



WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL
.....
A family of friends

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 12 May 2023

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to our fabulous art team, staff and parent volunteers who helped to make our big build, and who joined us for another fantastic celebration to mark the start of the children's parade. It was wonderful to walk all together as a federation with our year two and three pupils who were incredible on Sunday. Thank you for all your cheers, waves and shout outs along the streets of Brighton.



We would also like to say a huge well done to our brilliant year six and year two pupils and staff teams across all of our sites this week for all their hard work during SATs tests. The pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard over the last two terms and we are always so proud of them.

Modeshift Stars Bronze Accreditation

Congratulations to our travel team and School Council for all their hard work this academic year in gaining the Bronze Award for all of our travel work across the sites. We will be working hard to achieve the silver status next year.



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

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern and Ben Massey

Diary Dates

16th May - Year 6 and Juniors Class Photos

23rd May - Online Safety Webinar

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term holiday

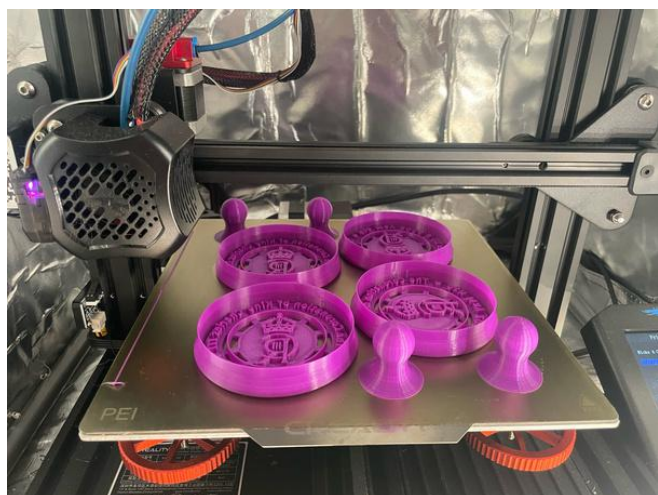
5th June - INSET Day

6th June - First day back to school



Coronation celebrations!

On Friday 5th May the children enjoyed a Coronation themed lunch, including the incredible Coronation Cookies which Catering Manager Nick made using cutters made in a 3D printer! Thank you, Nick and the whole catering team, for all the effort you put into this special occasion.





Oracy Project

Our World Through Food!

We had another wonderful and successful Oracy Workshop this month. This workshop looked at the different opportunities we can use to promote talk related to our world. During the workshop, we tasted fruit from different places around the world. We talked about textures, tastes and preferences and then found where they came from on a world map. The kiwi was a great hit! Then we found Italy on the map and made PIZZA! The children had great fun making their own pizza, creating lots of talk about likes and dislikes and why we liked the different ingredients. Pineapple was divisive - as always! We look forward to our next Workshop that is all about the Arts.





Eco Commitee update

We are currently creating a Wildflower Garden in the main playground by the adventure trail. A huge thank you to all of the children that have donated a plant for our outside Wildflower Garden. If you are able to donate a plant/ seeds/ bulbs please bring them to Dragonflies/ Marmosets classroom (teachers and support staff too). Sturdy evergreens are a great choice.

Check out what has been planted so far and say a big thank you to Jamie, Mrs McElwee and Miss Amos who have helped us get this area up and running!

The Eco Committee have chosen to plant more seeds and plants so that we can provide a home and food for bees, butterflies and other pollinators throughout the year.





Since their elections in the autumn term, our *School Council* have been working tirelessly on a range of themes across the school. These themes included:

Having a wider variety of playground activities e.g. drawing zone, board games are

Having a more eco-friendly environment e.g. growing our own vegetables, planting and growing flowers, making bug hotels, developing a 'secret garden' to read or draw.

Raising money for a local charity e.g. vote for and select a local charity for the year and raise money through bakes sales, sponsored events each half term.

After a number of meetings and discussion, we decided to focus on a *Key Priority* for the Spring/Summer term.

Our Councillors returned to their classes and asked their peers what they thought should be our *Key Priority*. After each year group collected their votes, it was agreed that our *Key Priority* for the Spring/Summer term would be...

Having a more eco-friendly environment e.g. growing our own vegetables, planting and growing flowers, making bug hotels, developing a 'secret garden' to read or draw.

Since this vote, the School Council have met with the PTA and shared their ideas of developing a '*Garden Area*' which runs along the front of the school, parallel to Portland Road. The PTA were so engaged by our School Councillor's enthusiasm that they have invested both time and money into the development of this area to include a range of planters, bird feeders, a small wildlife area and a planted seating area.

To get this project off of the ground, each School Councillor planted seeds that have been growing in their classes in preparation for the delivery of the planters and will soon be involved in the planting these seeds to indicate the start of this project. We are really looking forward to establishing a thriving garden area that can be enjoyed as both an area to relax as well as learn.



If you are someone who has a keen interest in gardening or getting involved in this project, and can offer some time, please read the poster on the following page and contact Catherine Michie on 07985 043551.

If not, keep an eye out for all of the amazing work that the School Council will be putting into developing this space into a garden area that we can all be proud of.



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

Sessions on:
Weekends
after school
& Fridays

To Do List:

Weeding
Mulch the Hedge
Repair & paint wooden planters
Restore HRH Diana's bench
Install new planters
Plant & sow
Water during hot spells
Borrow woodworking tools!



