Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Autumn Term
21 October 2021

Newsletter

Knife Crime Assemblies



On Friday, 15 October we were joined by Collaborate Digital - working in partnership with Hampshire Police - to raise awareness about knife crime for all students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 - so just under 850 students in total across the day.

The students heard some really important messages about knife crime and the law, the effects, how to support a victim of knife crime and many other important messages. The sessions were delivered fantastically by Mark Matthews (Collaborate Digital). We hope that education and awareness sessions such as these will help our young people make effective choices that will help keep themselves safe when out in the local community.

Mr G Wilkinson
Assistant Headteacher

Auditions for ANNIE

We are very excited to announce that all audition times will be published on Thursday, 21 October at 3.15pm on the door of MU2 (Ms Earwood's room).

We can't wait to see all the talent we have at BHCS and have even got some guests on the auditioning panel to help us with our decision! If you are unsure about anything to do with your audition, please come and speak to a member of EPA staff as soon as possible!

Good Luck and see you in November!

The EPA team

Voyager

What a half-term! Voyager have shown fantastic Team spirit this term that gets stronger every week! Weekly, they have progressed as a team and in scores ending this term on a very confident second place. It is always such a positive and welcoming environment out there on a Friday. Special mention to two of our Year 10 Voyagers Harry and Will who gathered a strong team when I was away, showing the collaborative team spirit we love so much!

Also, a hugely positive moment from last Friday when Voyager had such a super football turn-out, they played for other houses who had a few less! This is exactly the team spirit and kindness that makes Voyager so special! Go team!

Miss E Malone
Head of Voyager

Endeavour

Welcome to Endeavour!

My name is Miss Marsh and I am the proud Head of Endeavour House, working alongside our Endeavour House captain: Abi R in Year 11 and student representatives in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. Endeavour House is named after the NASA space station space ship: Endeavour! We rise above the rest. Success Supposes Endeavour. We succeed everyday by: supporting, encouraging and helping other Endeavours but also everyone else showing just how great team players we are. We show Brighton Hill Community Schools' four corner stones of: Courage, Commitment, Collaboration and Kindness.



Endeavour's house ambassador is Tom Daley. Having made his Olympic debut aged 14, Tom Daley had to wait till his fourth Games in Tokyo to get his hands on a gold medal! Not only is Tom Daley a magnificent sports person but he is also inspirational within everyday life. Promoting equality, the right to love whoever you wish and a crazy knitter selling his pieces to raise funds for many different charities.

A massive well done to our current Endeavour top students: William D- 4 points, Bella D - 4 points, Olivia C - 4 points, Jasmine W - 4 points and Zac W - 4 points. Harry V - 2 points, Izzi T– 2 points, Amileigh T - 2 points, Millie T - 2 points and Bradley T - 2 points.

My vision for Endeavour is to create a red family. We will Endeavour to support, encourage, believe and work hard to create success. We are a family within the #YellowArmy and we make sure no one is left behind.

Miss J Marsh
Head of Endeavour

Pioneer

What a fabulous half term for our wonderful Pioneers! From Year 9 building marshmallow and spaghetti towers to Year 7 Boys and Girls Football, Autumn 1 has been a monumental half term for Pioneers with countless victories and unbeatable spirit! We kicked the term off with a fantastic win by our Year 10 and 11 boys in football, showing not only exceptional sports skills but also a fabulous demonstration of our four cornerstones! The baton was then handed to Year 9 in a head-to-head competition with Endeavour building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. After our two teams built some splendiferous towers it resulted in a Pioneer win! In a similar fashion our wonderful Year 7 team continued the furious battle with Endeavour building paper bridges that were so strong we could not break them leaving a draw with Endeavour! Turning the tables on the rivalry with Endeavour, our Year 9's showed stupendous collaboration, with Endeavour joining forces to ensure that every student got to play at football the next week!

At the beginning of October, the school was buzzing with excitement as Pioneer had two exceptional teams battling it out on either end of the school grounds. In the Art Department you might have caught a green blur as Pioneer raced into the lead building the Year 7 art puzzle to a mighty victory. Whilst in the Science Department Year 8's were busy building gravity defying roller-coasters, gaining second place!



We end the half term as we began with some simply brilliant football, with Year 7 girls taking first and boys taking second place! The commitment of our Pioneer team has been nothing short of outstanding this half term!

Thank you to every student who participated or came to support our champion team! And if you missed out ,do not worry, we will be back with full force after half term!! COME ON PIONEER!!!!

