



Newsletter 22nd September 2023

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Edition Theme:
EYFS & KS1 Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children have had a good week and are looking forward to an enjoyable weekend. I am really pleased to actually be back in school as I write this newsletter intro! Fortunately, Covid was short-lived for me.

There are just a couple of things from me.

Firstly, apologies for the postponed coffee / tea afternoon meeting from Wednesday. I have rescheduled this for next week on Tuesday 26th September between 2.45pm-3.15pm and the KS2 Choir will be there to sing.

Secondly, I am, with the support of a few members of staff looking to see if we can set up a Saturday event called "Groundforce", where we would like to invite parents into school to help with work on the school grounds – lunch and refreshments would be provided. I will send more detail out in the next week or so and hopefully book a good weather day.

Have a great weekend!

Brian Ball – Interim Headteacher

School Council

Our new School Council has been elected by their peers for this academic year and we are very excited to get started! They will meet every month to discuss ways to make the school better and their feedback will inform school leadership decisions in the future.

Our first meeting will look at the way we reward great learning and behaviour at school and possibly suggest changes. This will provide pupil voice for our inset day on 30th October on this subject. They cannot wait for our first meeting!



SEND coffee dates
27th September 8.45am

Reader's workshops
3rd October 9 - 9.30am
5th October 2.30-3pm

House & Sports Captains elections:

Last Friday, the whole school gathered in their houses to elect their House and Sport Captains and Vice Captains. Hopeful candidates pitched their case as to how they would serve their house well. The children spoke with confidence and passion. It was a tight run contest. Congratulations to all!

EYFS:

The children have settled well into Early Years and have enjoyed being able to explore all areas of learning. The outside classroom is very popular and the children have loved creating pictures with the autumn leaves and making their own obstacle courses. It has been wonderful to see new friendships develop and to see acts of kindness throughout the whole of the unit.

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at our classroom expectations and the wider school's expectations. We have even been on a tour around the school so we know where other key spaces are, such as where we would line up for fire alarm. We are very proud of how the children have settled in!



Year 1:

The children in Year 1 have been learning lots of exciting new things! In Maths, we have been learning 1 more and 1 less. When using Numicon, Emily in France Class said, "It's like a staircase, it's getting bigger and bigger on each block they have more!" In PE, Tessa from Netherlands Class explained, "We were learning to catch footballs. We started short then had to throw and catch far away." In Science we have been using our sense of smell to identify and describe some mysterious solutions. The children in Germany Class said, "The vinegar was disgusting, the lemon was yummy and the honey was sweet and fruity."



Year 2 :

This week, Year 2 have been creating collaborative artwork inspired by sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, who makes art from things he finds in the landscape. The children have really enjoyed collecting their resources and discussing and planning their artwork. It has been great to see their collaborative practice really shining through.



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From Governors

This week, the Governing Body held its first meeting of the new academic year. This is termed a 'business meeting' where we manage matters of compliance such as electing the chair/vice chair, agreeing a code of conduct, terms of reference and financial scheme of delegation. I am pleased to advise that I will continue to chair the Governing Body this year and Chris Evans will continue as Vice Chair. This is also the time when we agree other key roles and responsibilities and plan our monitoring schedule for the year based around school improvement priorities. As reported last week, a SEND monitoring visit has already been carried out and we also have monitoring linked to Early Years, maths and disadvantaged pupils planned for this half term.

From BPSCA:

Some of you will have seen a member of BPSCA at your meet the teachers evening, we have 3 members leaving this year and 4 the following year. To be able to continue, we need new volunteers, especially those with children in KS1. Please consider coming along to a meeting to see what we do, our next meeting is **Friday 6th Oct 2pm in the staff room**. Alternatively, please consider joining our helpers list, a list of people we email about specific events when we need extra help. If you would like any information on either the helpers list or the committee, please do email us on bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

Check out our notice board by the school gates where you will find the latest newsletter and the **new parent timeline** also included in this mailing .

Petworth winning house !

Congratulations children in Petworth for collecting so many house points.

Cowdray

374

Goodwood

379

Parham

407

Petworth

419



Upcoming dates:

26th September Year 5 poetry workshop

29th September Fishbourne Roman Palace Year 4

October: Black History Month

w/c 2nd October Bikeability begins for Y6

17th and 18th October Parents' Evenings

23rd – 27th October Half term

30th October INSET

European Day of Languages – Tuesday

26th September

The children will be exploring the many languages spoken around the world, experiencing the joy of learning a new language and finding out about the languages spoken in their year group. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the day with you.

Letters home this week:

Year 5 Poetry Workshop ; Parent Timeline



Year groups regularly post photos of children and learning so please follow your child's Year Group on X



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