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

Friday 30 June 2023

Dear Families,

We're delighted to share that our recent sports week at the juniors was a tremendous success, thanks to the incredible support of our staff and parents.



Moreover, we have had an exciting line-up of visits and trips over this week including the Year 5 'Big Camp' day at Hove Park and Year 4 visits to Yellowwave. Our Year 5 pupils from both sites got to attend Hove Park and take part in a range of collaborative team games, providing hands on experience and skills learning. Year 2 have also been busy and visited the beach this week, and Mr Massey also took a group of children to the cricket ground! On all of these trips we have been so proud of our pupil's positive behaviour and working with others.





We are all looking forward to the upcoming summer fairs on all our sites organised by the PTA. The fair is always a great opportunity for our school community to come together and we are looking forward to seeing you all there and filling the day with laughter, games, and delicious treats, making it a memorable day for all.

A reminder that due to the upcoming strike days next week on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July the school will be closed. Our internal year group transition day has now moved to Friday 14th July. This will provide an opportunity for all of our pupils to spend time in their new classrooms with their teacher for the morning.

As the warm weather continues, our pupils are enjoying the sunshine during their outdoor activities. Please ensure children come to school with water, a sun hat and with sunscreen protection applied on sunny days.

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
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01273 916609

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team
inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
01273 916609

Best wishes,
Maddie Southern and Ben Massey

Diary Dates

1st July - School Road Infants Summer Fair
3rd - 6th July - Y6 Blacklands Farm Trip
4th July - Y1/Y2 Sports Day - Wish Park
5th & 7th July - Strike days - school closed
14th July - Portland Road Juniors Summer Fair
17th July - Y6 dress rehearsal and evening productions
19th July - Juniors open afternoon and art gallery
20th July - Y6 Silent Disco
21st July - Last Day of Term



Year 2 Update

We thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as scientists this week and we learnt lots of awesome facts! We learnt about how animals change as they grow into adults, we looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and compared the similarities and differences with the life cycle of a sea turtle! Lastly, to close science day, we learnt about climate change and the impact it is having on Earth. We discussed the key issues and what we could all do to help!



Juniors Sports Week

Withdean Athletics

On Thursday 22 June 2023, some children at Hove Juniors took part in the Primary School Withdean Athletics Competition.

Children from Year 4, 5 and 6, were selected and will have the opportunity to compete in different event such as Vortex throwing, standing long jump, relay races etc. These children showed endurance, perseverance and sportsmanship like no others! They had a great experience with fantastic weather.

Hove Juniors, both Holland and Portland road sites, finished in a fantastic 6th place in the competition. Here are some highlights of the day.
Incredible performance by Beti in Year 6! Congratulations



Juniors Sports Week

Girls cricket at Preston Park

On the 14th of June, the year 5 and 6 girls played 5 fantastic games against other local schools in the recent cricket tournament held in Preston Park.

Another sun-soaked day at St Peter's Cricket Club!

Here's what they had to say about the day, "We don't like cricket...we LOVE it!

The girls had a great time, made new friends, learnt lots about the rules of competitive cricket and showed fantastic team work and determination throughout the whole day. It was a pleasure to take them!



Juniors Sports Week

Sports day!!

What a fabulous day we had last Tuesday!
At Wish Park, we were able to enjoy a day full of sports, competitiveness and determination.

All classes participated in a carousel of events including the javelin throw, discus throw, shot putt throw and standing long jump. They also participated in races of all kinds,; 100m, 200m and even 400m! Not forgetting skipping and egg and spoon races!

The children cheered on their peers in the races and even parents and teachers had the opportunity to compete!
Congratulations to all! Parents, students and teachers for demonstrating perseverance, sportsmanship and outstanding performance in all the events.

Here are some shout outs!

James Year 6 for persevere in face of adversity.

Katherine Year4 for the speediest girl in Year 4!

Andrei and Imran for stamina and endurance during the Egg and spoon race.

Amy year 3 for overcoming last minute obstacles and winning her race!
Seth for losing a shoe and carry on running, what a Cinderella moment!
Zachary for not giving up and finishing his race with a head held up high!



Juniors Sports Week

Have a go festival for Year 3 and 4 cricket at Preston Park

On the 28th June, at the Preston Park velodrome, children from year 3 and 4 took part at the 'Have a go' Cricket festival and they were practicing their cricket skills. Special mention to Rehan for showing great skills and Elsa for building her confidence throughout the day. All the children had a great time and enjoyed a variety of games as well as cartwheeling between sets kept the afternoon very active!

Here is what the children thought of the day:

Henry A ' I enjoyed all the games and skills in particular the fielding practice, the diving for fielding.'

