

Brighton Hill Community School

'Making success inevitable'

Summer Term
8 July 2022

Newsletter

From the Governors ...

This academic year has ended with the most amazing and well-deserved Ofsted outcome due to the extraordinary hard work and dedication of every member of the school community. Appointing an outstanding candidate as Headteacher five years ago set the tone for strong leadership throughout the organisation and has enabled everything else to follow. Every day, despite all the challenges, our exceptional staff give your children a chance to shine, to be themselves and to succeed.

It is a privilege to work with Mr Edwards – he has a clear vision for the school's success. He is a superb communicator and listener, has boundless enthusiasm and energy and is 100% committed to ensuring the best for our staff and students. Mr Edwards' leadership encapsulates the meaning of the four cornerstones of Brighton Hill Community School and he models this through his leadership. The school is very lucky to have him as our leader and long may it continue!

As governors, we are very proud to be part of the outstanding #YellowArmy leadership team. Alongside the senior leaders, we will continue to consider the next steps in our school's journey, look for the best opportunities for the future, bring challenge, give support and maintain our high expectations for continuous improvement over the coming years.

As parents and carers, you are also part of the team and your support has also been invaluable, especially during the Covid years and most recently, through Ofsted's visit. Without doubt, your overwhelmingly positive comments contributed to the successful inspection and we would like to thank you for putting your trust in our school.

We look forward to September and will be meeting our new #YellowArmy Year 7 recruits, celebrating the inevitable successes of our out-going Year 11s GCSE results and welcoming back rested and reinvigorated staff and students.

We hope you are able to enjoy family time during the summer break and send thanks and best wishes to you, our students and staff.

Jane Pratt MBE Chair of the Governing Body



House News



And we reach the end of the first full school year in what feels like forever, I have been so proud of every single student in Horizon for banding together and embodying the spirit of so many of our cornerstones throughout the year - and especially in the last term. It felt by Christmas that Horizon had been cut adrift at the bottom of the House Cup standings, but I never lost faith in this wonderful group of young people. If you have read any of these newsletter updates, you'll know I have said the comeback is on about five or six times, and Horizon are proving me right - in the last four weeks we have earned more House Cup Points than two of the other Houses combined!

Unfortunately I wasn't able to be at school for Sports Day, but I've had a number of teachers tell me how impressed they were with the effort of Horizon students, with many students leaving nothing on the table and trying their absolute best, especially in the morning where I'm told we were performing exceptionally well!

Regardless of where we end up finishing this year, every person in Horizon can look back proudly with how we've done and I can't wait to see what challenges we can overcome next year as we storm to the title!

Mr Firth
Head of HORIZON



ENDEAVOUR

Well Done Endeavour! What a year we have had and it's not over! There is all to play for guys – still time to win it back! We may not have won on Sports day but we went down with a fight!

I am so, so proud of you all. Every single student brought their game faces, stepping up to fill in for others, cheering on from the side lines and even wearing beautiful face paint! I have never seen so much commitment, kindness, collaboration and at times courage to overcome!



This term House Captains asked for Spotlight food bank donations, and you have certainly delivered. A massive well done to Miss Bravo's tutor group showing the most kindness by donating an amazing 40 items! Look out for a reward in the coming days! I hope you have a lovely summer holidays when it arrives.

Miss Marsh
Head of Endeavour



PIONEER

What a way to end the term! Pioneer spirit has been out in droves! Our brilliant tutor team has shown unbelievable dedication to several competitions in the final half term of the year.

The half term began with an outreach competition to support Spotlight food bank, who support over 640 people a week. The response from our brilliant Pioneers was outstanding. The kindness and commitment that each tutor group showed was overwhelming, collecting over 330 items! A special shoutout to 9Pr1 and 10Pr2 who absolutely lead the way demonstrating just how kind and thoughtful our Pioneers are!!

At the same time our Pioneers were quietly preparing for Sport's Day, crafting the most incredible decorations! We had bunting (professionally sewn together by Mrs Oates), posters, parades, and an incredible jelly fish from wonderful Mrs Williams! But the work didn't stop there - on the day Pioneers were loud and proud sporting lots of green face paint, waving our flags, and cheering on our team. As the Pioneer team cheered on, our runners, throwers and jumpers came out in full force with overwhelming courage and commitment. With a spectacular finish on the relays resulting in.... a PIONEER WIN! Congratulations and thank you to all Pioneer's for representing all four cornerstones throughout the day and our mighty Pioneer Tutor Team for showing unrelenting support, especially Mrs Smith and her stupendous pompoms! Let's see how long we can keep the winning streak going!



