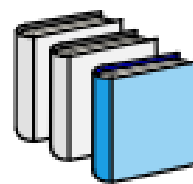




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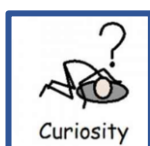
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- Message from the Headteacher
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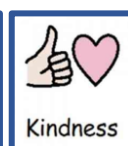
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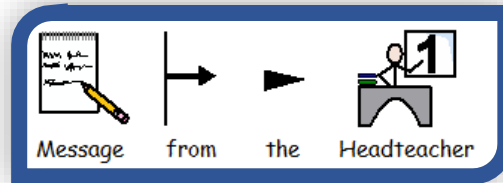


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Dear families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this year. Also a warm welcome to new families whose children have joined us this September. It has been an exciting half term as we have now moved into the new building. This has also meant that all outside spaces are back in use, including our new horticulture space which has raised beds and poly tunnels. The children have also come back really well and settled into the new term.

Classes have been busy this half term, with our informal classes continuing working towards engagement, choice and communication and our semi formal classes working towards functionality and independence. This has included lots of trips out into the community. A number of children have also been working with a dance instructor and done a super performance for members of the senior leadership team and some of the other classes this week.

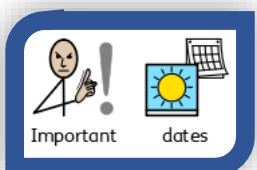
You will have seen from the weekly bulletin that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. It is important that parent voice is represented on the governing body. If you would like to put yourself forward for this, or would like some more information about what being a governor involves, please email our parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk email address.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our families who will be celebrating Diwali over the holidays a happy Diwali!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 31st October.

Mrs Trish Turner

Head Teacher



Halloween Activities	Anti-Bullying Week	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 31/20/22	14-18/11/22	22/12/22 12.00pm finish

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Head teacher



Runs



the Marathon!

On Sunday 2nd October, Mrs Turner ran the London Marathon! She did amazingly well and smashed her target to collect £2675.00 for the British Heart Foundation. Here are a couple of shots throughout the race and as she crossed the finish line, well done you did amazingly!



Teddy



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This term I have had a haircut, here are my before and after photos 🐾 🐾 🐾

I have also spent lots of time in classes with the children and they have visited me in the SLT office where I get lots of cuddles.



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Safeguarding News

The Family Support Team has increased. We now have Mick Gayle, Jacquie Kearns, Fiona Ross, Ann-Marie Dovey and Natalie King. Ann-Marie Dovey is the new Family Support Worker and Natalie King is the Family Support Admin. As a team we carry out Early Help Assessments and support and advice for Parents and Carers if needed.

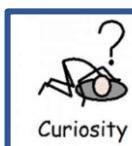


Communication update

Here at Brackenfield we are keen to share our communication strategies with home. At school we use a range of visual aides and Makaton signing. At home you can watch Mr Tumble or access videos on youtube together to learn new signs together.

We can send home visuals such as pointing boards, PECs books or daily timetables. Let your child's class team know if this is something you would like.

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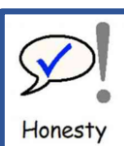
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Please ensure pupils are aware of our online safety policy.

This sets out our expectations of pupils and aspirations for them too.

If something concerns you about what your child is doing on Teams or online, please report to safeguarding@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



How to be safe online:

- **Do** use your own log in and not other peoples
- **Do** follow the schools' online rules
- **Do** only use the websites that you are allowed
- **Do** check the age of games/apps/movies/music are appropriate
- **Do not** tell people your passwords
- **Do not** tell people your personal information, such as name, address, telephone number
- **Do not** arrange to meet people who you know online
- **Do not** use unkind words when talking, texting, or emailing someone
- **Do not** download anything without checking with an adult

These are the rules pupils **MUST** follow when on teams. If pupils behave inappropriately on Teams, they will have their accounts suspended to safeguard them, their peers, and staff.

