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Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the College,

Message from Principal

The early start to the Christmas holiday was perhaps welcomed by pupils at the end of a long term, but the damage caused by frozen pipes was the result of boiler failure and meant a hectic and fraught holiday period for our Premises Officers. Their reaction to the crisis was above and beyond the call of duty as they were in attendance at the college throughout the holiday period, including appearances on Christmas Day! Only through their commitment were we able to open in time for the Spring Term and we owe them our grateful thanks. As a consequence of the damage, we still have issues with the air handling unit that services the college canteen as we await manufacture of an essential part, although this will be resolved shortly.

It has, however, been a very pleasing start to the new term. I am delighted to announce that Brockington College qualified and performed well at the National Final of the First Lego Challenge, after we swept away all opposition at the Regional Heat. The Enrichment Day of Thursday 13 January was a great success and enjoyed by all pupils, who benefitted from learning about other cultures or about different careers. We also recently held House Football and Netball competitions and I was delighted by the sporting yet competitive atmosphere. Finally, I have been particularly pleased by the maturity of the Year 9 pupils, who have sensibly taken the opportunity to find out as much as possible about their option choices during the lead up to option decisions.

You may be aware of the current government initiative to allow schools to convert to Academy status. All Leicestershire schools are sensibly considering the implications of this development and there is no doubt that a vast amount of schools across the country will convert to Academies. Alongside other local schools, we will fully explore the ramifications of a change in status and only consider such a move if it is in the best interests of our pupils. Any school changing to Academy status must consult and provide information to all parents.

The next Parents' Forum meeting is on Wednesday 2 February, when the topic of discussion will be homework. All parents are very welcome to attend the meeting which runs from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Chris Southall, Principal

BROCKINGTON MATTERS

Dates for Your Diary

Year 8 Consultation Evenings:

Band 1: Monday 28 March 2011 (BROCT)
Band 2: Wednesday 30 March 2011 (KINGL)

Year 7 Consultation Evenings:

Band 1: Monday 6 June 2011 (BROCT)
Band 2: Wednesday 8 June 2011 (KINGL)

Year 9 Commemoration Evening: July 2011

Extra Bank Holiday

It was recently announced that there would be an extra Bank Holiday in 2011 for the Royal Wedding. This will be held on Friday 29 April. However, as Leicestershire schools are already on holiday (Easter holidays), the Local Authority has allowed schools to take the Bank Holiday on Tuesday 3 May. This has caused some concern for Primary Schools as they are preparing Year 6 pupils for KS2 SATS. Likewise Upper Schools are preparing pupils for a range of examinations.

Consequently, some schools have applied and been granted permission to take the extra Bank Holiday on Friday 15 July (last day of the Summer Term). Brockington College will attempt to help parents by taking the extra Bank Holiday on the day when most local schools decide to take the Bank Holiday. We will gather this information from other local schools and inform parents as soon as we have made a decision.

In the meantime, please do not make arrangements for either day.

Home/College Communication



As you will be aware, we have increased the amount of communication between college and home. When we send text messages home in future, they will begin with the initials BC to let you know that the text is from Brockington College.

Our next planned development is access to online reporting for parents. This will allow parents to view their child's academic data through the internet. We are currently trialing this system and will provide further details when the system is launched to parents.

Public buses from Braunstone area

Pupils catching the number 50 bus from Narborough Road/Braunstone Lane at 8.26 am are sometimes arriving late at college due to the bus being delayed or following the walk from Cooperation Street. The earlier bus leaves at 8.06 am from Narborough Road/Braunstone Lane and this will enable pupils to ensure that they arrive on time as it should arrive at Cooperation Street at 8.18 am and so if delayed, pupils should still get to college on time. Pupils can enter the school building from 8.20 am, so will not have to wait outside should they arrive early.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Free School Meals



If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please ring the 'School Food Support Service' on 0116 3057093 during office hours.

They will be able to tell you immediately if you are entitled to claim and will register your child immediately. Pupils are eligible if parents are in receipt of benefits or child tax credit (with an income of less than £16,040).

Please note that information about pupils claiming free school meals will remain confidential.

College Car Park



Thank you to all parents for supporting our new car park rules.



