

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Parents & Carers

Friday 9th October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are continuing to amaze us all at how well they have adapted to the changes in school as well as being so focussed on their learning and working so hard in class. Thank you for supporting them in getting back to school, as well as actively helping your children at home with their Take Home Tasks and homework on 'Google Classroom' and 'Seesaw'. If you are having any trouble accessing GC, please inform the school office with your child's name and class and our IT technician will contact you for technical support.

Black History Month

As many of you know October is Black History Month and during this time we will be looking to raise awareness throughout the school through our assemblies. We would also recommend looking at the website of the Brighton Black History Project and the places it talks about during Black History Month. <https://www.black-history.org.uk/>

As a school, the staff and governors have set up a working party this month and will be working together to develop our anti-racist action plan and practice to keep all stakeholders safe from bullying and prejudice. This will be shared with you all shortly. We want to take time to get HJS's approach right and to ensure staff and governors have further training and are also in the process of setting up a staff reading resource book club to support this.

We are also delighted to be able to purchase 3 films from Bigfoot Arts Education covering Black History and multicultural story telling. The purchase is being funded by our PTA and the films will allow children to travel from the wild plains of Africa to the colourful Caribbean; board The Empire Windrush from Jamaica to England; and pit their wits against Anansi and his cunning, one of the most important characters of West African, African American and Caribbean folklore. Trailers for the films can be seen at the links below:

Africa My Story Trailer: <https://youtu.be/FUahiTBpNkU>

All Aboard The Empire Windrush Trailer: <https://youtu.be/cNZF0RwODNA>

Come an' See Anansi Trailer: <https://youtu.be/d5sfObjwPw4>

HJS will also be revisiting our core knowledge sheets in history and in other subjects across the school, looking at our topics closely and reflecting on what we need to teach to develop our staff and pupils' knowledge and understanding of Black History. This approach will take time and training and will also be asking for your feedback and contributions over the course of this academic year. Together we are aiming to review and develop our curriculum content to ensure it accurately reflects the contributions made to history by people of colour and is a true reflection of British history.

Parent Appointments – 15th October and 22nd October

Over the next two weeks you will have the chance to have a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher. This is an opportunity for an update about your child, their wellbeing and how they have settled back to school. Conversations will include talking about their attitude to learning and any ways that you can support at home. If you still have not made an appointment there are still spaces available. Again if you are unable to make this appointment please email the school office with your child's name and class and your child's class teacher will arrange an alternative appointment to talk to you. Meanwhile do remember that we have an "open door" policy despite the current restrictions and we still encourage families to contact teachers directly with any concerns or questions they may have.

Keeping In Touch

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

- **Portland Road** portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk 01273 295484
- **Holland Road** hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk 01273 294333

Best Wishes,

Maddie Southern Lorna Cummings

Sports News

We're delighted to announce that Izzy 6 Emerald, has been selected to represent Brighton & Hove school girls in the district football team. We wish Izzy every success during the season ahead and hope that she can bring home some silverware that we'll be able to show at school. Good luck Izzy and well done for all your hard work on the pitch. Keep it up!



Please continue to keep up to date with us through our website <http://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/>



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A yellow poster for the 'Hello Yellow' campaign. At the top, it says '#HelloYellow' in a red speech bubble. Below that, it reads 'LET'S BRIGHTEN UP A SCHOOL DAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH'. The text continues: 'We're saying #HelloYellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.' and 'Wear yellow on 9 October and donate £1 to YoungMinds.' The bottom of the poster features two children in school uniforms wearing yellow crowns, and the Young Minds logo and website address: 'YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW' and 'YOUNGMINDS'.



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