What can I do if something online worries me?

- Tell someone
- Complete a school online safety log
- Call ChildLine if you are not at school 0800 1111

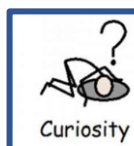
**If you do not know someone in real life,
do not be-friend them online**

Parent/ carer advice and guidance:

[Click here for DITOO magazine with updates on basic online safety](#)

[and up to date advice for experts](#)

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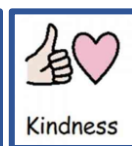
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Here at Brackenfield, we are proud to have a strong and enthusiastic team of iVengers! I am Miss Holdway and I have put together a team of Brackenfield pupils to help educate others about online safety. The majority of our pupils are avid technology users, spending lots of their spare time on their phones, tablets, games consoles and smart TVs, much more time than I do, so why not take advantage of their expertise?

iVengers is about empowering our young people to recognise how valuable their extensive knowledge of technology can be and for them to use this knowledge to educate and support each other to be safer online. It is a peer-led programme, and will involve us creating online avatars, making educational videos, sharing ideas, getting creative and along the way, we will all learn more about how we can make safer choices online.

Keep an eye out for our videos and messages on the website and in the newsletter!

iVengers, ASSEMBLE



Careers



and



Personal



Development



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Internships

We are keen to build relationships with a range of employers who would work with us on this fantastic opportunity. If you have any contacts or are keen to work with us, please send their details to:

pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

If you have any further questions, please email: parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

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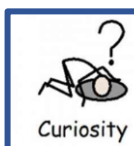
Did you know that Relationship, health and sex education is taught to all pupils and equips pupils with the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves safe and healthy. Our policy has been informed by pupil, parent and staff voice. Staff training, parental surveys and pupil feedback have influenced the school's approach to curriculum content and delivery methods. This includes health education, citizenship and sex education. Parents and carers receive a letter in MER 1 that explains what content will be covered this year. Please email your class if you have not received this letter.



If you have any early help queries or would like some support at home, please email:

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Governor

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Brackenfield Governing Body. If you would like more information on the please contact Kim Maycock, Clerk to Governors on 0115 9733710 or email kmaycock@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk



Parents



Teachers



Association

We are currently trying to get the schools Parent Teacher Association group up and running (PTA) if you could spare a moment to click on the link and fill out the form, we would be very grateful.

<https://forms.office.com/r/XCdaua2csX>



Halloween

On 31st October there will be a selection of Halloween activities happening around school including a cake sale in Rowan class, please send pupils with some change so they can buy themselves a cake, all proceeds are for the school.

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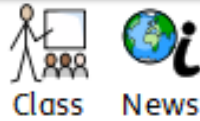


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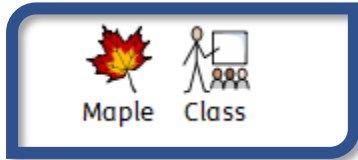


Here are some photos of the amazing things we have been up to this MER!



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Wow Moment!

Before the summer holidays Malick would only eat digestive biscuits. Over the last 7 weeks Malick is trying more and more new foods. He is asking staff to take lids off food pots by bringing them to us. He is looking what food is out for bread snack and taking small amounts and nibbling them.

Malick has become confident exploring food during sensory cooking and forest schools. Over the last 7 weeks Malick has eaten crisps, chicken nuggets, bread and butter, crackers, Naan bread and even tried some breaded fish.

Maple Class also had a super time face painting. This activity engaged lots of the class the children were very intrigued in looking at them selves on the camera as we took selfies of our amazing face painting.