Parents now park in designated car park bays or when full, the overspill car park. This has made the car park a lot safer, quicker to enter and exit and has made life a lot easier for the coach drivers.

Your support is much appreciated.

HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2010-2011

Spring Term 2011

Mid-term break: 21 to 25 February 2011
School closes: 15 April 2011

Summer Term 2011

May Day: 2 May 2011
School opens: 3 May 2011
Mid-term break: 30 May to 3 June 2011
School closes: 15 July 2011

WANTED

The Food Department urgently needs plastic bags!!!

We always need plastic boxes and tins in the food room. Chinese tubs are also most welcome.



Year 9 Which way now?

Time is fast approaching for a decision to be made on your options for Key Stage 4. If you are still finding it difficult to make those decisions, there are lots of different sources available to you to help you make that decision:-

- 1) Speak to your form tutor
- 2) Speak to Mrs R Thorpe (Curriculum Leader for Careers Education)
- 3) Make an appointment with Nicky Clooney (Connexions Personal Advisor)
- 4) Use the pathfinder programme
- 5) Have a read through the 'Which Way Now?' Booklet available at www.cegnet.co.uk (alternatively speak to Mrs Thorpe if you would like a paper copy)



BROCKINGTON NEWS

BIKE SPACES AVAILABLE

If you want to ride your bicycle to school there are still a limited number of bike spaces available.

Applications from pupils will be considered regardless of the distance you cycle.

Please note that permits will be issued on a first come first served basis.

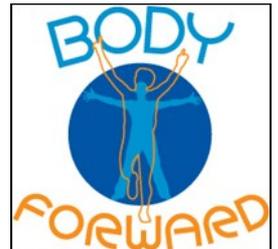
Please ask for a cycle permit letter from reception – all applications must be in by Friday 11 February 2011.



Success for the Brockington Lego teams at the Leicestershire Regional Finals

An amazing day was had by all at the First Lego League Regional Finals at Loughborough University on 12 January. Brockington entered 5 teams: Team Dynamite, The Epical Assassins, Team Terminator, Brick Bots and The Lego Kids.

They all had a non-stop day competing in four main areas: the Robot Competition, Technical Judging, Teamwork and Project Presentation, as well as an additional Team Challenge. At the end of the day our Teams took home 4 trophies; including Regional Champions for The Lego Kids.



On Saturday 22 January, The Lego Kids went on to experience the amazing UK & Ireland Final where they competed against teams from all over the country and Ireland! A great day was had by all.

I would just like to say a huge well done to all of the pupils in all of the teams and thank you to their parents for bringing them on Saturday mornings week after week and supporting them throughout. Lego Rules 😊.



MONTHLY MATHS CHALLENGE!

Well done to Joel Halford (7K) who won December's Challenge.

His name was drawn from all the entries gaining maximum points, for either the Mind Bender challenge or the Creative challenge.

January's Maths challenge entries are now being processed. Good Luck!

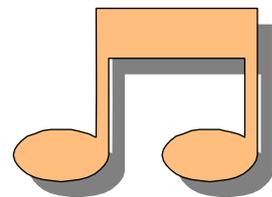
LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now displayed outside the main college reception at lunch times giving pupils a daily chance to reclaim any missing items. Parents/carers who wish to come in to view lost property should telephone reception (01162863722) to make arrangements to come in to do so after school.



Due to the volume of lost property anything remaining after 2 weeks will be donated to charity

Music News



Music Examination Results

Well done to the following pupils who have been successful in their musical instrument examinations. The hard work has really paid off! Well done!

Adam Chapman (9K) - Grade 3 Saxophone - Pass.

Good luck to all pupils taking musical instrument examinations over the next couple of months, and remember that you can go through the aural, sight reading and play your pieces to Mrs Shaw for a practice examination, just book a time.

Musical Instrument Lessons

We offer lessons on a wide variety of musical instruments at Brockington College. If your child would like to start playing a musical instrument, then please telephone the Leicester Arts in Education service on 0116 2700 850. Ask to speak to a lady called Gemma White who will take your details and send you the relevant information and forms to sign.

If you would like to order guitar lessons, then please call Mr Dave Jobson directly on 0116 292 0622 or 07948 402728.

'Destination Dance' - Boys Dance Project

On Friday 21 January, 47 boys from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a dance workshop with the fabulous Donald Edwards. Donald is a professional dancer who has worked in many of the top musicals in London and national touring companies. He is hoping to start a boys' dance group in Leicester and is working in many schools delivering taster sessions to introduce the pupils to the many types of dance they would learn, if they joined the dance group. The sessions started with basic warm-up exercises and moved into the pupils learning sequences of moves, that were all linked to more popular sports such as football and rugby. This really made the pupils think and took away any of the stereotypical thoughts they had previously about boys and dance. All the pupils involved worked incredibly hard and had a great time learning from Donald. Information regarding the new dance group will be available from Brockington College in the near future. Well done everyone!

Christmas Show 2010

On Wednesday 8 December 2010, over 70 pupils took part in our annual Christmas Show. There were dancers, singers, actors, comedians and musicians who gave many splendid performances throughout the evening. It was a real celebration of Christmas through the power of the performing arts and showed off the many talents of our students. Well done to everyone who took part, the hard work really paid off. You were all a-maz-ing!

Performance dates

'Performing Arts Gifted and Talented Showcase' - Wednesday 16 February 2011 - 7.00 pm-9.00 pm. Tickets are priced £4.00 adults, £2.00 children and concessions and will be on sale from Monday 12 February from Mrs Shaw at Brockington College.

Music Clubs this term

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.00-1.30	Singing Group	Theory Class	Rock Groups	Keyboard Club	Rock Groups
3.30-4.30		Rock Groups	Rock Groups	Rock Groups Orchestra	



Warwick Castle On the 17 December 2010 - 12 pupils were selected from a mixture of Year 7, 8 and 9 to visit Warwick Castle as a reward for their continued good behaviour and for maintaining 100% attendance.



Despite the wintry conditions their spirits were not dampened and the group had a very educational and fun filled day! Some of the finest moments of the day were interacting with the guides to get an insight into castle life, seeing the castle and grounds covered in festive decorations and a 30 ft Christmas tree in the Great Hall. They took advantage of the fairground attractions and several students were lucky enough to win coconuts! With lots to keep them occupied and involved it was a busy day. The highlight was the **Dungeon Tour**, where the students had an active part in the retelling of the story of the 'Black Death'. It was gruesome and gory and at times full of frights! It truly brought History to life! After managing to duck the odd snowball here and there, the group travelled back to school after an eventful and thoroughly enjoyable day.

We look forward to taking the next trip out just before Easter, destination yet to be decided. But if you want to be eligible, then no C3s and 100% attendance is essential!





**Thursday 16 June 2011
Years 7, 8 and 9
Day visit to the
Good Food Show in
Birmingham**

**for a sizzling day out packed
with regional and seasonal food, sizzling BBQ's
and celebrity chef entertainment!**

**If you are interested letters, and details
will be issued shortly by Mrs F Clarke**

Education Sunday



Sunday 20 February is Education Sunday and there will be church services across the country on this date to celebrate the contribution of education to society and in particular to our children.

If you would like to attend the service at Enderby Parish Church, you would be very welcome. The service commences at 9.30 am.

Kash 4 Kenya

Fundraising projects to enable Brockington Students to visit & support schools in Mtwapa

Kenya

After a fantastic interest shown by the current Year 8 and 9 pupils, preparations have begun to select the next group of lucky individuals who will plan, prepare, sweat, toil and then travel to Kenya during Easter 2012. So far we have had the first two stages of the selection process. First was the presentations, the standards were very high and the staff were all enthused about the group of students who had put themselves forward for the experience. It was a great experience for the returning Lutterworth College students, who visited Kenya in July 2010, to see the presentations and experience the other side of the process, they asked insightful questions and were able to share experiences with the new group.

Next came the interviews with a panel of teachers. Tensions were high, nerves started to show, but there were some amazing answers given to the questions and the students involved did themselves proud. Next came the difficult part, some of the pupils had to be cut from the running. A tough decision to make, but everyone who had taken part up to this point should be proud of their achievements. The competition was tough and eventually some students were informed that they had not made it through to the next stage of the process.