Miss Arundale
Head of Pioneer

HORIZON

It's been an amazing first half term as the Head of Horizon, from the first House assembly and finally having all of us in one place, to the Year 9 boys earning a hard-fought first place in their House football event (well done!). The enthusiasm from the students has been so wonderful to see and long may it continue! We might not be top of the House Cup points yet, but it's only fair to give the others a head start, right?

The ambassador for Horizon House is Alex Scott. As one of England's most capped footballers, she perfectly embodies some of the characteristics I see in Horizon students every day: hard working, motivated, and wanting to bring about positive change. I am so looking forward to seeing what the next half term brings for Horizon House and our incredible students!

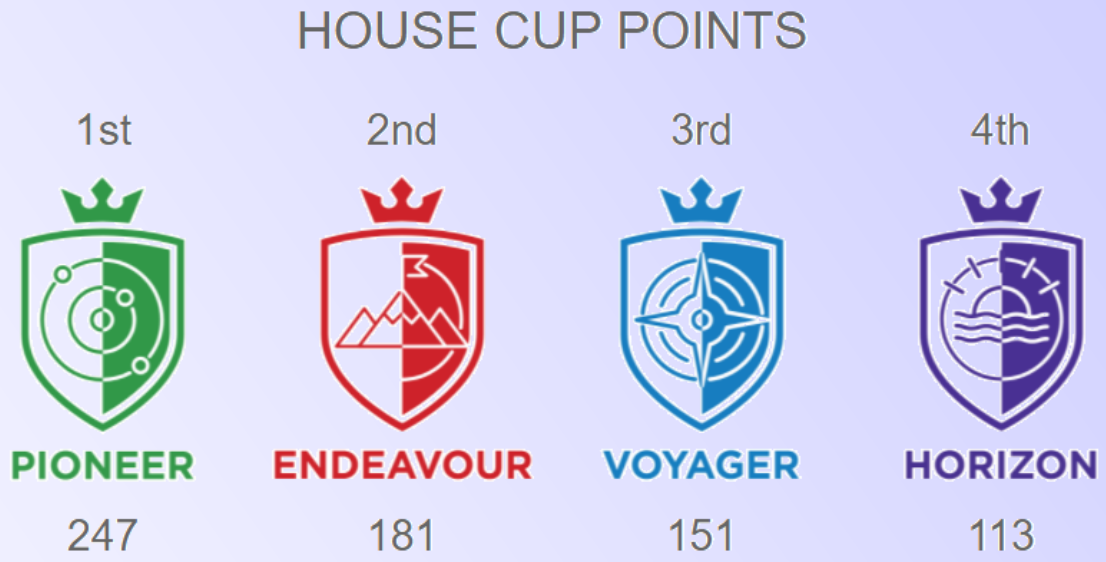
Mr Firth
Head of Horizon

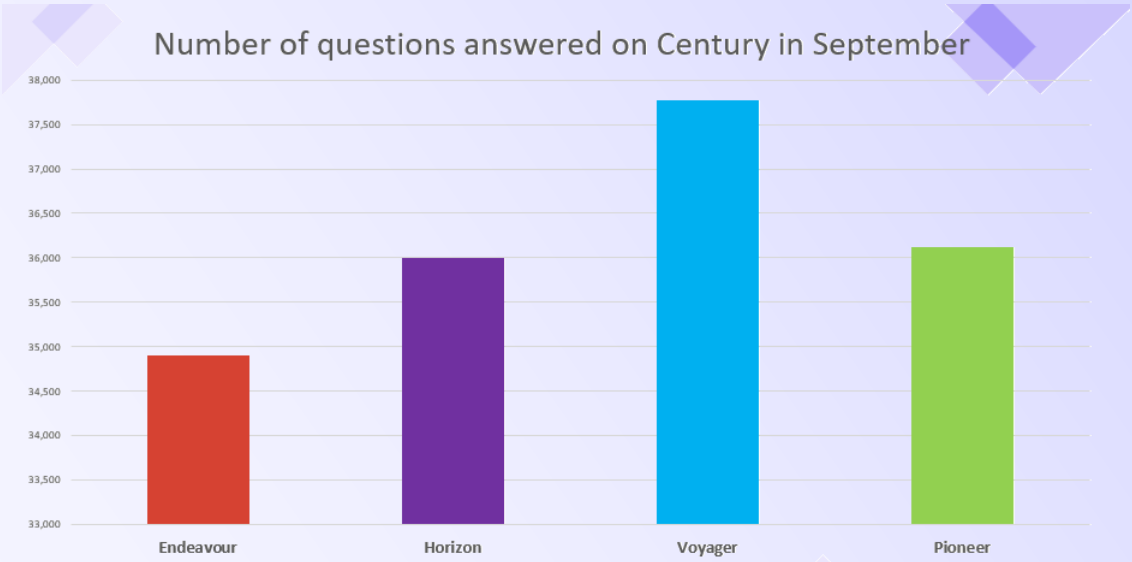
HOUSE CUP UPDATE

It has been a remarkable six weeks at Brighton Hill Community School, with the launch of the new House system and the new House Cup proving to be a huge success. Over 250 students have so far attended extra-curricular House Cup activities on a Friday afternoon with over 700 House Cup points awarded so far.