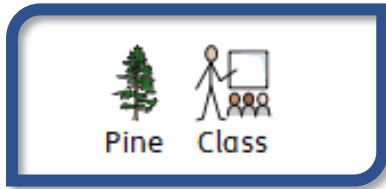
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During MER 1 Pine class were excited to welcome new pupils into our classroom and get them involved in our activities. We have been enjoying a range of weekly themes including minibeasts, bottles and containers, balls, jelly, blocks and balloons. These have allowed us to explore different materials and activities with the pupils. For example the rocket balloons have been a big hit and we have added these onto our pointing boards for choosing during play in class. The pupils enjoyed exploring the mini ball pit in the classroom and throwing different balls both inside and outside. Jelly week was messy and fun and we had some pupils who are often reluctant to touch messy play explore the texture of the jelly. Some of Pine class pupils have joined pupils from across school on trips to soft play and we are looking forward to these visits continuing. We have also been building their confidence in accessing the hall for sensory circuits and exploring a range of different activities in the sensory park. This has included painting on the big mirror, spinning on the roundabout, climbing on the climbing frames and playing games such as chase and hide and seek. Pupils have enjoyed using the sensory floor mat to explore cause and effect scenes and to make choices. Several of our new pupils have started to join in with making choices for morning songs and drumming circle using the pointing boards and we are supporting all the pupils to continue to develop their use of signs, symbols and communication with different staff and for different activities.



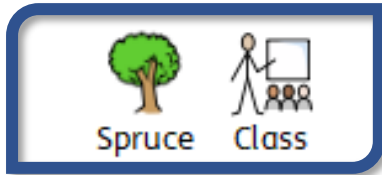
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Spruce have had a great start to the new year. We have enjoyed exploring our brand-new classroom which opens straight out into the playground which gives us lots of opportunities for outdoor learning.

We have enjoyed playing together as a class, building Lego, playing shops, dancing, and singing to our favourite songs.

Everyone has worked really hard to get to know their new staff members and use their communication books to express themselves.

We are looking forward to Halloween and visiting the local community very soon.



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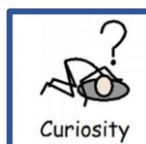
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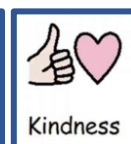
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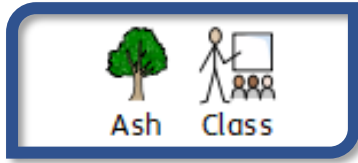


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Ash Class have really enjoyed our immersive themes throughout MER 1. We have all enjoyed exploring with balloons in water, taking our very own pictures and exploring with sponges.



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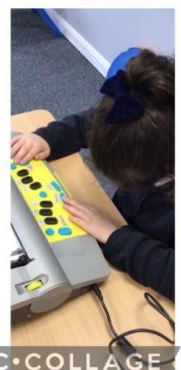


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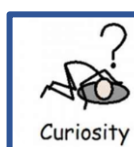
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- Wow! Arthur has just told his family what he did at school for the whole day for the first time ever.
- Wow! Jerome is becoming a real expert with his new communication iPad.
- Wow! Gabriella has been tapping amazing rhythms on her body and drums and playing Emmerdale and Coronation Street on the piano.
- Wow! Szymon has been drawing fantastic pictures of all the classes around the school.
- Wow! Thomas fixed a problem Mr Bozon couldn't sort out!
- Wow! Yousaf showed great paintbrush control to do his best ever painting in school.
- Wow! Eakam really enjoyed being one of Teddy's best friends this half term.
- Wow! Logan loved being one of Debs' special helpers, spraying and wiping the windows and doors.



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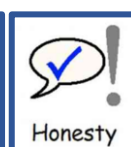
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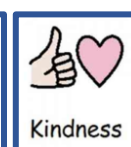
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Oak class have had a fantastic MER filled with opportunities for the pupils to build relationships with peers, learn how to play, increase their engagement and learn about themselves and their feelings. We have learnt about each other and really come together as a class, settling into our timetable and making some brilliant progress. We can't wait to continue this next MER!



