

Curriculum Enrichments...

Exciting New Project starting in Reception

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that work will be beginning on our all-new play area for children in Reception class next week!

After weeks of careful planning and preparation, the site is all ready for the contractors to come in and start on the project. The final play area design can be seen below.

PROPOSED FS2 AREA



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Timber Sandbox with Sliding Lid



Stepping Logs



Rope Walk



Balance Beam



Stilts



Timber Playhouse - Sloped



Makalu - 1 Tower



Traverse Panel



Timber Bridge

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The installation of the equipment will not affect the children's learning, although they may hear the contractors at work and might even get the opportunity to watch and see some of their new play area taking shape. We look forward to sharing pictures of the finished project in weeks to come.

Competition Details – Still time to enter!

There is still time to enter the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards annual competition; this year it is all about Saving the Planet and they are asking children to design an A4 sized poster on 'Steps to Save the Planet'. The pupil with the best design will win £1000 for the school as well as £100 Amazon voucher for themselves! **The competition closes on 24th January 2025.**

If you need a copy of the template for entries, please pop into the school office. All entries must include the child's full name, year group and school name.

You can either return your entry to school and we will make sure they get submitted on time, or you can post your entry to: 2025 Steps to Save the Planet Competition, Radius Court, Eastern Road, Bracknell RG12 2UP

Parents' Evening – 21st and 23rd January

There is still time to book your parents' evening appointment if you have not already done so. The letter can be found on our website for convenience: [Parents' Evening Letter](#) and the booking portal will close at 12.00pm on Sunday 19th January.

Coming Soon - SEN Coffee Mornings

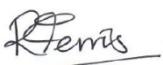
Starting at the end of January, we will be holding SEN coffee mornings in school, led by the Mental Health Support Team from CAMHS. The first session will be about the support the MHST can offer and the other sessions will be chosen by parents and can be about sleep difficulties, phobias, etc.

The first SEN coffee morning will be on **Friday 31st January between 9.00-10.00am**

There is additional information about the MHST and what they can offer attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have feedback on any part of what we do at GHPS please do share it with us. Looking forward to seeing you on the playgrounds next week.

Have a lovely weekend



Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Blue Butterflies (98.9%)

2nd Place – Panthers (97.4%)

3rd Place – Falcons (96.2%)



Resilience Workshop – Cancelled

Unfortunately, the Resilience Workshop sessions have been cancelled as there were not enough parents signed up to make the course possible. We hope to run them in the future.

Year 1 Kings and Queens Day

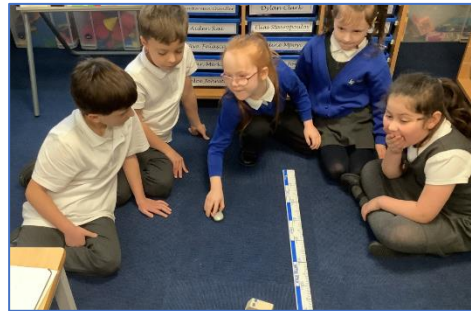
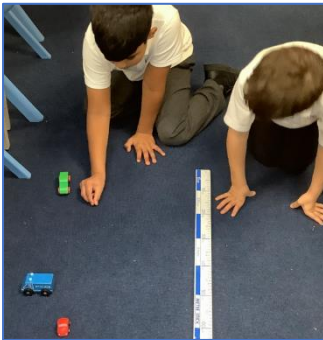
There was a very royal presence in Key Stage 1 on Friday when Foxes class enjoyed their Kings and Queens Day to begin their new topic this term.



Year 2 – Wheely Good Science

This week the children in Hedgehogs class have been learning about the characteristics and uses of a range of common materials.

They have been investigating which material makes the best wheel on a toy car.



Year 3 and 4 – Light and Shadow

The children in Years 3 and 4 continued their learning of light this week, focussing on the terms, opaque, translucent and transparent. The children then investigated shadows and created their own shadow puppets and theatres.



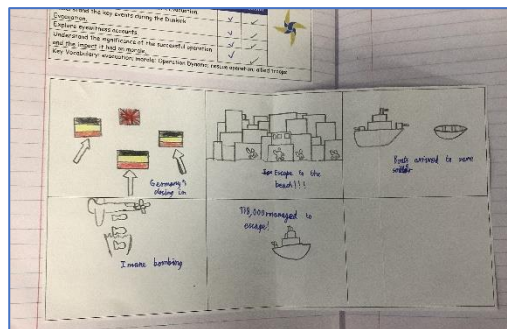
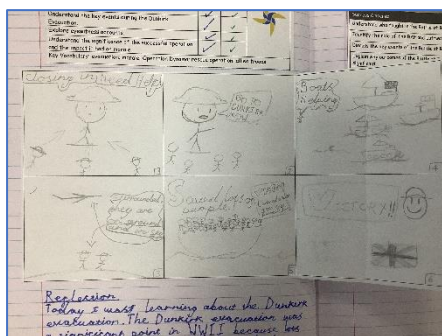
Year 4 have been learning about the 8 points of a compass this week. They made their own compasses and used them to direct their friends around the playground.



Year 5 and 6 – Tom's Midnight Garden and the Battle of Dunkirk

In Tigers this week we have been making comic strips about the Battle of Dunkirk. After learning about the key events and importance of this incident in the war, they recorded their ideas as a story to sequence the events.

In Panthers and Lions, we have been enjoying our new class reading book of 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. It links to our science topic about plants and features detailed descriptions about the magical garden that Tom finds. We have been exploring it in more detail to answer both comprehension questions and develop our knowledge of extended sentences.



Nominations for the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards

Nominations are now open for the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards – to nominate for any of the categories, just visit <https://prideofbracknell.com/nominate/> or use the QR code below before the deadline of 21st February 2025.