The lucky remaining few will take part in the next stage over the next few weeks, then final decisions will have to be made as to who has made it. Once this decision is made, the hard work really starts as we start our twelve month fundraising and awareness drive, to enable the pupils to raise enough money to get to Kenya and to do vital charity work when they are there.

Look out for our kash4kenya logo and please continue to support us!

For more information about the trip or our fundraising please email: kenya@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Wanted!

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help us to deliver sessions on our upcoming 'Enrichment Day' on the theme of the continent of Asia. We would like anybody who has knowledge, skills or expertise related to the continent of Asia. We would like a mixture of practical sessions and knowledge based sessions to help our students to understand the diversity of cultures the world has to offer and to give them a taste of traditions and what life is like in another continent. Do you have knowledge of food, jewellery, clothing, music, dancing, language, sports or any other aspects of 'Asian' lifestyles? Would you be willing to run taster sessions for a group of Brockington pupils?



Are you available on Tuesday 5 April 2011? If you answer yes to these questions then please contact the school for further details. Call the school or email on: admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk and mark with the subject title: Enrichment Day.

BROCKINGTON CURRICULUM

Badminton Results

Home Match v Leysland - Tuesday 25 January

Girls won 7 - 1

Boys won 6 - 2



Under 14 Hockey Team

In December, our Under 14's were playing in the Leicestershire County Hockey League finals. They were through to the finals as a result of their efforts during the matches in November in the South area. (We were the only state school to make it to the finals!!!)



They beat Loughborough HSB 2-0, Dixie GS 1-0 and drew 0-0 with Leicester GS. In their final game they were beaten 3-0 by a class side from Loughborough Grammar School. However this meant that Brockington College Under 14's were runners up in the Leicestershire County Hockey League!!! What superstars!!

The squad are;

Molly Beazley	Caroline Peck
Amy Humphreys	Georgia Woods
Simran Virk	Alice Porter
Amber Wilson	Holly Jones
Bethany Matthews	

Sports Leaders

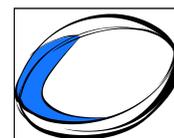


A huge thank you and well done to the 13 sports leaders who helped organise and deliver the Blaby Fitness Fun Day on Saturday 15 January. They were fantastic!

Naomi Cope	Georgia Brant
Georgia Woods	Jessica Noake
James Lyon	Josh Cope
Simran Virk	Joe Newman
Michael Reeder	Amber Wilson
Leigh Anne Wright	Holly Jones
Amy Humphreys	

Rugby (Year 8)

County Plate Quarter Final



Brockington 19 Ratcliffe College 28
Player of the match Oliver Slingsby

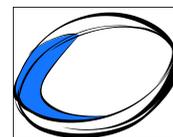
Under 13 Hockey Results

Matches played on Tuesday 18 January
Lost 0-1 to Kibworth
Beat Lutterworth 1-0 (goal scored by Molly Maddison)
Drew Leicester Grammar A team 0-0
Drew Leicester Grammar B team 0-0
Player of the match award - Alice Porter



Rugby (Year 7)

Against Winstanley Community College
Winstanley 25 Brockington 15



The Year 7 rugby team played with inspiration and confidence in their first ever match together. Aston King scored the opening try and Brockington were dominating possession in the early stages of the 1st half. Winstanley fought back and their strength showed as they scored 4 times in the remainder of the 1st half. In the 2nd half we came out with passion and determination a couple of big tackles from Joel Halford and Jake Theobald really inspired the team. Brockington dominated the 2nd half from start to finish and ran in 2 more tries from Tommy Wood and Aston King for his second. It was a brilliant performance considering Mr Platts put out an untested Year 7 side against a combined Year 7 & 8 Winstanley team.

The player of the match went to Mitchel Sandicki

The next game is on the 10 February (Away to Lutterworth High school).

