

Weekly Update

Friday 4th October 2024

Curriculum Enrichments this week...

Fencing in Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying their weekly fencing lessons with 'Little Musketeer Henry' their poise and balance and sword controlling is improving each week.







Reception visit from Buttercup, Clover and Rasher

Children in Butterflies have been learning all about the foods we eat and where they come from. They have had a lovely visit from Berkshire Agricultural Society which demonstrated where milk comes from and how sausages are made!

Dragons in Years 1&2

Children in Key Stage 1 have been working hard thinking about their dragon creations, how they act and what they look like and they have been writing about them in GREAT detail.





Finishing the Fossils in Year 3&4

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed ending their science topic, learning about rocks by creating their own fossils out of salt dough. I think you'll agree they look very life like!





Our New House Captains!

Last week, we announced the Year 6 House Captains who are very proud of their new roles. Each week they will be collecting the house points and presenting their scores to the whole school in our Friday assemblies.

Our new house captains are: **Emerald:** Kelhan and Bethany

Ruby: Tommy and Betsy
Sapphire: Joseph and Hana
Amber: Theo and Marnie



Well done to all of those who put themselves forward and congratulations to those who were voted for.



Year 5 and 6 Music

In Music, children in Years 5&6 have been appraising the song 'Happy' and practicing both their singing and glockenspiel skills. They have been working hard as classes to play along with the song and have had a wonderful time doing so.

Parents' Evening Meetings

We hope you all had the opportunity to join a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress in school this week. These discussions are an invaluable way to help make sure your child is supported fully in their education at home and in school.

Don't forget that staff are always happy to discuss concerns or questions you may have about your child in school at any time and appointments can be made directly with your child's teacher or via the school office, if necessary.

Choir Club is back!

Parents of children in Years 3-6 would have received an email today about choir club restarting next week – please complete our online form if your child would like to come along: https://forms.office.com/e/ZuXLdm86CQ

FRoGS Events

Next week the FRoGS have their first film night for Years 4-6 where they will be showing Hotel Transylvania 3 – leaflets to book tickets should have come home with them today, please see the flyer contained in this newsletter.

Coughs, colds and sneezes

As we approach the colder weather, many children will begin to get coughs and colds, as happens every year in school.

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor <u>cough</u> or <u>common cold</u>, but if they have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it returns to normal.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Don't forget that nasal flu vaccinations will be done in school on 23rd October. If you have not already completed the consent form, please do so as soon as possible. We will be sending further reminders out next week containing links to the consent form.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend and thank you for your continued support.

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Richard Ferris Headteacher

Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Panthers (100%)

2nd Place – Tigers (98.7%)

3rd Place – Foxes (98.6%)

Well done Panthers – first class to get 100% attendance this year!

Diary Dates

	OCTOBER 2024
Wednesday 9 th	Year 6 Height and Weight Screening
Thursday 10 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 1 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
	FROGS PTA: Year 4-6 Film Night, details to follow
Thursday 17 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 2 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
Friday 18 th	Reception: Phonics Workshop – 2.45pm-3.15pm, entry via Silver Hall
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 5&6: Trip to Winchester Science Centre (approx. cost £20)
Wednesday 23 rd	Years R-6: Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 24 th	Anxiety Toolkit Workshop led by Bracknell Forest Family Learning, Session 3 of 3 – 1.00pm-3.00pm
	Reception: Harvest Celebration – 2.30pm-3.00pm in Silver Hall
Friday 25 th	Nursery, Reception, Years 1-4: Diwali Workshop – letter to follow
Mon 28 th October - Mon 4 th November	HALF TERM BREAK
	NOVEMBER 2024
Tuesday 5 th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6 th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
	FROGS PTA: Family Fireworks Display, details to follow
Wednesday 20 th	Reception: Family Learning English 'Busy Bags' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 21st	Year 1: Family Learning English 'Story Sandwich' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
Friday 22 nd	Year 2: Family Learning English 'Story Maps' Workshop – 9.00am-10.30am
	Reception: Phonics Workshop – 2.45pm-3.15pm, entry via Silver Hall
Thursday 28 th	FROGS PTA: Year 1-3 Film Night, details to follow
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Christmas is just around the Corner!





Opportunity to enter this year's Christmas Card Competition.

The Mayor of Bracknell Forest is launching a competition for primary school children in the borough, to design her Christmas card. The competition is open to all children of Primary school age who attend a school in Bracknell Forest.

The Mayor will choose the winning design to use as her official Christmas card.

The Mayor is looking for a design that not only celebrates Christmas, but also reminds us of the beauty of Bracknell Forest.

To enter the contest, send in an original design on A4 paper/card. The card can be created with any medium, including a collage of recycled materials. The back of the design should be clearly marked with the pupil's name, age and school. Only one entry per pupil, unnamed designs cannot be considered. The winners will receive a prize! First prize is a £20 gift voucher and a copy of your design printed as a card, plus there are two runners up prizes of a £15 gift voucher each.

Please send entries from your school to Mayoral Support Officer, at mayor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk, or post to her at Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JD by Monday, 11 November 2024.

We will contact the winners' schools as soon as possible after the closing date and the Mayor will visit the schools to personally present the prizes to the winners. Good luck!





Open Morning (10.15am)

Open Evening (6:00pm)

Wednesday 27 November

Do you have a child starting **Nursery or Primary School in** September 2025?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our wellresourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.







GROUNDS
Fireworks provided and set up by "Sonning firework Ltd"

FRoGS Present

Years 4 - 6 Film Night Hotel Transylvania 3





Thursday 10th October 2024 3:30-5:45pm Gold Hall

Tickets £7.00 including hotdog, chips and drink sibling rate £5.00

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED

Please return the slip to your class by Wednesday 9th O	ctober.
Child's Name:	
Class:	
Vegetarian: Yes/No	
Amount enclosed:	



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Sport4Kids at Great Hollands Primary School



10th September to 22nd October

GYMNASTICS & DANCE



Tuesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM



11th September to 23rd October

FOOTBALL YR 1-2



Wednesday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM



12th September to 24th October

NERF CLUB YR 3–6

Thursday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM





13th September to 25th October

FOOTBALL YR 3-6

Friday - 3:20PM - 4:25PM



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Judo For **Schools**



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY STARTING 11TH SEPTEMBER TO 23RD OCTOBER 2024 TIME FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £45.50 FOR 7 WEEKS

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

Please include the following information in your email:

«Name of school» Subject Line of email:

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 OR Walk home on their own?

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-comefirst-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.

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