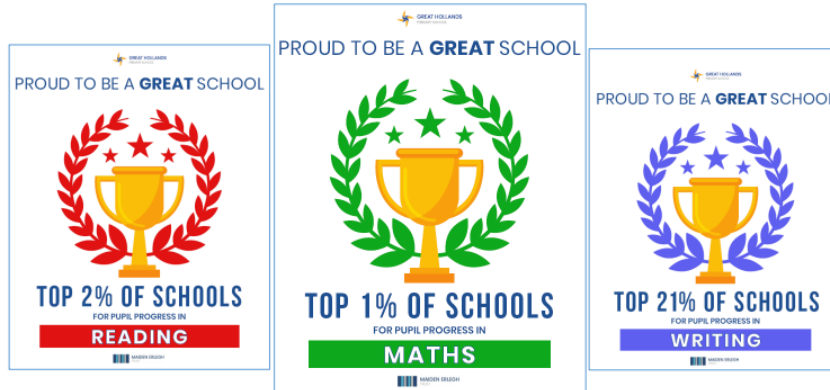




## News This Week...

### External review of the school next week.



Even though we are at the top, we always aim to keep on improving... so next week I have invited in an organisation called **Challenge Partners**. They undertake educational reviews across the UK, and we are thrilled to be welcoming them once again to GHPS to help us evaluate the school and see where we can be even better.



### Parents' Evening

Our next parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. These will be in school for our first face-to-face appointments for quite some time. We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for these important discussions. There will be the opportunity for you to look through your child's books and talk to your child's teacher about their progress. A letter will be coming home early next week containing full details on how to book your appointment.

### After School and Morning Club

We are very excited to share that we will soon be launching our online booking system for after school and morning club. This will mean that parents can easily see which sessions are booked for their children and the total cost due. Parents will also be able to cancel pre-paid sessions, subject to sufficient notice being given.



We will be sending out full details on the new system and how it will work very soon.

### PE at school

Please remember:

- No earrings are to be worn in PE – please leave them at home on PE days.
- Long hair must be tied back in PE – please provide your child with a hair band.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Eagles (99.0%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hawks (97.7%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hedgehogs (96.8%)



## Art Supplies Donated by Daler Rowney

You may have seen on our Facebook or Twitter pages this week that we received an incredibly generous donation of arts and crafts supplies from Daler Rowney. These will be put to use across the school and we would like to say a GREAT big thank you to them for this very kind gift for our pupils.

## Contact Information

Are your contact details up to date? It is vital that we always hold up to date information for all our children in our care, this information includes:

- Home addresses
- Telephone numbers for all emergency contacts
- Email addresses
- Medical needs
- Dietary needs



If there are any changes that you need to inform us of, please get in touch with the school office without delay.

## Free School Meals Applications



Have your circumstances changed recently? Do you think you may now qualify for free school meals? If you would like to see if you qualify, please visit <https://www.slough.gov.uk/xfp/form/244> and complete the online form to check eligibility.

## Online Safety

Do you know what material your child is accessing when they are on their mobile phone or tablet? There are so many different ways that children can access online content, including the dark web.

The only way to access the dark web is via a TOR browser. This is via an app which can be installed on any mobile phone. TOR browsers are not illegal, they allow for anonymous internet browsing and there are legitimate reasons why people might use one.

If your child has a TOR app installed, it doesn't mean they are using it to access the dark web, but it is worth taking the time to have a conversation to check and talk about the dangers.

There are lots of guides containing useful information about this and other aspects of internet safety on our website: [Parents>Online Safety](#)

### Recycling Incentive Scheme – Good Causes

Have you heard of the recycling incentive scheme run by Bracknell Forest Council? If you sign up to the scheme, each time your recycling bin gets emptied, 200 points are added to your account. These points can be used for several things including green rewards, sessions at Bracknell Leisure Centre and tickets to the Look Out. For full details and to sign up, please visit the Bracknell Forest website: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/reduce-and-recycle/recycling-incentive-scheme>

There is also a good causes scheme, which enables you to donate your collected recycling points to support a choice of three causes, who each then receive a share of £1000, divided between them depending on the point donations they have been given.

From 1<sup>st</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, our school will be one of the good causes you will be able to donate your points to, so we can further support positive playtimes with some new playground equipment for the children. Please sign up today so you can be ready to donate your points to our school when it is our turn! We can only be nominated every three years, so please help make it count.

### Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards 2024

The Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations in our community. We showcase those local heroes who make life in Bracknell Forest better.

Nominations are open now for the following categories:

- Business of the Year
- Teacher of the Year
- School of the Year
- Charity of the Year
- Sport & Achievement Adult & Young Person's Award
- John Nike Pride of Bracknell Forest Adult & Young Person's Award

You can submit nominations at <https://prideofbracknell.com/nominate/>



### Beano Comic Takeover at the Lexicon

This February half term, the Lexicon will host a series of create your own cartoon workshops, a 'gnawsome' trail and interactive joke boxes featuring characters from the iconic Beano comic.

From Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, visitors can win fantastic prize bundles by completing the Gnasher Trail.

From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, there is the amazing opportunity for mini menaces to create their own comic character with 30-minute interactive workshops, suitable for children aged between 6-12 years.

Full details can be found on the Lexicon Bracknell website here:

<https://www.thelexiconbracknell.com/events/beano-comic-takeover-at-the-lexicon?medium=email&source=GovDelivery>

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# Competition Time

## Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards Competition

This year's Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards Competition is all about the **environment** and they are asking pupils to design an A4 poster encouraging people in Bracknell Forest to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**.

Your design is totally up to you! Be creative, use lots of colour and bold designs to really wow the judges. The winning design will be posted around the local area and in selected businesses in Bracknell Forest, so please make sure your design is suitable for photocopying!

The pupils with the best designs will receive prizes as follows:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place - £1000 to the school and £100 Amazon Voucher for the pupil**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place - £500 to the school and £50 Amazon Voucher for the pupil**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place - £250 to the school and £25 Amazon Voucher for the pupil**

Please send in your design on A4 paper or use the Pride of Bracknell Forest template attached with this newsletter. Don't forget to put your name, year group and the name of the school on the back of your poster. Copies of the template will also be available from the school office.

Entries must be in school no later than **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**.

## Royal Ascot Local Schools Art Competition 2024

Young artists are encouraged to create pieces of work that represent a 'Celebration of Royal Ascot', i.e., His Majesty The King and his family, pageantry, the royal procession, fashion or picnicking. After a shortlisting process, all the entries will be displayed at the Spring Family Raceday on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 where racegoers can vote for their favourite. They will also be uploaded onto the Ascot racecourse website for online voting by the public. Winners will be announced at the end of April.

The winning pieces will be displayed in the Ascot Heath Tunnel for the local community to view and enjoy during Royal Ascot and beyond.

The prizes will be as follows:

- **£1000 will be awarded to the winning school, per age group category**
- **£50 Amazon voucher will be awarded to each winning artist per age group category**
- **£25 Amazon voucher will be awarded to each runner up per age group category**

Each entry must be submitted on the Royal Ascot template for the competition attached with this newsletter. We will also have copies of the template available from the school office.

Entries must be in school no later than **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

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FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

# Heart Trail

10th-18th February

A family event at Lightwater Country Park this  
February half term

Purchase a map for £3 from  
Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the  
Fitness Trail at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all  
the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to Lightwater Adventure Golf  
or the Country Park Café and receive a sweet treat

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