Results of the Year 8 Hockey Team

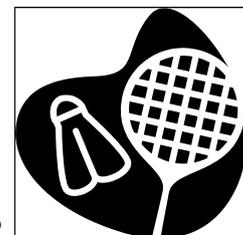
Brockington 0 Kibworth 0
Brockington 1 Leicester Grammar A 1
Brockington 0 Leicester Grammar B 0
Brockington 3 Lutterworth 0



Goals from Kim Taylor 2, Jenny Maddison 1 and Alice Porter 1

Player of the matches Kim Taylor and Jenny Maddison

House Badminton Results



Year 7 Boys

1 st Plantagenet	9 pts
2 nd Tudor	7 pts
3 rd Stuart	5 pts
4 th Windsor	3 pts

Year 7 Girls

1 st Stuart	8 pts
2 nd Plantagenet	6 pts
=3 rd Windsor	5pts
=3 rd Tudor	5 pts

Year 8 Boys

=1 st Tudor	7 pts
=1 st Windsor	7 pts
=1 st Stuart	7 pts
4 th Plantagenet	3 pts

Year 8 Girls

1 st Stuart	9 pts
2 nd Plantagenet	7 pts
3 rd Tudor	5 pts
4 th Windsor	3 pts

Year 9

=1 st Stuart	7 pts
=1 st Windsor	7 pts
=1 st Tudor	7 pts
4 th Plantagenet	3 pts

Year 9 Girls

1 st Stuart	9 pts
=2 nd Tudor	6 pts
=2 nd Windsor	6 pts
4 th Plantagenet	3 pts

OVERALL COMPETITION RESULTS

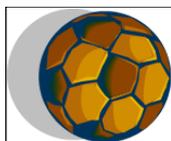
Boys

<u>Winners – Tudor</u>	<u>21 pts</u>
Runners up – Stuart	19 pts
3 rd place – Windsor	17 pts
4 th place – Plantagenet	15pts

Girls

<u>Winners - Stuart</u>	<u>26 pts</u>
= 2 nd place – Plantagenet	16 pts
=2 nd place – Tudor	16 pts
4 th place – Windsor	14 pts

House Football Results



Year 7

1 st Stuart	9 pts
2 nd Windsor	7 pts
3 rd Plantagenet	5 pts
4 th Tudor	3 pts

Year 8

=1 st Windsor	8 pts
=1 st Tudor	8 pts
3 rd Plantagenet	5 pts
4 th Stuart	3 pts

Year 9

=1 st Plantagenet	7 pts
=1 st Stuart	7 pts
=3 rd Tudor	5 pts
=3 rd Windsor	5 pts

OVERALL COMPETITION RESULTS

Winners – Windsor	20 pts
Runners up – Stuart	19 pts
3 rd place – Plantagenet	17 pts
4 th place – Tudor	16pts

House Netball Results



Year 7

1 st Windsor	9 pts
2 nd Plantagenet	7 pts
3 rd Tudor	5 pts
4 th Stuart	3 pts

Year 8

=1 st Plantagenet	8 pts
=1 st Stuart	8 pts
3 rd Windsor	5 pts
4 th Tudor	3 pts

Year 9

=1 st Stuart	8 pts
=1 st Plantagenet	8 pts
=3 rd Windsor	4 pts
=3 rd Tudor	4 pts

OVERALL COMPETITION RESULTS

Winners – Plantagenet	23 pts
Runners up – Stuart	19 pts
3 rd place – Windsor	18 pts
4 th place – Tudor	12pts

Facebook Concerns



It is essential that any users of facebook use privacy settings to ensure that only invited friends have access to their facebook page. Those not taking advantage of these security settings could receive unwanted or abusive contacts from complete strangers.

Leicestershire Police have also asked us to highlight the following concern:

Advice re fake model agency scam on Facebook that targets children

Police are alerting parents and children to a scam that appears to be circulating on Facebook surrounding fake modelling agencies.

Officers are issuing a warning to prevent anyone potentially falling victim to this scam which involves a number of social network sites posing as genuine modelling agencies and inciting children to pose in their underwear.

It appears a number of false Facebook profiles have been set up posing as modelling agencies; the profiles even use an agency logo to try to appear genuine. They then contact children through their email accounts asking them if they are interested in modelling. What follows is a series of emails which ends with the child being pressured into sending photographs of themselves in their underwear.

