



Newsletter 19th January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon, I hope you have had a good week, albeit a very cold one. We recently rejigged our gate duty rota which means I have not been out on duty as much.... so, it was really good to see parents, carers and children yesterday when I was on duty.

This week I accompanied our KS2 Choir to Young Voices - I had an absolutely fantastic time. What a great experience it was! Our staff, Chair of Governors, parents and pupils all had a great time. The quality of the singing and performances were wonderful.

Additionally, on this experience, our/your children were a real credit to you and the school. Their behaviour was excellent, the enthusiasm and participation was brilliant. I of course want to thank Mr Hampson and the staff team for the excellent organisation, the positivity they brought to everything and the time that they gave. I hope BPS's involvement in Young Voices will always continue.

Just a few more things!

You will have received a letter re attendance. I hope this is helpful and demonstrates our commitment to improving attendance through support. You will receive a letter regarding "Healthy Eating" early next week. Again, I hope this positive initiative will help all parents. Finally, Ground Force Day 2 will be coming after half-term. Keep an eye out for the date!

I hope everyone has a good weekend!

Best wishes,
Mr Ball

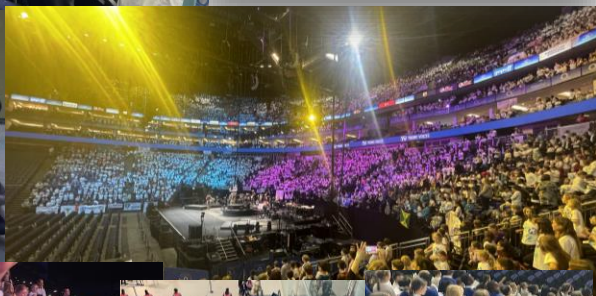
Litter picking

A HUGE thank you to a wonderful group of 10 girls who have taken it upon themselves to spend their breaktimes collecting litter around the school grounds. We are so grateful for them taking pride in their school and upholding our Golden Rules of kindness and respect.



KS2 Young Voices

On Tuesday, the KS2 Young Voices Choir had a fantastic day performing at the O2 Arena. 69 children from KS2 were part of 9027 children singing 10 songs to a sell-out crowd! The children had an amazing day and were brilliant ambassadors for our school throughout. Thank you to the 131 parents who enjoyed the show too for their fantastic support. We hope you loved it as we did! Finally, a huge WELL DONE to all the children involved for their commitment to the Young Voices Choir and for learning all of the songs over the last few months!



Y5 and Y6 Tag Rugby.

On Wednesday evening, a mixed team of 9 Yr 5 and 6 children went to The Weald for an area tag rugby event. The children made a fantastic start being unbeaten in the first 5 games with each player finding their feet quickly and playing a very attractive brand of rugby. Our last match was against Barnes Green who were packed with experienced players. We conceded 2 early tries but managed to claw these back as the game progressed with resolute defense and excellent attacking play. Unfortunately, in the dying seconds of the game, Barnes Green scored a decisive try to win the game by 5 points. Billingshurst came second, scoring 20 tries in total. We could not be more proud of our children who showed impeccable sportsmanship, with each player playing with a smile on their face, despite the freezing hands. Well-done Team!



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BPSCA - We are still collecting donations of uniform for our next sale on Feb 2, and donations of raffle prizes for the summer fair. Both can be left in the trug inside the main entrance of the school.

Governors' Update - On Tuesday, I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying 69 children from across KS2 on a trip to the O2 as part of Young Voices. I am sure this week's newsletter will include lots of photos and mention of the event but from a governance perspective I would like to share just what a superb day this was. Mr Hampson's attention to detail in organising the event ensured the day ran smoothly and children were kept safe at all times – not easy with 9,000 children all wearing exactly the same T shirt! The sheer joy on children's faces and wide-eyed wonder at the scale of the event, the level of care and engagement from adult helpers who supported the trip, and the phenomenal support of parents and carers all made for a perfect day.

We are a week ahead of the house point results, so we won't be announcing them this week!

Please can you rebook your child's hot meal for the 19th of February as there is NOT an INSET day on this Monday.

Upcoming dates: January/February

- **Wednesday 24th January** – Y5 and Y6 athletics at the Weald
- **Monday 29th January**– Y1 - Clay teacher visiting to help the children to make clay creatures
- **Monday 5th February**– Children's Mental Health Week begins
- **Monday 5th February**- Y5 and Y6 indoor athletics
- **Tuesday 6th February**– Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 7th February**– Y5 and Y6 basketball festival
- **Friday 9th February**– BPSCA Welly Walk

Letters home this week: Y5 Lodge Hill letters, Attendance Letter, Year 1 Geography Letter

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