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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 26 May 2023



Dear Families,

School Council

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As you can see in the infants, we have also been busy planting outside and making our outdoor areas greener in our outdoor day.





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Classes 2023/24

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we will be mixing classes next half term and all our pupils will find out their new classes and/or teachers on our "Transition Day", on Friday 7th July. A reminder to please let the school know by the deadline of any parental requests.

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming back our pupils on Tuesday 6th June.

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

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 01273 733386

Hove Junior School
portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
 01273 916609

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team
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Best wishes,
 Maddie Southern and Ben Massey

Diary Dates

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term holiday
5th June - INSET Day
6th June - First day back to school
27th June - Juniors Sports Day
1st July - SR Summer Fair
3rd - 6th July - Y6 Blacklands Farm Trip
4th July - Y1/Y2 Sports Day
14th July - PR Summer Fair
17th July - Y6 dress rehearsal and evening productions
19th July - Juniors open afternoon and art gallery
20th July - Y6 Silent Disco



Outdoor Classroom Day!

On Thursday 18th May we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day! Classes took their learning outdoors wherever possible; sketching, reading stories and having class discussions. We also scattered wildflower seeds in our new garden area and popped some new plants in our pollinator beds in Saplings as well as lots of lovely outdoor play.

Children said they felt 'calm' and 'connected to nature' and that 'I learn better outside'. What a joy!



Year 2 have loved getting out into the sunshine and practising our defending and attacking skills in ball games this week. We've also been creative butterflies in English, writing our own versions of 'The Magic Key' with new magical objects and extraordinary powers! We had a wonderful time during 'outdoor classroom day', we scattered wild flower seeds in our Wild Flower Garden and some of us did our Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) lesson under the trees!



Year 4 PGL Trip

A couple of weeks ago, Year 4 went on their much anticipated trip to PGL activity centre at Windmill Hill. The children were filled with excitement in the lead up and it's fair to say they were not disappointed. They took part in lots of different activities, including the Giant Swing (a popular favourite), Abseiling and the Raft Building. They enjoyed staying away for 2 nights with their friends and made many memories together that I'm sure they will remember for years to come. Here are some pictures of their adventure!



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PE News

Cricket Open day at The 1st Central County Ground on the 19th May

On Friday the 19th May, some children from year 5 and 6 were invited to attend The Sussex Sharks vs Glamorgan cricket match on Hove County Cricket ground. It was an all-day event and the children were lucky to have their tickets signed by Glamorgan player Jamie McIlroy. It was a great experience and so much fun! Thanks to Mrs Lambert and Mike (expert cricketer and Jack's dad) for accompanying! Here are some pictures of the event.



PE News

Joe Wicks visit!

We are very excited to announce that out of 24,000 schools, Hove Junior School has been selected for a visit from Joe Wicks, the Body Coach, during his UK schools tour. Joe and the CEO of the Body Coach will be visiting us on Friday 26th May during the afternoon. He will host a live 30 minute workout for the whole school and then take part in question and answer sessions with year groups. Photos will come in the next Newsletter. Watch this space!



Brighton Galaxy Girls Half Term Football Camp

Brighton Galaxy Girls are running a 3-day Girls-Only Football Camp this half term and we wanted to make you aware of the below offers we have for FSM / PP & Refugee girls in your school.

£5 Per Day for FSM & PP Families

To extend our reach and make football more accessible to every girl in Brighton & Hove, we are promoting a special offer price of just £5 per day for girls who receive Free School Meals - and we are extending this offer to Pupil Premium girls as well this half term!

Free For Refugees

In a bid to increase participation in girls who may not have had the opportunity to play much football before, we are inviting girls who are refugees in this country to attend our camp completely free of charge!

To book your place, go to www.brightongalaxy.com.



The BIG Coronation



Clothes Swap!

A HUGE "Thank You!" to both our school councils who worked so hard collecting and sorting clothes, and setting up our stalls for our Coronation clothes swap.



They organised it all, from designing the posters and making bunting, to setting up the stalls, and we couldn't be prouder of them.



It was really successful. Lots of families came along, and it was lovely seeing the children excited about taking home new clothes.



We counted 36 large bags of Infant donations, and only 12 bags were left at the end. That is a great result for the environment! We have a lot of school uniform to offer parents for the new school year, and the remainder of the clothes will be put out for parents to take, or passed on to charity.



Thank you to everyone who donated. You were very

generous and we couldn't have done this without your support.



Young Artists' Summer Show Winners

Earlier this year, we gave any budding artists, across all three school sites, the opportunity to submit a piece of artwork to the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2023. Now in its fifth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free open submission exhibition for students aged 4-19 studying in the UK.

