

NEWSLETTER



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Autumn term—Week 8

This is the final newsletter of the half term, and what a half term it has been! While it feels so normal now to be in these routines, it is easy to forget that only 8 weeks ago, many of our children had been out of school since March. I really must praise their resilience during this time and how they have settled down to focus on their learning. I must also thank you for your support and for working in partnership with school during this time where we are finding our way in the 'new normal'.

Finally, I must mention the fantastic team that work with your children—whether teachers, support staff, office or site staff—who have worked so hard this half term to ensure its success.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Martin

Website update!

We are delighted to share with you our new website! It has been totally revamped and updated and is packed with key information.



We have plans to continue to develop this over time, including adding on areas for home learning and year group pages where we can share learning and some of our fantastic outcomes with you. Please check it out!

www.brindleyacademy.com

Behaviour Update

We have been listening to parents, children and teachers over the previous term since returning to school and have decided to update our rewards system for children. We have been using 'TEAM time' as a fortnightly reward time for children, but we had noticed a few concerns:

- For some children, it didn't feel like a reward
- For those children who had missed out on some time, they felt they were being punished twice
- To gain extra time, it relied on other children making positive behaviour choices, which didn't feel fair.
- It took away from learning time

So, our school council have been on the case, investigating what rewards children would like! So, from next half term, POINTS MEAN PRIZES! We have set three levels of rewards for children to work to over time:

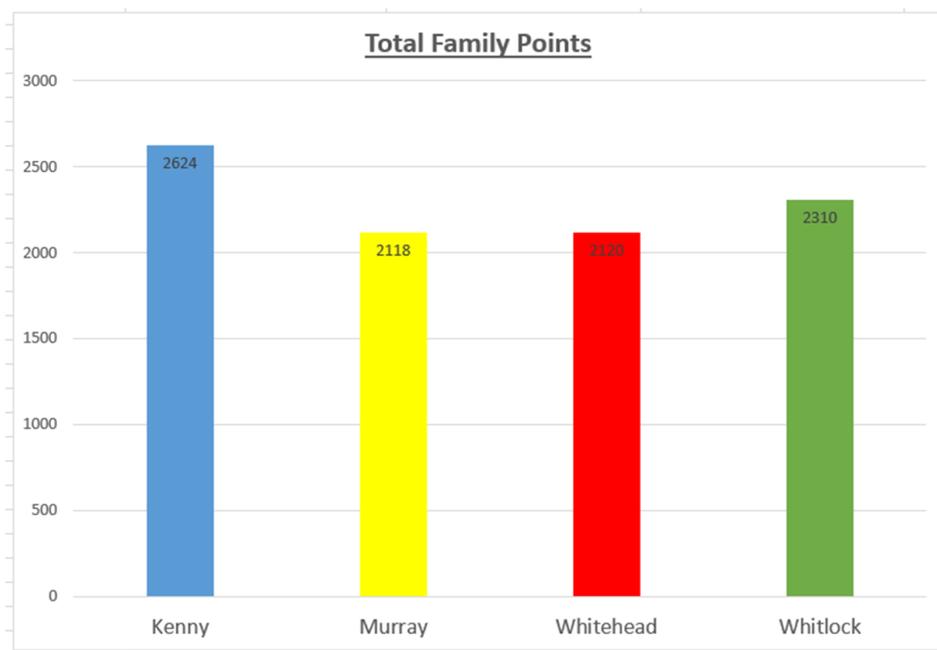
Bronze (100 family points) - A prize from the Lucky Dip Box!

Silver (200 family points) - A Book

Gold (300 family points) - Hot chocolate and cake with Mr Martin.

Children will receive family points to reward displaying fantastic learning behaviours, making excellent choices, setting a great example, producing excellent work and persevering with challenges. These are just a few examples. We have discussed as a staff how we can make sure this is fair across year groups so all children have the opportunity to earn the bronze, silver and gold prizes.

As before, the family points will still be counted so each family win the chance to wear their own clothes for a day.



Well done to Kenny for earning the most family points this half term!

Remember to celebrate by wearing non uniform on MONDAY 2nd November.