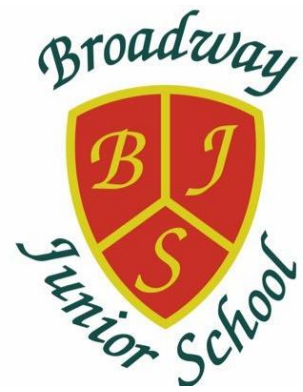


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Dear Families,

You may be aware that there is a government online check for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check". Your child is due to take this check in June. I am sure that we do not want our students worried or stressed about the check. The Government have called it a 'check' rather than a 'test' or 'exam' for that reason. There's no pass or fail, there's just a score out of 25 marks. They're not to be used to compare children, they're for *us* to reflect on so that we make the most of our provision. The attached government leaflet explains how the check will operate.

The national curriculum expectation is for primary school children to know all their times tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of Year 4. Times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving in everyday life, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

I'm sure, like us, you will want your child to be as well prepared as they can be for this check so they can fulfil their potential. Every week (starting NEXT week) the children will be set a homework task on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). This will be to spend 10 minutes completing garage games. Little and often is the key to success and results show spending just a few minutes a day over the course of a week is more beneficial to recall than just one 10 minute session per week. Obviously, the children can spend longer playing if they wish. The easiest and quickest way for your child to access TTRS is by downloading the free app onto a tablet or phone; however, logging on using a laptop or PC is also fine.

Our school uses TTRS to participate in an 'unofficial check'. This means that children will complete a practice check in October, January and April before the official government check in June. Your child participated in this practice check in October and their results are shown in the box below.

Later this term, your child's class teacher will hold a short session for parents/carers to show you what the check will look like and provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions. If you have any questions in the meantime or you require any assistance with using TTRS, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

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Score out of 25:

