



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Brighton Children's Festival Parade

What an incredible way to start the Brighton festival with the inspirational children's parade! It was so lovely to be able to take to the streets again on Saturday 7th May, for the first time since 2019, to be part of the Children's Parade, 2022. The theme of the festival this year is 'Rebuilding and Hope', with our area of the city focusing on 'rebuilding homes.'



The infant children were inspired by the beautiful illustrations in the 'Bug Hotel' book, written by Libby Walden and illustrated by Clover Robin. The children thought about the importance of insects and bugs having a secure place to call home, especially in our urban surroundings. (Please look further on for more photos and information. It was an absolute corker of a morning and we have so much to share!).



At the Juniors we used the book, 'Everybody's Welcome' by Patricia Hegarty as our inspiration, which we think sums up Hove Junior School. In the story all the animals work together to create an inclusive home. The parade was a great success, with so many fantastic entries and crowds to appreciate them, and our year 3 children and fantastic samba band did us proud.

HJS Samba Band

The HJS samba band had worked incredibly hard in their six rehearsals and had had lots of fun playing rhythm games and trying out the different Brazilian drums. On the day, they performed brilliantly and got the whole crowd dancing! I was blown away by their rhythmic talent and how well they collaborated with each other. They should all be very proud of themselves!



It was a day full of sunshine and smiles. Thanks to our wonderful art teams across all sites and Miss Bunker, Mrs Porter and Miss Taft for the support at samba rehearsals. Thank you to all involved and a special mention goes to Danny Cliff and Jackson (Cliffs Valeting) for using their van to transport our 'big makes' to the parade.



Samba Band



Cliffs Valeting

Year Two SATs

The infant children have been undertaking maths. and reading assessments in the last few weeks. All of the children have tried their ABSOLUTE BEST and used our learning powers of 'Perseverance Tortoise', 'Curiosity Owl', 'Independence Polar Bear,' and 'Imagination Butterfly' throughout. We are very proud of them and you must be too. Well done Year Two!

Year Six SATs

We are so proud of our year six pupils who have been so mature and conscientious throughout the test week. Although we understand that this is a different experience for every child their attitude and support for one another is evident. Thanks for your continued support for the Year six team.

Timings of the school day at HJS (PR)

A reminder that the school day returns to pre-pandemic timings after half term with an introduction to a soft start and gates opening at 8.40am each day. All children will walk into their classrooms rather than lining up using their designated gates and doors. The school day will start with registration for all pupils at 8.50am. All children will now finish school at 3.20pm.

Please continue to keep in contact in with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern, Wendy Harkness and Ben Massey

Diary Dates

Friday 27th May - Last day of term
Non-uniform Day

30th May - 3rd June - Half term Holidays

Monday 6th June - Inset Day school closed to children

Tuesday 7th June - school reopens

Monday, 13th June - 1D & 1G Woods Mill

Tuesday, 14th June - 1C & 1B Woods Mill



West Hove Infants Brighton Children's Festival Parade

As mentioned earlier, we were absolutely delighted to return to the festival after a two-year break. How appropriate that this year's theme was 'Rebuilding and Hope for 2022'. The atmosphere was absolutely electric and it is difficult to describe the feeling of warmth, joy and goodwill that greeted us as we walked through the streets of Brighton. The children were impeccably behaved throughout and we are very grateful to all the parents and carers who supported us on the day. And don't just take our word for it, we also went viral on Twitter and Mr Massey (who else??) was a double page spread in the Argus.



An enormous thank you to Harry Dyer of 'Shrub Provisions' who went to enormous trouble to transport the bug house for us. Harry asked for nothing in return for this enormous favour but it seems only fair to mention that Harry's business supplies high quality, ethically sourced and seasonal fruit and veg to the catering industries. Do support him if you can! Thank you also to all our wonderful parents/carers, staff and children worked tirelessly to build our incredible bug house during our after-school workshops before the event.

Most of all, thank you to our incredible children. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



Harry Dyer - Shrub Provisions



Brighton Children's Festival Parade May 2022



Year 3

Dance Workshop

Year Three children had the absolute joy of participating in an African dance workshop to kick off our new Amazing African topic. The wonderful music and the incredible dance movements choreographed for us were so invigorating! The children beamed ear to ear as they explored a range of movements. They were all so engaged and they loved bringing all the movements together in one final culminating dance extravaganza that was a joy to behold and participate in. Children and adults alike loved this experience and it has created such a buzz around our new topic. How fantastic!

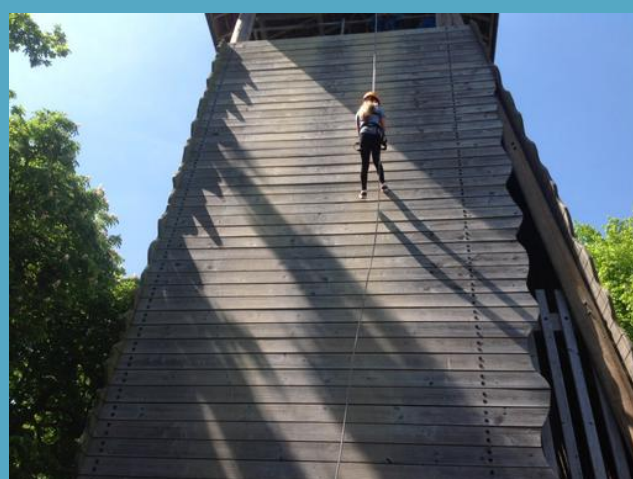


Year 4

PGL

Year 4 have recently returned from an epic adventure extravaganza at Windmill Hill on their PGL. They had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities including; abseiling, giant swinging, climbing wall, sensory trail, raft building, archery, fencing, robot wars and camp-fire singing! The children learnt a huge range of new skills, developed and strengthened friendships and demonstrated resilience, collaboration, bravery, curiosity and independence. For many of the children, this was their first extended trip away from family and home and we were hugely impressed with their behaviour, kindness to each other and working with others attitude to all they embarked upon. The school staff and wonderful team of volunteers could not have been more proud of everything the children achieved.

Here are just a few snaps which capture some of the many amazing moments experienced by us all.



Maths



A huge congratulations to our Times Tables Rock Stars for this month. The children have worked incredibly hard to develop their times table knowledge

Year 3

Celena
Raef
Henry A
Betty E
Danayt

Year 4

Lana
Samuel M
Lyla
Yaroslav
Anika

Year 5

Jess
Archie-Lee
Oktai
Beti
Suyash

Year 6

Charlie J
Felix
Ruby A
Theo
Yunis



ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.



PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.



2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.



7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.



3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.



8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.



4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.



9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.



5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.



10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.



Meet Our Expert

Konstantina Moustaka is a professional development and EYFS coordinator at an 'outstanding' nursery school in London. She has been working as a nursery and early years practitioner, both in the UK and internationally, for the past 16 years.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



School



is the **key** to **future success!**

Missing **2 days** of school each month



Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



15 minutes

late every day



two weeks

of learning lost each school year

Data shows pupils with more than

95%

 attendance

Achieve better **GCSE** results!

at least one grade higher!



Even **90%** attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!

Please speak to a teacher, or the attendance lead at your school if you have any concerns. Further information can be found at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/support-at-school or by emailing Brighton & Hove's Attendance Team – attendanceteam@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Triple P Parenting Workshops

Upcoming Triple P workshops available, free, to parents/carers based in Brighton & Hove.

The Power of Positive Parenting: tips for parents of children under 10

This workshop will give you practical tips on creating a positive relationship with your child and help you deal with challenges when they come up.

Book a place on the following date:

13 July 2022, 12pm to 2pm

Links to book are on our webpages: Triple P parenting workshops (brighton-hove.gov.uk)<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/triple-p-parenting-workshops>

Workshops for parents of Year 6 pupils

Transition to Secondary School Workshop

Find out ways to support your child to settle well at secondary school.

This workshop includes looking at:

developing self-discipline

being a good problem-solver

following school rules

having supportive friends

Book a place on the following dates:

15 June 2022, 12pm to 2pm

4 August 2022, 12pm to 2pm

Links to book are on our webpages: Triple P parenting workshops (brighton-hove.gov.uk)<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/triple-p-parenting-workshops>

Workshops for parents of teenagers

Coping with teenagers emotions

This two hour workshop will look at some of the reasons teenagers can become emotional and gives some practical suggestions to help you.

Book a place on the following date:

6 July 2022, 12pm to 2pm

Links to book are on our webpages: Triple P parenting workshops (brighton-hove.gov.uk)<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/families-children-and-learning/childcare-and-family-support/triple-p-parenting-workshops>

Level 1

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Riders **must be able** to ride without stabilisers

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 1 training costs £20.00 per person.

