



Newsletter 17th May

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week the staff and year 6 children at Billingshurst have had! Everyone has pulled together to support our year 6s with their SATs. Thank you to staff for going the extra mile and year 6 children for being awesome as always.

I am out of hospital now lying flat to heal my back which is very frustrating. What makes it bearable is knowing that I have such a fantastic team at school.

The whole staff team are excited to welcome you into school next Wednesday for open classrooms! Just a reminder, that Thursday will also be our last day before half term as we have an inset day on Friday.

We would like to announce the winning logo entry which will be electronically worked on by a designer in the Sussex Learning Trust to become our new logo. It was chosen because of its simplicity, resemblance to the original tree design and looking forward to exciting learning opportunities.



Congratulations to : Esmeé Page in China

Have a good weekend!

Georgie and Lucie from Chile class have created a fabulous hedgehog house which has been entered into the South of England show 'schools completion' on the 7th - 9th June. Well done to you both for all the thought and hard work that has gone into making this. Good luck in the show - we can't wait to find out what our local hedgehogs think of it!

"When designing our hedgehog house, we wanted to make sure it was big enough for a whole family of hedgehogs. All the materials have been up-cycled (the waterproof roof used to be the mat from our car and the wooden structure was made from an old pallet). We decided to add widows, made from empty mayonnaise bottles, to allow light in. Inside the house, we added an old egg box and tomato tray to act as a feeder and a space to nest in. We're looking forward to seeing our hedgehog house on display in the show." Georgie & Lucie



Quad Kids Athletics Event

On Monday, fifteen children across Years 5 and 6 took part in the Quad Kids Athletics event at the Weald. The children showed some fantastic teamwork, taking part in events on both the track and field. Particular mention must go to Lina K (Japan class) for her impressive long jump efforts, and Amy M (Russia class) for her fantastic finishing sprint in the 600m race.

We are so pleased with the final results:

Billingshurst Girls: 1st Place

Billingshurst Boys: 3rd Place

Overall: 3rd Place

Well done to all those involved!



Year 5 – Survival Experience!

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 took part in a 'survival experience'. They enjoyed fire-lighting, knot tying and orienteering activities and learnt lots of valuable skills for surviving in the wilderness!



Sophy Henn Author Visit!

Last Friday afternoon, we were excited to welcome back Sophy Henn for a visit. She spoke to Years 2, 3 and 4 about her new graphic novel – Happy Hills. The children also took part in a draw along where they were able to create their own characters! It was wonderful to see so many children getting their copies of Sophy's book; we can't wait to hear their reviews!

Year 6 SATs assessments

A huge well done to all Year 6 children who took part in assessments this week! We are so incredibly proud of all your hard work, determination and perseverance. Enjoy a lovely weekend relaxing!



A big thank you goes to the wonderful BPSCA who provided all of the items for the SATs breakfast and celebration ice-lollies!

BPSCA Summer Fun Day – Saturday 6th July 11am-2pm.

Join us for giant inflatables, games, cakes, tombolas, a bookstall, crafts, performances from the children, an exciting raffle, and more.

DONATIONS PLEASE for the Summer Fun Day: bottles of wine, packets of sweets, cuddly toys, children's books, adult and child tombola prizes. If you're doing a clearout or have some re-giftable items, drop them into the trugs in the school office.



Chair of Governors - As part of the Governing Body's compliance duties, on Monday I carried out a SATs monitoring visit to check the arrangements for ensuring the tests are administered correctly. The monitoring visit included checking the tests have been stored securely, ensuring test environments have been set up appropriately and ensuring that staff have received training. At BPS, staff go the extra mile to help pupils to feel relaxed and ready to do their best, providing a breakfast that involved seemingly endless quantities of toast followed by a walk in the fresh air before sitting down to take the tests. I would like to pass on my thanks to the staff for their care and kindness and to congratulate pupils on how they approached the tests.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please send your child in with a sunhat!



House Point Results



Winning House - Goodwood

Cowdray

Parham

597

717

Goodwood

Petworth

787

704



Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 22nd May – Open Classrooms 2.45pm EYFS & KS1, 3.05pm KS2

Thursday 23rd May – KS1 Little Big Sing 9:00am-11:30am

Thursday 23rd May – Year 1 trip to Tilgate Park

Friday 24th May – INSET day

Monday 27th to 31st of May – Half Term

Letters home this week:

Dogs in School letter,
Year 4 times table letter



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