We had over 60 artworks sent in to us which we then submitted to the Royal Academy. The artworks were judged by a panel of passionate artists and arts professionals and we are thrilled to announce that two entries from our school were selected for the exhibition!

Congratulations to:

Ronny Shahak (5 Yellow)

Ivan and Sofiia Chupryna (Year 2 Marmosets and Reception Sealions)

Both artworks will be on display at the Royal Academy in London and the public will be able to visit the free exhibition from 18th July - 13 August 2023. There will also be an online exhibition which will go live on the 18th July.

Thank you to all of our talented children who sent in their work for submission. It was so wonderful to see how much creativity and artistic flair there is out there! If there are any children who missed the opportunity this time, we will be registering our school again next year.



Ronny Shahak



Ivan and Sofiia Chupryna

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**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 •

Martlets Shaun by the Sea Project

The Art Committee have started work on the exciting Shaun by the Sea project. Their designs were chosen from the entries and they will lead the painting of Shaun the Sheep, who will be part of an installation across Brighton. It is all in aid of raising money for Martlets.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hovelearningfederation>



Cup Final Success for Poets Corner girls football team!

We would like to celebrate the amazing achievement by Poets Corner girls football team, who on Sunday 14th May won the Sussex Women and Girls Plate Final at the Sussex equivalent of Wembley, Lancing Football Ground! Lots of our Hove Junior Girls play for the team (Robin (yr 6), Megan (yr 6), Lyla (yr6), Lola (yr 5), Monica (yr 5) but Chloe and Amelie (yr 6) competed in the final, a very hard match against Coldean.

Well done girls!





Autism, demand avoidance and behaviour that challenges

You are invited to a coffee morning with BHISS staff on

Tuesday 20th June 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 any further information.

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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Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child may be entitled to **Free School Meals** if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

In addition, **Pupil Premium funding** is available to schools for all children that are in receipt of Free School Meals. It means that Hove Junior School can get extra money to support your child. For every child registered for Free School Meals the school receives £1,385 in Pupil Premium a year. With this money, we can improve maths, reading and writing, promote positive attitudes towards learning and provide quality of opportunity and equal access to school activities.

By completing an application you can make a difference to the amount of funding the school receives. Please help us to receive the money the school is entitled to by making an application <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/contact-council/apply-free-school-meals> or download an application <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/node/20866>. All applications are completely confidential.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maddie Southern
Headteacher

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

National Share-a-Story Month was set up by the Federation of Children's Book Groups as an annual celebration of the power of stories. National Share-a-Story Month takes place through the month of May and has a different theme each year. The theme for 2023 is 'Sail Away in a Story'.

SAIL AWAY IN A STORY

Story Starters

Choose a story starter that interests you and continue telling the story.

Justin Somper

When I drew back my curtains, the last thing I expected to see in our small back garden was a boat. Or rather, it would be more accurate to say... a ship! What on earth was it doing there?

Could it be Dad's latest crazy restoration project – inspired by too many episodes of *The Repair Shop*? Stepping barefoot across the dewy grass toward the ship, I felt a vague sense of unease. I stood, rooted to the ground in front of it, chills spreading through my body. I heard a voice call my name. At first I thought it was Mum, calling me back inside. Then it came again.

It wasn't Mum... Or Dad... Or any voice that I recognised. Nonetheless, this voice knew my name. And it was coming from inside the newly-arrived ship...