To book your place, please visit <https://sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events>

Monday 30 May

Tuesday 31 May

13.15 – 15.45

Ages 9 –15



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Level 3

CYCLE



TRAINING

at Preston Park
and Hove Park



Monday 30 – Tuesday 31 May

10.00 – 12.30 each day

Ages 11 – 15

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45.00 per person.

To book your place, please visit <https://sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events>



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"Here's what The Outdoors Project are offering this half term - Circus Skills, Star Wars Day and Nature Ninjas! For three days only - it's just over two weeks away now!"



WHITSUN 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

BRIGHTON, HOVE & PARKWOOD SCOUTCAMP POYNINGS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"

Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.



CIRCUS SKILLS, BUBBLE WANDS & PAINT ART

Build your own giant bubble wands and join us for a day at the circus including Diablo, poi, plate spinning, hula hooping, and flower sticks skills! Plus, we'll be embarking on a Massive paint mural project together, using the medium of paint filled Water Blasters to express ourselves. All in the name of Art!

NATURE NINJAS

Join us for an immersive day of hands-on nature and adventure! Building Micro Survival Rafts, Crafting E-pot flower & herb planters & building your very own Micro Deserted Island!

STAR WARS DAY

Back again to celebrate Star Wars day with loads of outdoors galactic fun. Transform your teammates into storm troopers and craft galactic play dough planets, Followed by Mandalorian Nerf battles where the Imperials, Mandalorian and Rebels clash in an epic Battle for Baby Yoda! stealth skills and daring deeds to survive & forage for what you need to escape the island!



For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
 BIRTHDAY PARTIES - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - PARENT TODDLER GROUP - FRANCHISE - WEEKEND CLUBS



WHITSUN 1/2 TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

Brighton, Hove & Parkwood Scoutcamp Poynings

CLUBS RUN AT 3 LOCATIONS: LPH - LANCING PREP (HOVE)

COTTS = COTTESMORE ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, HOVE // PW = PARKWOOD SCOUT CAMP, BN4 (NEAR POYNINGS)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3
LPH. NATURE NINJAS COTTS. CIRCUS SKILLS PW. STAR WARS DAY	LPH. CIRCUS SKILLS COTTS. STAR WARS DAY PW. NATURE NINJAS	LPH. STAR WARS DAY COTTS. NATURE NINJAS PW. CIRCUS SKILLS	NO CLUBS	NO CLUBS

To book and for more info on activities and how the holiday clubs run www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

Hangleton Rangers Youth Football Club is looking for players in current years reception, 1, 2 and 3 to join our u6 u7, u8 and u9 teams for next season. The club is a Chartered Standard local grassroots and we play matches and training at Knoll Park and Portslade Sport Centre. The club provides a friendly and supportive environment for young players to learn and play football in a local league.

As well as players we also need parents who are willing to help coach the teams. The club is run by volunteers and without parents helping with the coaching the team are unlikely to be able to operate (this is the same for all grassroots clubs!). The good news is that coaching is fun and rewarding, and no coaching experience or qualifications are required - full support and training will be provided by the experienced coaches at the club, and the FA.

Please contact Geoff Hunt for more information; 07768475284

geoffchairman@hangletonrangers.com



MAY 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

FOR 4-11 YEAR OLDS



Bringing the FUN back to school holidays for 4 - 11 year olds across Sussex. Children go home happy and can't wait to come back!

WHEN DO THE ACTIVITY CAMPS RUN?

8.15am - 5.00pm
Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June

EXTENDED HOURS AVAILABLE

7.30am - 8.15am includes Breakfast
5.00pm - 6.30pm includes a Hot Dinner

MAY HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP LOCATIONS

- Balfour Primary School, BN1 6NE
- Halsford Park Primary School, RH19 1LR
- Harlands Primary School, RH16 1PJ
- Manor Field Primary School, RH15 0PZ
- St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, RH15 9JR

OUR HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP TEAM

Our fun & friendly team includes qualified teachers, sports coaches, arts & games leaders.

Look out for a few familiar faces from our Breakfast & After School Clubs!

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- ✓ Team games, quizzes & music
- ✓ Outdoor Adventure games
- ✓ Drama activities
- ✓ Lego Challenges
- ✓ THE Dodgeball Classic
- ✓ Plus much, much more...

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would recommend
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Activity Camp*

Talent Survey 2021



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