Vardar' It was great fun'



More info to come for further Sporting Activities

Ultimate Frisbee for Year 5

Yellow wave for Year 4

Albion in the community, disability Paralympic sports session for Year 3.

Year 5 'Big Camp' Day at Hove Park School

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Hove Park School on Wednesday, where they got to experience a range of different activities. These consisted of practicing the art of safe fire lighting using flint and steel, learning basic first aid techniques and pitching their own tent. Other highlights of the day included the children completing an assault course, navigating a 'spiders web' (mission impossible style!) and working as a team to get everyone across a 'river' using only planks and tyres. The children represented the school wonderfully and hopefully have made memories to last a very long time!



Mental Health Ambassador Project

Our school mental health ambassadors have taken part in an exciting project with our senior mental health lead (Jen Beale), funded by Brighton & Hove Inclusion Support Service (BHISS). The project was supported by John Khan and Tom Gould from Priority 1-54 to promote pupil voice and whole-school approaches to mental health and emotional wellbeing (MHEW).

The children took part in two creative workshops to gather their views around the mental health provision at our school. We then created the films below showcasing their views and ideas. We were so proud of the contributions all our mental health ambassadors made.

Comments from the mental health ambassadors included:

"I enjoyed working and talking about the school and our emotions to other people who I wouldn't usually work with"

"I enjoyed the inclusiveness of the workshop because everyone got a turn to say something"

In addition, a creative workshop was organised to enable the mental health ambassadors and their parents and carers to work together at school. Comments from parents who attended included:

'This workshop shows how important it is for children to have a voice and be heard'

'We need to allow children to express their worries in lots of different ways'

'Mental health needs to be part of everyday conversations'.

Next year we will be focusing on implementing the children's ideas and making our mental health provision even better!



SR/PR Film link: <https://youtu.be/v2mYaofaZpM>

HR Film link: <https://youtu.be/o06J-xOrNJw>

Food and Drink, Bar, Beat the goalie, Inflatables
Music, Dancing, Raffle and more .

14th
JULY

2pm
until
5pm

WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS!

SUMMER FAIR!

SCAN TO HELP!



£15 pound parent stalls
£5 children stalls.

Email hovejuniorpta@gmail.com

Pearson
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Date for dairies : Cakes and Bakes for cake comp is 14th July



Cakes & Bakes competition!

FRIDAY
14TH JULY

COMPETITION TIME!

PLEASE BRING YOUR CAKES &
BAKES TO THE CREATIVE
ROOM, LABELLED WITH YOUR
NAME, CLASS & A LIST OF
INGREDIENTS.

(*NO NUTS OR SESAME SEEDS PLEASE AS THE
CAKES WILL BE SOLD AT THE SUMMER FAIR
AFTER THE COMPETITION)

**ALL MONEY RAISED
WILL GO TO HJS**





Sun Safety at school!

The last six weeks of school are set to be waaarm! Keep your children safe in the sun with these top tips:

1. Make sure your child brings water to school each day. Adding an ice cube or frozen berries to it makes it extra refreshing!
2. Use a roll on sunscreen for easy application in the mornings. Your child can bring these to school but must apply them themselves. Add a name in permanent pen to avoid losing it!
3. Hats and sunglasses are great for midday play. Do not forget to label with a permanent pen.
4. Snacks with a high water content like grapes are great for the end of day. Frozen fruit juice lollies are also popular!
5. If buying a summer uniform for your child is a challenge, we have pre-loved ones available. Please speak to your class teacher, or a member of staff you feel comfortable talking to. We're here to help!

Wishing you a happy and safe summer season,

The PSHE Team



Coping with Challenging Behaviour

As the summer approaches, you may be wondering how you are going to manage meltdowns. Help is at hand - Connective Family has produced a free guide to 'Managing Meltdowns'. Connective Family is an organisation that supports professionals and parents and carers through Connective Parenting. There are free resources and advice on their website. You can access the website here. You can download the free guide to managing meltdowns here.

<https://connectivefamily.com/coping-with-challenging-behaviours/>





Midday Supervisors required

Hove Junior School – based at Portland Road site

Monday to Friday 12.20 – 1.20 pm (5 days per week)

Paid weeks per year 43.78

Hourly rate £11.81

We are looking for MDSAs to work with our friendly and supportive team of lunchtime staff and play leaders. You will need to:

- Supervise our children during lunchtimes, both in the playground and in the canteen
- Have a firm and fair approach with children from Year 3 to Year 6
- Have good inter-personal skills and a calm manner
- Be either first-aid trained or willing to undertake similar training

Hove Learning Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date 19th July 2023