Currently, Pioneer remain as the early pacesetters, however the early gap is starting to be closed by the other Houses.

I am also delighted to announce the House Century Cup, in which Houses will compete to be the most prevalent completers of Century questions each month. The results for September were breathtaking, with our students completing over 150,000 Century questions. The respective tables are below:





Mr P Beeching
Assistant Headteacher

National Schools' PE News

Our Year 9 netball team entered the National Schools' Netball tournament on Saturday 9 October. They represented our school beautifully and had a chance to see some elite level netball.





Year 8 / 9 Girls' Football are through to round three of the National Cup after a strong 6 - 0 win against Sherfield on 29 September. They face Didcot Girls school on 4 November at home.

Girls' Football Leadership

A huge congratulations to our Game of Our Own Football Activators on passing their leadership qualification. Our 23 newly qualified Young Leaders will be changing the face of girls' football at Brighton Hill Community School over the coming months.



Netball Finals

Congratulations to our Year 10 // 11 girls who got through to the district netball finals. They all played incredibly well and represented our school wonderfully in their last ever netball games. Well done to Amber W who won the 'Players Player' for this season!





Miss Burn and Miss Paterson
Teachers of PE

European Day Of Languages

The Modern Languages Faculty celebrated European Day of Languages on 26 September 2021 with a range of activities for Key Stage 3. Firstly, Years 7 and 8 enjoyed studying something a bit different in one of their MFL lessons to celebrate European Day of Languages, learning about why it's so important for us all to discover languages. Students were also offered the opportunity to complete a series of challenges in a bespoke booklet with completed entries receiving a prize! Next, the MFL faculty teamed up with the EPA faculty and Mrs Britton very kindly organised a Salsa dancing session so our KS3 students could experience an element of Hispanic culture.



Finally Mrs Oates ran an introduction to German which was so popular you may see a German Club featuring on the extra-curricular timetable later this year! We have been delighted with the enthusiasm of our students and their participation in the events, which have been both engaging and highlighted the Importance of life-long language learning!

Mrs S Hallum Barnard
Assistant Headteacher



Football & Badminton Clubs

What an incredible start for the Year 7 Football and Badminton club. We had over 50 students attend the Year 7 Football trials and over 40 attend the Badminton club. Well done to all the boys who turned up and gave it go! We continue to see more than 30 attend Badminton club each week ranging from Year 7 all the way up to Year 11's.



Each week they are getting better and better. We are at a point now where we have decided to host a Key Stage 3 boys and a Key Stage 4 girls Badminton tournament for the schools in Basingstoke. The Year 7 Football team did the school proud in their first game against Costello. Unfortunately, we lost 6-5 but it was an exceptional performance, there is a lot of potential for us to win some silverware for the school!

Mr J Freemantle—Teacher of PE

FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 10 boys have had a great start to the football season with wins in the Hampshire Cup, a 6-1 win over St Georges (Southampton) and a 6-2 win over Testbourne in the National Cup. There have been some brilliant performances in both games and the standout player has been Luke M who has played centre back for the majority of school fixtures but has stepped into midfield due to injuries and has been phenomenal. A special mention to Kyle B and Ben P who have made their debuts this season. Upcoming fixtures: Bishop Challoner (District Cup), Rodborough (National Cup), Unknown (Hampshire Cup).





Gymnastics Club

It has been such a pleasure to finally have gymnastics club back up and running! We have made a cracking start to the year; covering key gymnastics skills, flight and sports acrobatics so far! Students' confidence is growing at an exceptional rate and we are looking forward to starting vault and beam in the next half term. Gymnastics is an excellent activity for building and developing strength and flexibility, as well as being one of the best activities for teaching students how to control their body and development of bone strength. It's also cracking fun! So if you feel like you would like a new challenge, join us on Thursday's after school – all abilities and year groups welcome!

Mr J Freemantle
Teacher of PE

DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER & THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
COVID19 vaccinations for all students aged 12 and over
and flu inoculations for all year groups.
Consent forms and information leaflets are being sent home and e-mailed to all parents

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER
YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
All Saints Church