjoyed the picnic which they made.

Thank you to all our Year 9 helpers; **Logan Atkinson, Charlie Hewitt, Molly Taylor, Olivia Newman-Kirk, Sofia Leeming** for all their help towards making the morning an enjoyable experience for all the children.

Mrs Newton



### St Peter's Year 4 Food lessons



Year 4 pupils from St Peter's C of E Primary school have enjoyed a wide range of theory and practical lessons over the last three weeks.

Well done to all the children who have excelled with their confidence in the food room.

Thank you to all the Year 8 helpers: who have helped with the lessons.

Mrs Newton



**Year 11 Prom  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Barton Manor**





### Talk to us UK 😊

<https://nationaltoday.com/talk-to-us/>

Talk to Us is a Samaritans' annual awareness campaign observed all through July. Talk To Us aims to highlight the charity's work and the help it can offer.

#### SUPPORTING EACH OTHER. 👍

Remember it is always important to look after your own wellbeing first.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/supporting-a-friend-with-their-mental-health/>

**IF PUPILS NEED TO TALK OR GET SUPPORT, DROP-IN SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND AT BREAK TIME. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.**

C Law, Roots Counselling

# WORD OF THE WEEK

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## assemblage: noun

a group of persons or things gathered or collected.

### Example

He has an **assemblage** of old junk cars filling the driveway.

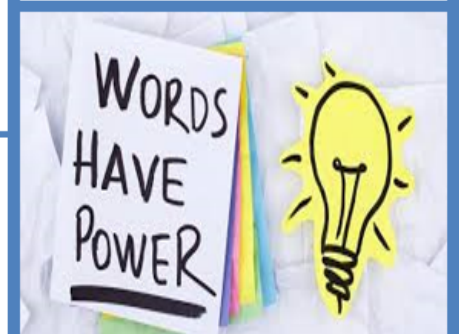
### Synonyms

assembly, collection, gathering.

### Antonym

scattering.

SCHOOL SYNERGY





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# RADIOTHERAPY STUDENT OPEN DAY

Saturday 1st July  
2023



Have you thought about a career in Radiotherapy? Would you like to know more about radiotherapy and this fantastic profession?



We are inviting prospective students to visit our radiotherapy open day on Sat 1st of July.

If you would like to attend please book a 1 hour slot by contacting the number below .



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### Quora

**Quora should only be accessed by users that are 13+.** Quora is a question-and-answer site. You do need to set up an account to see and post replies.

Due to the nature of the site, users can communicate with strangers, either through the Q&A boards, spaces or via private messages. Private messaging can be turned off in settings and users can block other users.

Quora is a platform where users can post publicly. If your child is using this site, then please ensure your child understands that they should not share personal information. As content is user generated, talk to your child about how information they read online may not be factually correct. Your child may also come across content and topics that are not age appropriate.

You can find out more about the safety and security of Quora here: <https://help.quora.com/hc/en-us/sections/115001205786-Safety-Security>

### Reporting to Social Media Sites

CEOP provide an overview of how to contact several different social media sites: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Reporting-to-social-media-sites->

## Grand Theft Auto (GTA)

Rockstar have announced they are working on Grand Theft Auto 6 (although no release date has been confirmed yet), so this is just a reminder that GTA is rated 18+ by PEGI, largely because of bad language, violence, glamourisation of crime and the depiction of drugs. **GTA is not suitable for those under this age.**



Grand Theft Auto can be played across a range of devices, such as Xbox and PlayStation.

Grand Theft Auto Online is a multi-player version of the game and is included with Grand Theft Auto 5. Players can play this version alone, or they can invite players to a game, or be involved in games with random players. The settings can be changed so you only play with those on your approved friends list.

### What do I need to be aware of?

- Mature content – the content is unsuitable for children
- In game chat (although this can be disabled and other players can be muted (depending on the device and version)).
- In game spending

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are playing and to discuss with them why some games are just not appropriate for them to play and the importance of checking age ratings.

### What can they play instead?

You can use this database to search for games based on your child's age: <https://www.taminggaming.com/cgi-bin/taminggaming.cgi>

## What is misogyny? Prevent and tackle hate online against girls.

Internet Matters have created this area on their website exploring misogyny, highlighting where children might see it online and discussing how we can tackle misogyny:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-hate/what-is-misogyny/>

# Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without



being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them **and not consider the potential risks to themselves**. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. **Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.**

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/>

TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks:  
<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/>

# Sextortion

Sextortion is a form of blackmail; it occurs when somebody threatens to publish a sexual image/video of them unless they do what the blackmailer says (usually send money). The blackmailer may have originally tricked the person into sharing a sexual image or the image may have been obtained without the victim's knowledge or consent. Unfortunately, teenagers have been the victims of sextortion, so it is important to chat to your child about this topic. We understand that it can be difficult to approach such conversations but 'Thorn for Parents' have created conversation starters as well as a script to help you to start the conversation:  
<https://parents.thorn.org/guides/sextortion/>

## Where to get help

The Metropolitan police detail more information about what sextortion is, what to do if you are targeted and how to report it:  
<https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/sexual-offences/sextortion/>

## Vinted scams

Have you used Vinted to buy and sell used clothes? Please be aware of potential scams. Vinted have published an article highlighting how scammers might target Vinted users and how you can protect yourself. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.vinted.co.uk/help/628-recognise-spoof-and-phishing-messages>

## Take It Down

Take It Down is a service for people who have images or videos of themselves nude, partially nude, or in sexually explicit situations taken when **they were under the age of 18** that they believe **have been** or **will be** shared online.

This service will help you to have the image **taken down** or **stop it from being shared** on participating platforms. You can remain anonymous.  
<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

## What is Virtual Reality

Did you know that many VR headsets have a minimum age rating of 13?

Childnet have produced this article detailing what virtual reality is and the considerations that you should consider before using:  
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtual-reality-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