Interview date TBC

Start date 4th September 2023

To apply for this job, contact Kate Newman, Office Manager

Email: katenewman@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk



Midday Supervisor required

Hove Junior School & West Hove Infant School - **Holland Road site**

Monday to Friday 12.00 – 1.00 pm (5 days per week)

Paid weeks per year 43.78

Hourly rate £11.81

We are looking for an MDSA to work with our friendly and supportive team of lunchtime staff and play leaders. You will need to:

- Supervise our children during lunchtimes, both in the playground and in the canteen
- Have a firm and fair approach with children from Reception to Year 6
- Have good inter-personal skills and a calm manner
- Be either first-aid trained or willing to undertake similar training

Closing date 8th September 2023

Interview date 15th September 2023

Start date: TBC

To apply for this job, please complete an application form and return to the school office or email it to:

pambarry@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Employment under the Federated Board includes all locations/sites where both schools operate. Under this contract, you may be asked to work across different locations under the Federated Board, either temporarily or permanently

We are proud that our school is a culturally rich and diverse place of learning, and we are keen to encourage people from diverse ethnic backgrounds to apply and join our staff team. The school has a strong focus on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion for our pupils, staff and governors and we are passionate about creating an environment where every pupil can thrive. We are also very proud that Hove Junior School is an Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Centre of Excellence.

Hove Junior School and West Hove Infant School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All new staff will be DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) checked at an advanced level.



Join us for a

Workshop for parents

Helping you support your child's

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Portland Road: Tues 11th July 9.00-10.00

Holland Road: Thurs 13th July 9.00-10.00

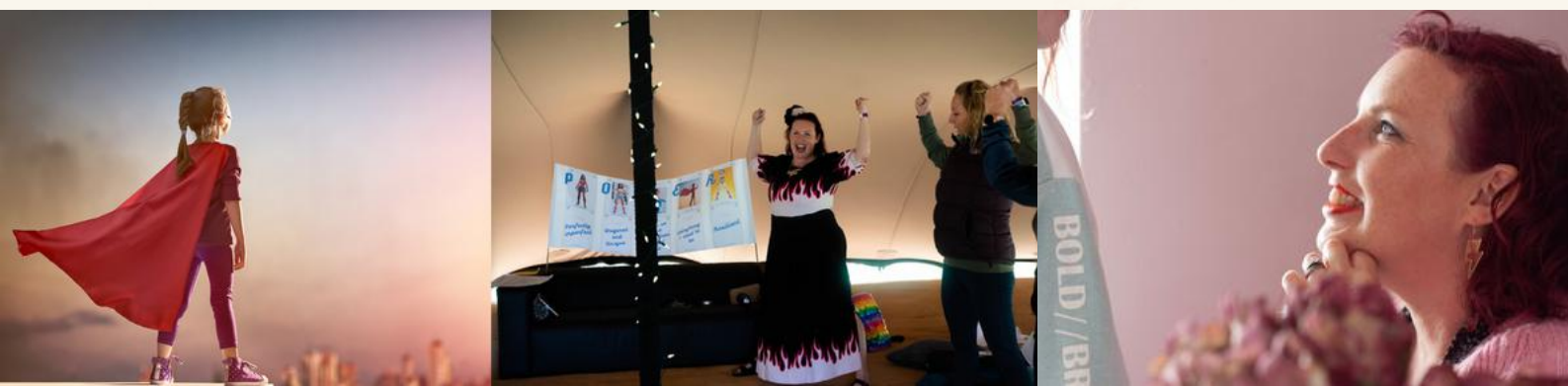
Come and hear from Claudine of Seascape Blue Coaching, founder of Mother and Daughter Empowerment Circles and mum of 2, about how to:

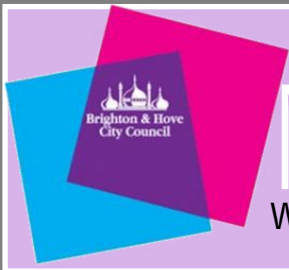
- avoid passing down your struggles and hang ups to your child •
- help them feel good enough as they are, so the pressure of social media and peers hurts less •
- enable them to avoid the traps of diet and beauty culture as they grow up •

Suitable for parents of children of all ages and genders:
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Claudine@SeascapeBlue.co.uk

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MHST newsletter: Transition

Welcome to this edition of the MHST newsletter!

Psychoeducation



We wanted to dedicate this newsletter to the transition from primary to secondary school, as we know that this change can be an exciting time, but also a little bit scary for some. Children don't know what to expect, whether they will easily make new friends and whether they will like it there. Secondary schools are typically a lot larger than primary schools, there are new teachers, new classrooms and new subjects to study. All the unknowns might lead to worries, for example worries about getting lost, being late, detentions, homework, losing old friends, being with older peers... Or your child might feel sad about leaving their old school behind, where they had good friends, liked their teachers and had a good time over the years. Whatever the reasons, transition is easier when we talk about what to expect. We wanted to reach out to all of you who might have a child who is struggling with the prospect of transitioning to secondary school, offer you some tips and strategies so that you, as a parent, can help your child through this time.