**HJ
Garden**

Please contact Catherine •
• 07985 043551 •



Autism and anxiety

You are invited to a coffee morning with BHISS staff on

Tuesday 16th May from 9.00 to 10.30am

at the Portland Road site

This meeting is for parents or carers of children

with an autism diagnosis

and also those on the pathway

Mandy Leahy, who is an autism family support worker from the council's inclusion and support service, (BHISS) will be here at the school to answer questions and talk through strategies.

Please ask Mandy Stewart, Charlotte Wallace or Ben Patterson if you need anymore information.



Autism, demand avoidance and behaviour that challenges

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Hangleton & Knoll Parent/Carer Group

Are you the parent/carers of a child with
additional needs and/or a disability?

COFFEE MORNING



Learn about development of the
city's Adult Autism Strategy with
Lorne Power. This coffee morning
is specifically for parents of autistic
children without a learning disability
or who are themselves on the
autism spectrum.

Come and meet other
families in a similar
situation at one of our
coffee mornings.
No need to book,
just turn up!

Tuesday May 16th

9.30am - 11.30am

St Richards Community Centre

Egmont Rd

Hove BN3 7FP

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

CONTACT ONE OF OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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**The Hangleton
& Knoll Project**
Working for a better community.

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



16TH MAY

FREE TO ANY
PARENT/CARER
LIVING IN
SUSSEX

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- › Anxiety
- › Sleep
- › Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- › Autism and challenging behaviour
- › Eating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on
16TH MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM

Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute
Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)

WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

<https://bit.ly/3LvABw5>
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FREE DIGITAL GOODY
BAG OF RESOURCES
AND INFORMATION FOR
EACH ATTENDEE

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk
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Delivered by [Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

INSIDERS' GUIDE TO ADHD

**For parent carers of children
and young people with ADHD
in Brighton & Hove**

A FREE course for parent carers with a child or young person, under 18, who has been diagnosed with ADHD.

The Insiders' Guide covers things like understanding ADHD, survival tips, some practical ideas to help at home or school, tips to handle tricky meetings and lots more. It's also a great way to get together with others having similar experiences.

The 5-week course is run by an Amaze worker and a parent carer with lived experience

'I've come away with new friends and a new support group. Thank you so much Amaze for providing this valuable opportunity, it really was brilliant.'

**Fridays, 10am to 1pm
28 Apr, and 5, 12, 19, 26 May 2023**

**At Community Base - SW3
113 Queens Rd, Brighton BN1 3XG**

Arrive from 9.45am for tea
and coffee



NHS Sussex teams in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex commission
Amaze to coordinate this service for our local parent carers



**To book, please complete
this registration form**

Supporting a child with anxiety

a course for parents/carers

Growing numbers of children are experiencing anxiety – affecting their mood, relationships and behaviour. It can be hard for parents/carers to know how to respond and provide effective support.

Help your child learn ways to manage worries

This short online course (2 x 90 minute sessions) covers what children and young people need most when anxiety takes hold, focusing on:

- The importance of empathy in supporting them
- Ways to help young people recognise and challenge negative, self-limiting beliefs
- Practical strategies to help manage anxiety

For dates, times and how to book visit www.adulteducation.brighton-hove.gov.uk or email AEH@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273 292828



Courses are **free** to anyone on a low income or in receipt of a means-tested benefit. A fee of £15 applies otherwise.

Courses are run separately for parents/carers of children aged 4-11 and 11-18.



Building a child's resilience

a course for parents/carers

Many children and young people lack the confidence to try new challenges, avoiding new things because they're unfamiliar. It may seem they're missing out on opportunities.

Help your child build self-esteem to overcome challenges

This short online course (2 x 90 minute sessions) supports parents/carers with strategies to build a young person's resilience. It looks at ways to:

- Help young people realise what they're capable of
- Encourage their autonomy to increase confidence
- Guide them in moving forward by taking safe, considered risks
- Help them express emotions in ways that are healthy

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TAKEPART Festival is back this Summer – get involved



After a few years off, [TAKEPART Festival of Sport & Activity](#) is back this summer and we're looking for local sports clubs and activity groups to get involved.

TAKEPART is an award-winning free festival celebrating community sport, dance, exercise and physical activity. This year it's running from Saturday 17 until Sunday 25 June.

It showcases the great opportunities for people of all ages and abilities and across all areas of the city to lead healthy and active lifestyles. It's an easy way for people to try out activities and find out more about what's available for them.

Help people discover the activities you offer

If you provide local dance, sport, fitness, cycling, walking, or any other activities that help people get out and move more, we'd like you to be a part of this year's event. We are looking for clubs, groups, gyms, instructors and any other organisations who want to help people to be active in Brighton & Hove.

Register now to be part of the festival

[Applications are open until Monday 20 March 2023](#) for organisations interested in getting involved in this year's TAKEPART Festival.

Being part of the festival is a fantastic opportunity for you to:

- raise the profile of your organisation
- promote the opportunities you provide in the city
- increase your membership
- link with local schools and colleges, as well as other local organisations and groups
- find new coaches and volunteers
- support a city-wide initiative to get people moving more and live healthier lifestyles

Find out more

[Look at the TAKEPART web pages](#)

Call the Healthy Lifestyles team on 01273 294589

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