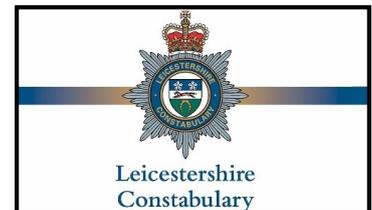
Police have received reports from concerned parents and these are currently under investigation. The modelling agencies appear to be Leicester based and the most recent agency used is the Pat Keeling Modelling Agency. Police are working with Facebook for this particular site to be removed but new sites may continue to be set up.

Pat Keeling Modelling Agency does not have a Facebook site and have pointed this out on their own genuine website. Pat Keeling said: "We would never approach people we do not know, people approach us. We do not use social networking sites to contact people. If someone is interested in modelling then they should visit a reputable modelling agency and have a face to face chat."

Detective Sergeant Ed Jones, the Paedophile and Online Investigation team, said: "Do not be fooled by these emails, a reputable modelling agency would never approach you in this way. Do not post pictures online of yourself posing in your underwear and if you are under 18 these photographs may be indecent under UK Law. You have no control when posting photos on the internet on where they may end up and they could appear on the internet forever.

"If you do find yourself in a situation of this nature online you can use the CEOP Report Abuse Button which is now available as an app on Facebook or contact police. The website www.thinkuknow.co.uk also has more information and advice for anyone concerned by these sites."

Anyone who has information is asked to contact police on Leicester (0116) 222 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 which is free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.



HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2011-2012

Autumn Term 2011

School opens: 1 September 2011
Mid-term break: 17 to 21 October 2011
School closes: 22 December 2011

Spring Term 2012

School opens: 9 January 2012
Mid-term break: 13 to 17 February 2012
School closes: 30 March 2012

Summer Term 2012

School opens: 16 April 2012
May Day: 7 May 2012
Mid-term break: 28 May to 1 June 2012
School closes: 13 July 2012

Adult Learning at Brockington



It's not too late to sign up for a class!!!

We offer a variety of daytime and evening classes for adults in the following curriculum areas - Arts, Care & Vocational, Sports, Languages, Skills for Life and IT.

If you are interested in joining a course or would like some more information or advice on courses throughout the county, please do not hesitate to contact the **Central Enrolment Team:**

Freephone 0800 988 0308

Have a look at the Leicestershire Adult Learning Website:
www.leics.gov.uk/golearn

Up to 100% discount for those in receipt of benefits – please ring for further information.

Brockington College's Artificial Grass Pitch

Our full size 3G pitch can be used for football and training for a range of sports and is fully floodlit and covered by CCTV. The rubber crumb pitch is available to hire any evening of the week, (where spaces in the timetable permit) for casual pay and play use, as well as weekly team training. The pitch can be hired by the third or in its entirety, (our thirds are approximately three times the size of some operators' small sided pitches). We also hire out the facility on Saturday and Sunday too if you need a surface that won't get muddy in winter! Whether you want a pitch for a one off football game or need a pitch to train on a weekly basis, we offer competitive prices and a state of the art playing surface to suit your sporting needs.

For more information, please contact Steve Buck (lettings@brockington.leics.sch.uk) or 0116 286 3722 for availability and prices.



Artificial Grass Pitch Sponsors are:-



**Narborough & Littlethorpe Action Group
Parents and Friends of Brockington College**



Leicestershire & Rutland County FA
DEVELOPING FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE



Want to reduce your fuel costs, help us work towards a greener future and make your week a bit easier!!!!

If you find that bringing your children to school some days or picking them up after a club is difficult and you would like to not only reduce your fuel costs, but also help us at Brockington work towards a greener environment, then why not participate in the Brockington Car Share Scheme.

If you are interested in sharing journeys with another parent please ask for a letter from reception, fill in the details and return.

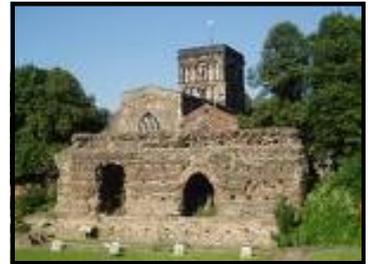
Your details and requirements will be stored within school and if another parent matches your needs we will contact you to see if you are happy for your details to be passed on.