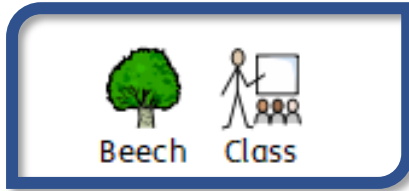
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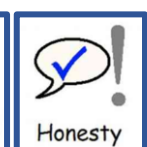
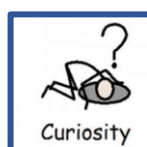


Beech class have had an brilliant MER 1 and been enjoying lots of amazing activities in and out of school. In Forest Schools we have been making bread on the fire and tasting it, it went down a treat! We have visited Petersham Park to practice our travel training and social skills and we also took the indigo bus into Long Eaton to visit Asda and were lucky enough to get a tour of the store and see behind the scenes inside their big freezer and fridge...it was extremely cold!! Before the weather turned too cold we had the chance to go to the Erewash Museum beach and had lots of fun digging and making sandcastles.



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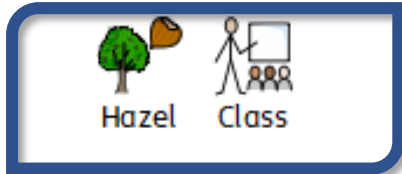
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Hazel class have had a great start to the year, we have really enjoyed going out into the community to the leisure centre, different parks, trips to cafés and going out on the buses. We have had a fantastic time exploring our local area.

As well as being out and about we have also been focusing a lot on friendships and kindness and the pupils have had some great discussions and ideas about this, we even had a Kindness Bingo challenge and Katie and Ellie-Mai managed to complete all tasks, well done! Ella and Mason also showed particular skills of kindness within the classroom.

We have also been thinking about our jobs and careers and we have really enjoyed creating our own products to sell and exploring ways of advertising and selling our products.



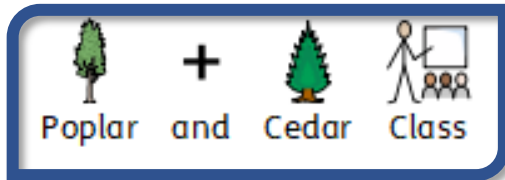
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Poplar together with Cedar students have enrolled in new college courses this term we are studying hair and beauty and motor mechanics.

We are continuing our preparation for adulthood with travel training and working towards using public transport independently. We are improving our maths and English skills, focusing on money and reading everyday texts of varying lengths. The staff team are absolutely thrilled with the progress that all the students are making at the gym navigating the equipment with confidence. We have enjoyed visiting the local community centre and volunteering at the food bank and community kitchen on a Monday morning. In employment we have visited the airport and had speakers come into class from Tesco and Severn Trent.

We have exciting trips out to Derby and Highfields museums, Derby cathedral where we saw the new Gaia earth exhibition and Southwell Minster where we took part in craft activities and had a tour.



