

## Important Updates This Week

### External Review

This week (Monday to Wednesday) the school underwent an external review, all schools in our Trust do this to ensure we are being the best we can be. I am so pleased to tell you that the outcome of the review was highly successful, and the school was given the highest possible judgment.

**The award of Leading / Outstanding was awarded in all areas.**



I am delighted that the hard work of all our school team was recognised. The amazing learning, excellent behaviours and attitudes and ambition for all really shone through.

The team looked at 3 main areas:

- Leadership
- Provision and Outcomes
- Provision for the most disadvantaged

All 3 areas were judged to be LEADING (Outstanding)

Once again can I say a huge thank you for being part of our amazing improvement journey over the past few years, I promise that we will never stop looking for ways to improve and enhance what we do. I hope you can see the significant improvements across the school and be reassured that your child goes to a school to be proud of.

I hope that soon we will have Ofsted come and visit us so they too can see what an amazing school this is.

### A Star in Year 6

The Lexicon Bracknell announced the winners of their Christmas Star Trail Art Competition this week and we would like to say a huge well done to Phoebe in Lions Class who was named as the overall winner! As well as winning gift vouchers for herself, she also won a fabulous pack of Giotto art products for our school worth £200!

Amazing job Phoebe, GREAT work!

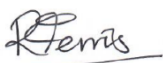


### Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week with the theme 'One Kind Word.' Kindness is more important today than ever and events of the past year have shown how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten people's lives. Children have been looking at the differences between unkind behaviour and bullying both face to face and online. They have also been looking at the impact kind words can have on other people and how easy it is to show kindness every day.

Thank you to everyone who brought in an Anti-Bullying poster for the competition. The entries are all amazing so far and Mrs Watson and Mrs Horne will have a difficult job of choosing the best! Posters should be sent into school by 26<sup>th</sup> November – full details are in the [Anti-bullying Letter](#).

Thank you for your continued support.



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leopards (97.5%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lions (96.1%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tigers (95.3%)



### House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **RUBY** with 183 house points! Well done Ruby, GREAT work!

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

You should have received an email this week containing information about the nasal flu vaccination programme, which is being carried out in our school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December by the School Vaccination Team.

***Please fill out the form even if you refuse consent for your child to have the vaccination. This is very important so that we know we have offered the option to have the vaccine to all our pupils.***

The letter is on our website in the Parent Letter section here: [Nasal Flu Vaccination 2021](#)

### **CLOSING SOON!** Christmas Card Competition

There is still time to get your entries into school for the Christmas Card Competition being run by James Sunderland MP.

He is asking schools to submit designs from their pupils, and he will then choose a winner from each school. From those winners, he will select five to use in the print run for his official 2021 Christmas card.

One overall winner will also be selected, who will be invited to join him with their parents/carers for a visit to the House of Commons.

**Note: All entries must be on white A4 size paper.**

**Please send entries into school no later than Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.**

### Dates for your Diary

Please note the following upcoming dates in our calendar:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 6.00pm** – Open Event for Parents with children starting school in September 2022 ([click here for more information](#))

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Years R-6

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm** – EYFS Nativity Performance for parents

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Festive Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

### School Uniform Ordering Information

We have been notified by our uniform supplier, Brigade, that unfortunately orders are currently taking 20+ days to process. This means that orders placed by today (19<sup>th</sup> November) will be delivered before Christmas. Orders placed after today will be delivered in January 2022.

Their website can be found at [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

## Around our GREAT school!

This week we would like to share what lunchtimes and playtimes look like in Year 1/2.



There are a team of playground helpers who help to set up the equipment and mark out the different playground zones.

The children can choose from lots of different equipment and games to play...



Staff are always on hand to join in the fun or to help with balancing, skipping or even to referee the odd game of football!



**BOOKING  
REQUIRED**  
CLICK HERE



## GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

### OUR OPEN DAYS:

Tuesday at 9.15am  
28 September 2021

Wednesday at 9.15am  
20 October 2021

Thursday at 6.00pm  
25 November 2021

Friday at 9.15am  
07 January 2022



We warmly invite you to attend one of our virtual open events to find out what makes us so proud of our school.

Nearly 90% of children leave Early Years being confident readers and our Year 6 pupils leave school outperforming their peers nationally – come and find out why.

You will be able to meet school leaders and have a virtual tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our skilled and dedicated Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.

Booking is essential for these popular events. If you are interested in attending, please click 'HERE' to reserve a place. Alternatively, you can call our school office on 01344 424 911.

For more information about Great Hollands Primary School, please visit our website, [www.greathollandspriamry.co.uk](http://www.greathollandspriamry.co.uk).



For regular updates, follow us on  [@MEGreatHollands](https://twitter.com/MEGreatHollands)

Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching?



## TRAIN TO TEACH VIRTUAL EVENING

Monday 29 November 2021 18.00 – 19.00

Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching? If so, our Train to Teach event is the perfect opportunity for you to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply.

This is a virtual event and will include a presentation from the Director of Maiden Erlegh Institute and a Q&A session.

We work with the University of Reading to provide high quality training and support. Pass rates are high and our schools often retain trainees through to ECT and beyond.

Maiden Erlegh is an 'Outstanding' school and collaborates with a variety of schools to deliver training. You will train alongside outstanding teachers and gain excellent professional development.

All trainees must hold an undergraduate degree 2:2 or above and GCSE Mathematics and English grade C or above.

**To book contact**  
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## Holiday, After School & Breakfast Care

for children aged 4-13



### Apply Today for FREE Holiday Club Sessions at KOOSA Kids KOOSA Kids Birch Hill School Christmas Holiday Club

We are delighted to inform you that KOOSA Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Birch Hill Primary School will be offering a number of **FREE** holiday club places, as part of **Bracknell Forest Council's Holiday Activities & Food Programme** this Christmas, funded by the Department for Education.

**Your children are invited to a four-day festive get together from  
20th to 23rd December**

The free (and fun-packed) holiday provision will include a **healthy, hot lunch** and **enriching activities**; eligible for children aged 4-13, who are in school, and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Apply for up to 2 **FREE** sessions per child this Christmas (10.00am to 6.00pm). To register your interest, simply complete our **online form** by **Friday 26th November** and select your **FREE** Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions. You will be asked to provide 2 HAF Activity Codes per child, per activity day.

By completing the form, you will automatically be added to our waiting list. **We will confirm which sessions we are able to offer you by Friday 10th December.** Please note, places are limited and we may not be able to offer you all sessions requested.



### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME



- Apply for up to 2 **FREE** sessions per child this Christmas
- Eligible for children aged 4-13 who are in school and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals
- **Healthy, hot lunch & fun, active holiday club activities** included (visit our [website](#) for more information on our holiday club activity programme)
- **FREE** sessions provided on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council's Holiday Activities & Food Programme
- Ofsted registered, fun-packed high quality holiday club childcare

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Bracknell Forest Council. The scheme is supported by Bracknell Forest Council and is funded by the Department for Education.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL 01276 21884 OR EMAIL [INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK)**

### Messages from the Library

#### The Mini Winter Challenge is coming soon!

The next challenge will launch on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – more information will be shared with you very soon about how you can take part!

#### Christmas Tots' Time at Great Hollands, Birch Hill and Harmans Water Library

All regular Tots' Time at the above libraries will have a Christmas theme during December.

- Great Hollands Library – Fridays 10.30-11.30am
- Birch Hill Library – Tuesday 10.30-11.30am
- Harmans Water Library – Mondays 10.00-11.00am

Please contact each library for further information.

*Full details of all library events and booking information can be found on the [Libraries Website](#).*