20 Years of Celebrating Bracknell Forest's Heroes!

Who is your LOCAL HERO?

PRIDE OF BRACKNELL FOREST AWARDS 2025

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations in our community. We showcase those local heroes who make life in the Bracknell Forest better.

Show your support by nominating someone today:

- Business of the Year
- Charity of the Year
- The John Nike Pride of Bracknell Forest Award (Adult & Young)
- Long-Standing Service to the Community Award
- School of the Year
- Sport & Achievement Award (Adult & Young)
- Teacher of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Young Person in Business

- prideofbracknell.com/nominate
- contact@prideofbracknell.com
- [Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards](https://www.facebook.com/PrideofBracknellForestAwards)
- [@PoBFA](https://twitter.com/PoBFA)

Please submit all nominations by Friday 21st February

After School Activity Clubs

There are several after school activity clubs running at the moment:

Choir with Mrs van der Rest for Year 3-6 – Tuesdays, 3.15-4.15pm

Our choir club still has spaces available! If your child would like to sign up and take part, please complete our online consent form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZuXLdm86CQ>

We are hoping that the choir will be performing as part of the Junior Music Festival at the Hexagon in Reading during the Summer Term. It's important for the children to sign up and attend the club every week so they can practise, practise, practise!

Judo Club every Wednesday

Every week in Gold Hall, Judo Club Osaka hold their club for children in Years R-6. The club runs every Wednesday from 3.15-4.15pm, starting 15th January until 12th February. The cost for the course is £32.50 for 5 weeks.

[Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for booking information.](#)

Sport4Kids Clubs

Sport4Kids are offering the following clubs to our pupils after school. All bookings, payments or questions about the clubs should be directed to Sport4Kids and not via the school. For next term the clubs on offer will be:

Monday: KS1 Arts & Crafts
 Tuesday: KS2 Gymnastics and Dance
 Wednesday: KS1 Football
 Thursday: KS2 Nerf Club
 Friday: KS2 Football



Sport4Kids clubs will run from 3.20pm to 4.25pm. Children go to clubs direct from their classes and you can book a place via the Sport4Kids website: [Sport4Kids Website](#)

Diary Dates

JANUARY 2025	
Tuesday 21 st	<p>Year 2: Breakfast Workshop in school (pupils only) – details to follow</p> <p>Years R-6: Parents' Evening (in person) – 4.30-7.00pm</p>
Thursday 23 rd	Years R-6: Parents' Evening (in person) – 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 24 th	Year 2: Brooklands Museum Trip – click here for letter
Wednesday 29 th	<p>Reception: Family Learning Maths 'Magic Pebbles' Workshop – 1.45-3.10pm</p> <p>First Days Charity 'Pop-up' Coat Event offering warm winter coats, hats, etc – 3.00-4.00pm</p>
Thursday 30 th	FRoGS PTA: PTA Meeting to discuss upcoming events – 6.00-8.00pm enter via main school reception
Friday 31 st	<p>Year 1: Windsor Castle Trip – click here for letter</p> <p>SEN Coffee Morning with MHST – 9.00-10.00am</p>

FEBRUARY 2025

Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 14 th	Years 5&6: VE Day Party – details to follow
Monday 17th to Friday 21st	HALF TERM BREAK
Thursday 27 th	SEN Coffee Morning with MHST – 9.00-10.00am
Friday 28th	INSET DAY – Pupils not in school

MARCH 2025

Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th	Nursery: Family Learning Maths 'Washing Lines' Workshop – 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 13 th	Year 3: Family Learning English 'SPaG' Workshop – 9.00-10.30am
Friday 14 th	Year 4: Family Learning English 'SPaG' Workshop – 9.00-10.30am

Please note that our Term Dates for 2025-26 are on our website here: [Term Dates 25-26](#)



Thursdays, 23rd Jan; 13th Feb; 20th March 2025; Community Parent/Carer Support Group, **BRACKNELL**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the Community of Bracknell.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hour talk about a topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

Topic:

Date & Time

Monthly, See above for details
12:30pm-2:30pm

Venue

Great Hollands Community Centre, The Square, Great Hollands, Bracknell, RG12 8UX
Front Hall

Cost

Free (Refreshments provided)

Further information

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07831409731
charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk

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Children welcome under parent supervision



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Do you have a 5-19 year old?

We can offer advice and support on many topics like:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Bedwetting
- ✓ Dealing with medical conditions in school
- ✓ Emotional health & wellbeing



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for confidential advice and support

07312 263194



cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, STARTING 15TH JANUARY TO 12TH FEBRUARY 2025
TIME FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £32.50 FOR 5 WEEKS

All bookings are made via email to: JudoForSchools@judoclubosaka.com

Please include the following information in your email:

Subject Line of email: <Name of school>

Student's Name: Year Group & Class:

Any medical/allergy information or anything else that we need to know about:

My child will be collected from the school hall.

Emergency Contact Details:

Your Name: Phone Number:

Second Contact Name: Phone Number:

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

Payment will be via bank transfer. Details of how to pay will be forwarded to you once the place has been confirmed. Failure to pay before the start of the course will forfeit the place.

Please note that places are limited to 30 students per course; places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, as we operate an ongoing progressive course. You will be notified by email as to whether your child has a place or not.

Once your child has a place, they should wear jogging bottoms and preferably a long sleeved t-shirt. It is also advisable that your child has a named water bottle with them.

By applying for a place you are accepting that Judo For Schools coaches cannot be held responsible for injury or loss/damage to personal property.

Judo For Schools is compliant with the EU GDPR legislation.
The data collected is for our use only and never shared with any third parties.