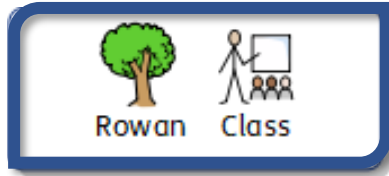
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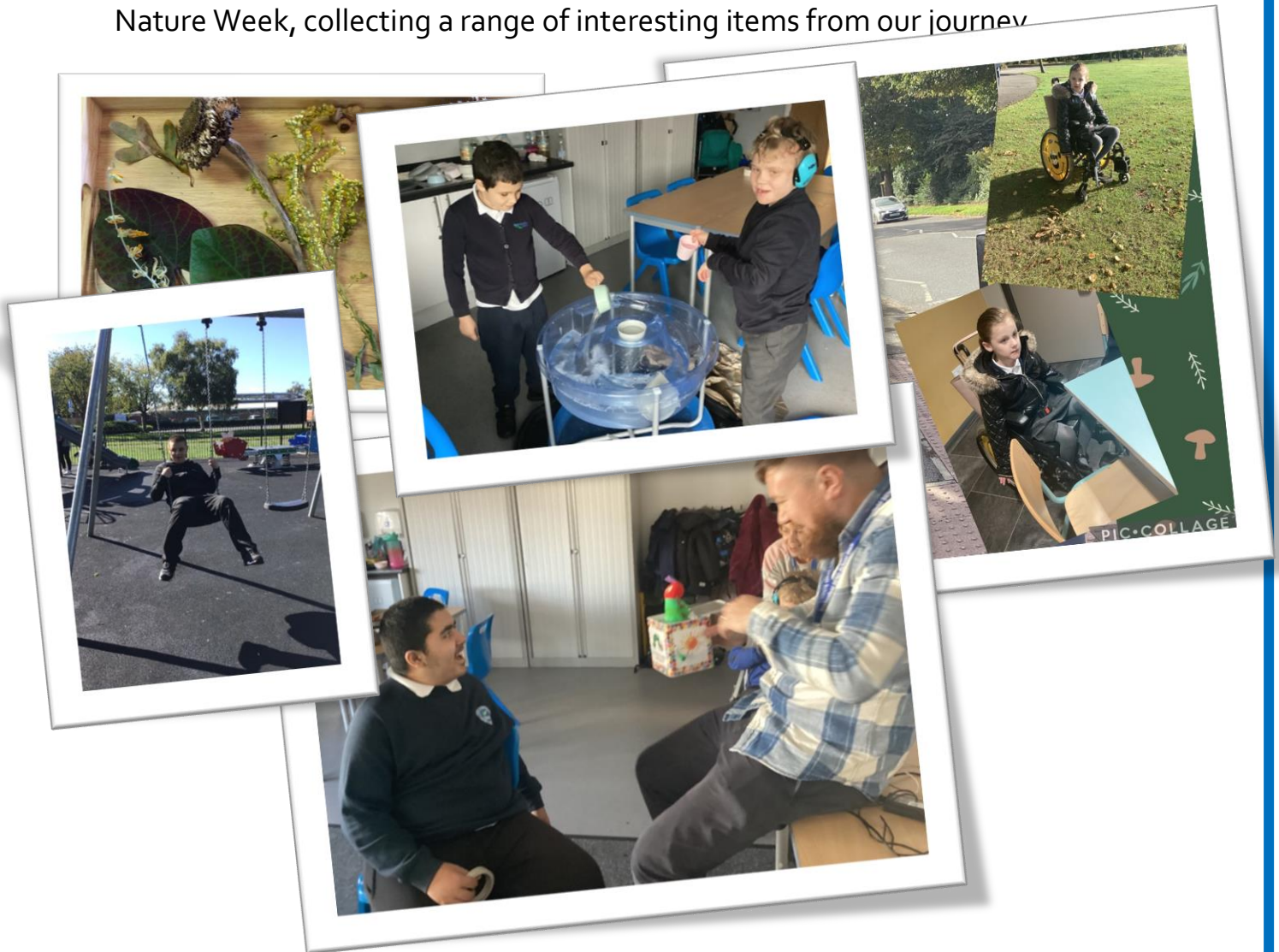


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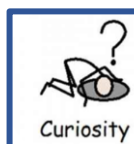
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Rowan class have settled into their brand new classroom nicely and are spending an increasing amount of time out in the community. We have enjoyed visits out to the local park and shops as well as to West Park as part of Nature Week, collecting a range of interesting items from our journey



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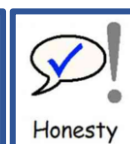
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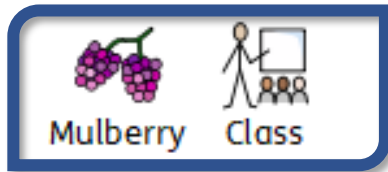


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Mulberry Class

This term Mulberry have been learning about ourselves and what we enjoy and dislike. We have discussed emotions and what our feelings look like. We have been focusing on taking turns and listening to each other. We have started to plan our enterprise project to raise money for school!



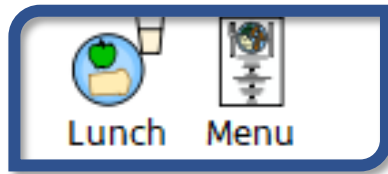
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Please see below for the Autumn/Winter lunch menu.