Anthony Burt

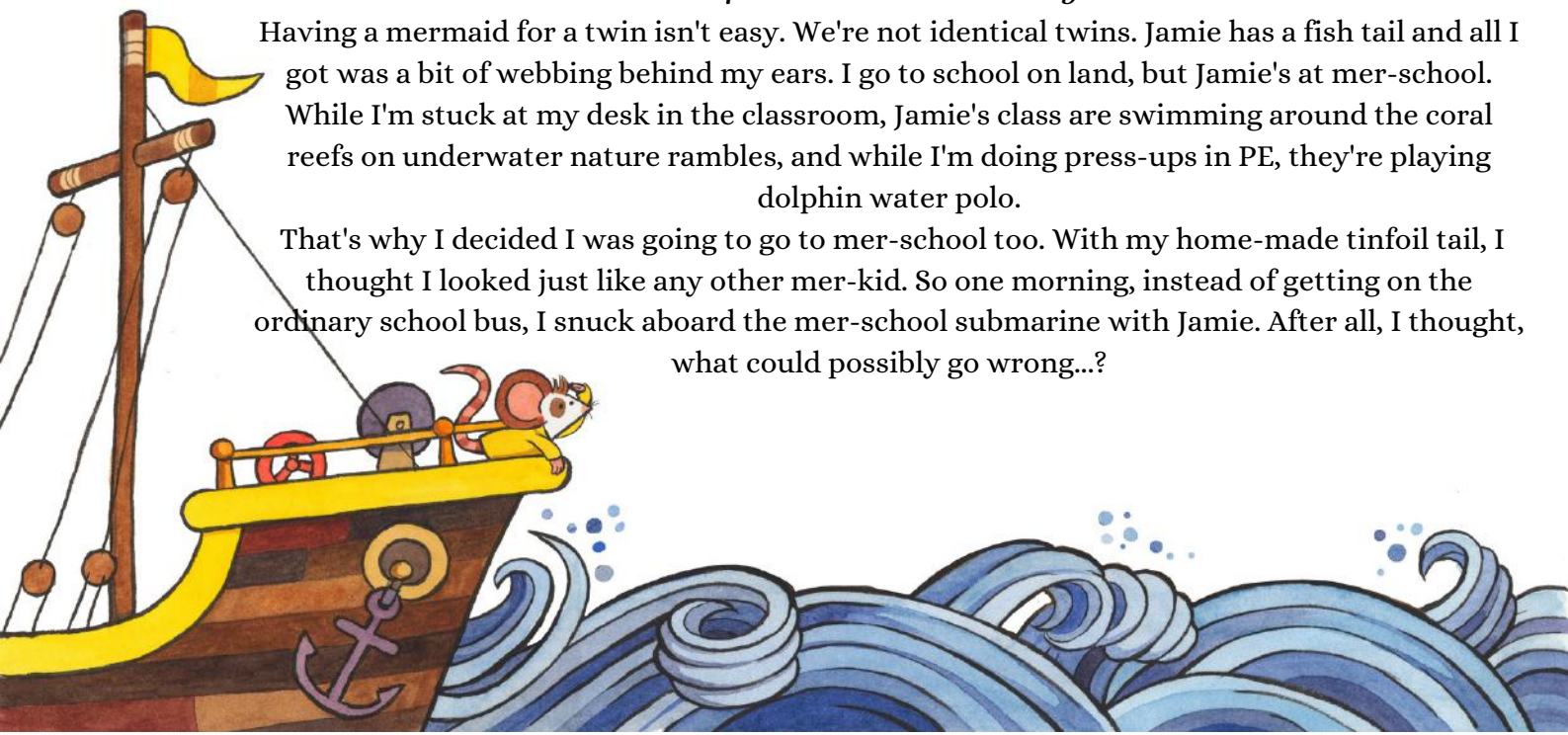
The storm raged around the tiny trawler. The boat flew into the air, off the crest of a huge wave, and hammered back down into the water with a roar. From where David sat, in the boat's cabin, the sea looked like a wild white-blue rug. One that a giant was flicking up and down.

David gripped the old notebook in his hand. This was the place. He could feel it. And, as Lucy stumbled across the cabin, her wet hair covering her face, David glanced down at the last words his father had written in the notebook before he disappeared...

Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

Having a mermaid for a twin isn't easy. We're not identical twins. Jamie has a fish tail and all I got was a bit of webbing behind my ears. I go to school on land, but Jamie's at mer-school. While I'm stuck at my desk in the classroom, Jamie's class are swimming around the coral reefs on underwater nature rambles, and while I'm doing press-ups in PE, they're playing dolphin water polo.

That's why I decided I was going to go to mer-school too. With my home-made tinfoil tail, I thought I looked just like any other mer-kid. So one morning, instead of getting on the ordinary school bus, I snuck aboard the mer-school submarine with Jamie. After all, I thought, what could possibly go wrong...?



Terms and Conditions

Competition is open to all UK children aged 5 and up.

Entries can be submitted via email to nssm@fcbg.org or via post to NSSM, 54 Alexandra Road, Ipswich, IP4 2RN.

Stories should be no more than 1000 words and must begin with one of the story starters provided.

The entrant's name, age, school or book group should be clearly printed on their entry, plus an adult contact name and email address.

If submitted via email please ensure text is high quality and legible.

Entries must be received by 1 June 2023.

**Shortlisting will be done by a FCBG group.
Guest judges will choose winners in each category.**

**Prizes will be awarded in the following categories
5-8, 9-12 and 13+**

Prizes of bundles of books will be awarded to the three category winners. The overall winner (representing a school or book group) will also receive either a virtual or an in-person visit by Julia Green, by arrangement and subject to circumstances.



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