Visiting the school and getting an idea of the environment can help put your child at ease on the first day. Open days and orientation evenings are also a great chance to meet others who will be in the same situation. Maybe go on the bus together even if you usually drive.

Maintaining friendships and making new friends over the summer is bound to be helpful, as they'll likely only know a handful of people beforehand. For example, get them involved in community activities or holiday clubs.

Schedules and timetables will vary from day to day, and children are responsible for their own homework schedule. It might be helpful to offer your child more opportunities to plan their own schedules and be in control of this during the lead up to the transition.

To prepare for the increased homework demands, it is useful to set aside an area at home where they can focus and concentrate. Homework levels will increase at secondary school, so there may need to be a good balance between social activities, clubs, etc.

Managing independence becomes more important during the secondary school period. Your child may walk to school alone, or want to meet their new friends for parties. Why not sit down with your child and decide on the ground rules; think curfews, parties, and dating...

Top Tips



Strategies



Reframe the what ifs

what if i fail?

what if i excel?

what if i go and have a terrible time?

what if i'll have the time of my life?

what if none of this is worth it?

what if i can create my own purpose?

what if they'll hate me?

what if they'll be my new friends?

what if i'll never be good enough?

what if i already am?

what if i never achieve this goal?

what if trying my best is good enough?

Worry management

Sometimes children really struggle to manage all the worries they have going round in their heads. They might be thinking of “what if...” questions that focus on the things that might go wrong. One way to help your child is to ask whether there is anything they can do to solve the worry. For example, if they worry they will get lost on the way to their new school, you can practice the route together, until they feel confident they know it. However, sometimes there are worries that do not have any concrete solution, or you’ve already put plans in place to address the worry. If this is the case, it is not helpful to keep thinking about it, (this won’t solve the situation or make anything better, in fact it often tends to do the opposite)! For example, if they worry about being in a class with people they don’t know, thinking won’t change anything, as that is out of their control. Therefore, it might be more helpful to let the worry go, and move the focus to other things, such as reading a book, playing a game or anything fun to distract. We know that the mind isn’t that good at doing two things at once, so once we occupy it with something else, the worries are bound to drift into the background.

Seeing the other side

The other thing our minds aren’t so good at, is seeing the positives. We’re evolutionarily programmed to be aware of danger and things that might go wrong, as this helps us prepare and deal with those situations. However, in the case of worrying, this isn’t always helpful, and we can counter this tendency, by encouraging our children to see the other side of the coin. Instead of thinking of the things that can go wrong, you can encourage them to think about how things might work out. It might be helpful to ask questions that help them reflect on times in the past where they have managed things well.

Other helpful resources

Young Minds Top Ten Tips: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/20djlktz/top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf>

Booklet for parent from Anna Freud: <https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Transitioning to Secondary School – BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/transitioning-to-secondary-school/zkc9pg8>

For further support in Brighton and Hove:

Mental Health Support Team: can offer one to one or group intervention for children and teens with low mood. Please contact your school SENCO or Jaki Watkins: jaki.watkins@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Schools Wellbeing Service: can offer consultation and advice from Primary Mental Health Workers. Please email swsconsultationline@brighton-hove.gov.uk to organise an appointment.

Community Wellbeing Service: can offer one to one and group intervention for mild to moderate mental health difficulties. Please visit www.brightonandhove wellbeing.org for further information.

CAMHS: can offer intervention, assessments, and support for moderate to severe mental health difficulties. Please visit www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk for further information.

Signposting

Helpful Apps:



Calm Harm

Reduce urges to self-harm and manage emotions in a more positive way

Free



Catch It

Learn to manage negative thoughts and look at problems differently

Free



ThinkNinja

ThinkNinja is an app that helps 10 to 18 year olds learn about and manage their mental health

Free during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis



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

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



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Join me and my daughter (for the younger age groups) - along with a small group of mums and girls for workshops with age-appropriate activities, discussions and games.



You'll both leave the informative, relaxed sessions feeling a new sense of appreciation for yourselves and each other.

Refreshments and crafting supplies are included.

To book search Eventbrite: "Mothers and Daughters Circles"
[www.eventbrite.com/cc/mothers-and-daughters-confidence-circles-](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mothers-and-daughters-confidence-circles-1919219)

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[for more info and FAQs:](#)

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

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