Miss Arundale - Head of PIONEER

So much to update you on! This term has been an absolute party! We have had Sports Day, Sports Award Evening, PGL and so many incredible lessons! Year 8 joined us for a trip to PGL a few weeks ago where the Voyager superstars got to show how fantastic they were outside of school. We made so many memories. Then Sports Awards night where Football Captain Charlie won a trophy! Then we had Sports day where we managed to up our success by winning 2nd place! Pioneer swiped the win with their fantastic competition. We got to see record breaking jumping and running! Kelvin (Year 10), Maia, Emilia, Harini (Year 9) and Kyron and Jayden (Year 7) ran so fast we barely got to cheer quickly enough!



VOYAGER

We also welcome our new HOUSE CAPTAIN KYLE! Kyle was a shining star at Sports Day with enough team spirit to fill the field! A fantastic person to represent our wonderful team, I'm so excited to work with him more!

We are still clinging on to our overall House Cup win and inter-house cup win with every intention of keeping our first place for the last term! Let's do this Voyager! – Your number One Supporter ...



...Miss Malone - Head of VOYAGER



MFL News

On Tuesday, 28 June, the MFL department finally welcomed Onatti Productions into the theatre to perform a play entirely in French - having had to delay it due to the dreaded Covid!

Our Year 8 and 9 French students enjoyed an entertaining and interactive performance of 'Mon père ne me comprend pas', which was about a young teenager who felt her dad didn't understand her, treating her like a young child and being generally very embarrassing! Although the students didn't understand every word, they certainly understood the topic and laughed in all the (numerous) right places.

A fun and enriching activity for our linguists, proving that you don't need to understand every word to appreciate a foreign language production, especially when the actors are "magnificent" and the plot is "fun and engaging", as reviewed by some of the audience. We look forward to welcoming them back next year with their new productions.

Mrs S Oates
Teacher of French

Year 11 GCSE Students

Congratulations on completing the Summer 2022 exam series - well done on all your hard work and determination. I was very privileged to be able to witness the dedication that you all showed over the five weeks of examinations!

RESULTS DAY

Results day is on Thursday 25 August this year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible coming in to collect your results and to wish you luck in your next journey.

Mrs Harding
Exams Officer

CONSIDERING A ROLE IN SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH SEND IN SCHOOL?

Attend a SEND Open afternoon at Brighton Hill Community School to see the vision we have for two new roles we are investing in, and see what we have to offer you, and consider applying.

DETAILS

2:30pm – 4:30pm Thursday 14th July at Brighton Hill Community School.
Those attending can stay as long as they wish up until 4:30pm

OPPORTUNITY TO

- ◆ Tour our school site and Hive (new Learning Support centre)
- ◆ Meet and greet with the SENDCo, SEND support staff and Senior Leadership Team
- ◆ Receive an information pack on the exciting new roles we are offering

NEW ROLES ON OFFER

Specialist Learning Support - Grade C (+ time off-timetable) 32.5 hrs per week.
Faculty Learning Support - Grade B (+ time off-timetable) 32.5hrs per week.

If you would like to drop in please e-mail Jo Levett:
jlevett@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

Interviews for applications - *Friday 5th August*



7th, 8th and 9th of
July 2022 at 7pm
in the BHCS Theatre

Safeguarding

Please support our safeguarding culture by contacting us on safeguarding@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk if you have any concerns about the safety of a child.

Mr G Wilkinson – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Ticket prices:
Adult – £8
Concession – £4
Purchased from the
Finance Office



SPORTS DAY 2022

Sports Day 2022 was a beautiful sunny celebration of sport! Students and staff got into the spirit of the day taking on a full day of volleyball, rounders, frisbee, wacky races and track and field events. The maths team worked their magic as they do every year feeding the staff with a huge array of treats at breaktime.

Sports Day records were smashed by; Austin in Year 7 shot put beating the 2003 record, Mia in Year 7 beating the 100m record of 2013, Georgie in Year 8 beating the long held record from 1992 in shot put and Anna in Year 9 beating the even longer held record of 1983! The overall results were:



1st Pioneer -
(winning their second consecutive Sports Day)
2nd Voyager
3rd Endeavour
4th Horizon



Cricket FOR ALL AGES PART 1

YEAR 7 AND 8 CRICKET

We are the U13 District Cricket champions! Wow, what a term on Cricket we have had. We worked hard every Thursday at training and in lessons trying to improve and all that hard work has paid off. After a superb fielding performance, getting them all out with 9 out of 20 overs remaining and only 65 runs to beat. An excellent bowler took three wickets in the first over and a half, meant we began chasing that win. Strong batting performance over the next 7 overs secured us that vital win with a comfortable 8 overs remaining. Congratulations to all the boys involved!!