ORDER A SCHOOL MEAL AND START THEIR FOOD ADVENTURE TODAY						
Dates	Options	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 31.10.22	Main Choice 1	Chicken curry with rice & naan	Veggie cottage pie	Roast pork with creamed potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Big breakfast with local sausages	Breaded fish fillet with chips
21.11.22	Main Choice 2	Vegetable curry with rice & naan	Vegetable quesadilla with pasta	Roast Quorn fillet with creamed potatoes, stuffing & gravy	Veggie breakfast	Cheese & tomato Pinwheel with chips
12.12.22	NEW! Pasta Bowl Option	Italian pasta bowl	Neapolitan pasta bowl	Roasted tomato ragu pasta bowl	Popeye pasta bowl	Creamy macaroni cheese
*16.01.23	Dessert Option	Apple oat biscuit	Jam tart	Fruit jelly	Fresh fruit with bitesize chocolate cracknel	Berry sponge with custard
06.02.23						
27.03.23						
Week 2 07.11.22	Main Choice 1	Cheese & tomato pizza	Organic beef & potato pie with potatoes & gravy	Organic beef meatballs with creamed potatoes & gravy	Hunters chicken with rice	Fish fingers with chips
*28.11.22	Main Choice 2	Veggie bolognese with pasta	Veggie sausage rolls with potatoes & gravy	Vegan meatballs with creamed potatoes & gravy	Hunters Quorn with rice	Vegetable fingers with chips
19.12.22	NEW! Pasta Bowl Option	Popeye pasta bowl	Roasted tomato ragu pasta bowl	Italian pasta bowl	Creamy macaroni cheese	Neapolitan pasta bowl
23.01.23	Dessert Option	Cornflake bar	Sticky fruit sponge with custard	Fresh fruit with bitesize chocolate crunch	Carrot cake muffin	Bakewell 'no nut' tart
*13.02.23						
13.03.23						
Week 3 14.11.22	Main Choice 1	Beef lasagne with homemade bread	Organic beef burger in a bun with potato puffs	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, creamed potatoes & gravy	Quorn dippers with sweet & sour sauce with rice	Salmon fishcake with chips
05.12.22	Main Choice 2	Mediterranean Quorn fillet with sunshine rice	Vegetarian burger in a bun with potato puffs	Cheese flan with creamed potatoes & gravy	Not so hot chilli with rice	Margherita pizza with chips
09.01.23	NEW! Pasta Bowl Option	Italian pasta bowl	Neapolitan pasta bowl	Popeye pasta bowl	Roasted tomato ragu pasta bowl	Creamy macaroni cheese
30.01.23	Dessert Option	Cookie	Sprinkle cake	Fresh fruit with bitesize flapjack	Shortbread slice	Chocolate & pear cake with chocolate custard
*27.02.23						
20.03.23						
*Theme Day Weeks						

Drinking water available daily. Some schools may offer jacket potatoes and sandwiches with various fillings as an alternative to the pasta bowl option. Menus are planned to comply to the current Government School Food Standards. We endeavour to serve food as specified on the menu, however there are some circumstances when this isn't possible. You can be assured that these instances will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Side dishes (potatoes, rice etc), bread & seasonal vegetables or salad served with every meal.

Daily - organic yoghurt & fresh fruit

All diets are suitable for vegetarians

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For those children with medical diet requirements, we offer a tailored menu. Please contact Katie Woods. 07500 654775 or catering@brackenfield-school.co.uk for more information.

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The classes have made a video for their learning adventures during MER1.

<u>Click Here for Acorns Video</u>	<u>Click Here for Maple Video</u>	<u>Click Here for Elm Video</u>	<u>Click Here for Rowan Video</u>	<u>Click Here for Sycamore Video</u>	<u>Click Here for Pine Video</u>
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