Please note – no details will be passed to any third party without your consent



Food Through the Ages Saturday 5 February (11.30 am – 3.30 pm) Jewry Wall Museum

Discover the history of what goes on your dinner plate. Could you have survived as a prehistoric hunter gatherer? Did the Romans know their onions? Was a medieval feast fair or fowl? See dishes recreated from the past, hear talks about how we gather the evidence and take part in craft activities and games. Event run by the Friends of Jewry Wall Museum.



Roman Rituals for a Bathing Bonanza Saturday 19 - Sunday 27 February (11.30 am – 3.30 pm) Jewry Wall Museum

Join us during half term and explore the Roman bathhouse using our fantastic family-friendly backpacks. These backpacks help you discover what life was like for an attendant working in the baths and a merchant visiting the baths in Roman times. They include activities to play, objects to handle and costumes to wear. Also, take home a Roman activity pack to keep the children entertained during the holiday!

Make New and Mend Monday 21 February (11.00 am – 3.30 pm) Newarke Houses Museum and Gardens

Children's activity day using recycled materials to make items including bead bracelets and fish or bird decorations. Visit the home front gallery for ideas on how to re-use your everyday items. £2.00 for activities.



Astronomy in 2011

December 2010

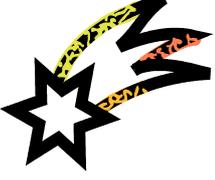
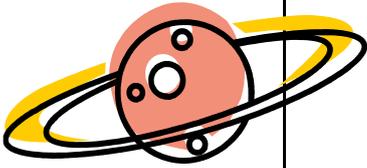
13th & 14th—Meteor Shower

21st—Total Lunar Eclipse

21st—Winter Solstice (shortest day of the year)

Meteor Showers are evenings of shooting stars across the sky. If the sky is clear, and you stay up late, you might see dozens of them an hour!

An eclipse is where the Earth blocks out the sun or the moon, so they appear to go dark!

January	February	March	April
<p>3rd & 4th—Meteor Shower</p> <p>4th—Partial Solar Eclipse</p>		<p>20th—Vernal Equinox (equal amount of day and night)</p> 	<p>3rd—Saturn at closest point to Earth</p> <p>21st & 22nd—Meteor Shower</p>
May	June	July	August
<p>5th & 6th—Meteor Shower</p> 	<p>15th—Total Lunar Eclipse</p> <p>21st—Summer Solstice (longest day of the year)</p>	<p>28th & 29th—Meteor Shower</p> 	<p>22nd—Pluto at closest point to Earth</p>
September	October	November	December
<p>23rd—Autumnal Equinox (equal amount of day and night)</p> <p>25th—Uranus at closest point to Earth</p>	<p>21st & 22nd—Meteor Shower</p> <p>29th—Jupiter at closest point to Earth</p>	<p>17th & 18th—Meteor Shower</p> 	<p>10th—Total Lunar Eclipse</p> <p>13th & 14th—Meteor Shower</p> <p>21st—Winter Solstice (shortest day of the year)</p>

Cultural Festival for residents across Blaby District

In February 2010, Community Action Blaby District hosted the first Cultural Festival for residents across Blaby District. It was a great success, with many people coming and experiencing things they wouldn't in their everyday lives from Indian and Chinese dancing, African drumming, belly dancing, hula hooping and lots more, including a world buffet.

This year's festival is already shaping up to be a great event with Cuban Salsa, Djembe Drumming, Morris Dancing, Chinese Lion Dance, Circus Skills, Indian Dancing, Tribal Mask Making and much more for everyone to be involved in. We also have objects from open museums to help educate about other faiths and cultures and a chance to taste food from around the world.

The aims of the festival are to raise awareness and increase understanding of other cultures of people living in our communities whilst giving the opportunities for people to experience new things.

The Festival of Culture will take place on Wednesday 23rd February from 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm (doors open at 5.45 pm) and will be held at Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby. This event is FREE, so why not bring your friends and family along to enjoy a fun packed evening and try something new!

For more information please contact Darren Walker at Community Action Blaby District on 0116 272 7669 or email: community@cabd.org.uk

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CHINESE LION DANCE... CIRCUS SKILLS...
INDIAN DANCING... MASK MAKING...
WORLD FOODS AND MUCH MORE...**



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