Cricket

PART 2

On Wednesday our boys travelled to Winchester to participate in the Hampshire Softball Cricket Tournament - we were drawn in Pool A with Henry Beaufort, John Hansen and Toynbee schools. We knew that John Hansen would be our toughest opponent after they destroyed us earlier in the season. In the first game we beat Henry Beaufort by 34 runs, the boys were fantastic with the ball. Second game was our redemption game, we knew if we could beat them, we'd stand a chance of taking it all! The boys were fantastic with the bat setting a target of 73 to win. Our opposition started well with the bat and were at 18 runs after two overs and then our boys found their rhythm taking wicket after wicket and limited John Hanson to 64 runs in their innings.

The belief and confidence had risen within the group too and our final group game was won convincingly by 42 runs. In the final, we were clear favourites having won all our group games. We faced Oaklands (Waterlooville) who had some big hitters having hit over 100 runs in two of their group games, something we hadn't managed. We opened the batting and set a target of just 61 runs. Then we stepped up our bowlers who were fantastic, limiting Oakland's to just 57 runs from their 10 overs and we were crowned champions. Player of the tournament – Reggie N!

Cricket

PART 3

On Thursday afternoon we travelled to May's Bounty for the district final; we were the underdogs. Costello had beaten us by 27 runs earlier in the season but we were missing a few players, and having won the previous day, our boys were confident. We opened the batting and we set a modest target of 101 to win. Jamie B was a highlight reel with the bat playing some fantastic shots, however, as per school rules JB had to retire after 25 runs.

Costello then came in to bat and their openers were a fantastic pair, scoring 36 of the first four overs! Adam G then took the first wicket in the 5th followed by Oliver W dispatching the second of the openers in the 6th. With 14 overs to play Costello only needed 51 runs to win. We slowed the run rate down at this point but Costello were still on track for a convincing win. Jamie B, who started the innings as wicket keeper, swapped with Jack S to get hold of the ball and made an immediate impact taking a wicket in his first over. The game was now getting tight - Costello are at 84 with four overs to play and five wickets remaining. Tom W steps in, takes two wickets in an over and only allowing two runs. We then bowl an awful over handing Costello 8 runs! Jamie B now back in, allows a four, Costello are at 96! He then takes two consecutive wickets and no more runs given. With two overs to play, Costello need five to win - 1 wicket remaining. Adam G steps up, gives them a run, Costello 97, 11 balls to face, four runs needed to win. Adam G bowls with pace, takes the wicket. Brighton Hill Community School put their name on the trophy for the first time!
Man of the Match – Jamie B!

Mr R Slack
Teacher of PE

SPORTS AWARDS

We recently had the pleasure of holding our inaugural Annual Sports Awards Evening and what a huge success it was! We had over 150 students attend to celebrate all our sporting success this year. We had a special guest Xanthe Esslemont, who is a part of the GB Aerobic Gymnastics squad. She delivered an exceptional speech which was truly inspirational. There were over 50 awards won, like Most Improved, Player of the Year, Athletes of the Year and our prestigious Sports Personality of the Year. All students looked immaculate, putting on their finest attire to make this event extra special. We aim to go bigger and even better next year!



Special Guest - Xanthe



Some of our winners



TRIP TO TEEN TECH 2022 BY HEIDI H

During our day at Teen Tech, we all thoroughly enjoyed learning about new aspects of science and engineering. First of all, we travelled round the building to multiple challenge activities, in which we did block coding, and learnt lots about the four forces of flight, in the process of building and testing our model aeroplanes. After our break, we went to the innovation zone, where we designed a multi-use kitchen device and got to present our ideas to everyone!

Our last activity of the day was to explore different careers in science, engineering, and tech, where we visited multiple different people showing us what their companies did. One of the most interesting ones was when we spoke to the people who work with The Mary Rose, we studied a variety of materials from different objects found on the boat, and got to use their equipment to identify them. Overall, the day was very beneficial as it made many of us more interested in science, and helped encourage us to, in the future, possibly pursue a career in the area.

