

## Weekly Update

Friday 2nd February 2024

#### **News This Week...**



#### Parents' Evening

We hope you have all managed to book your parents' evening appointments for next week. The booking portal will be open until 12.00pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February and can be found at https://greathollands.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Each appointment will be 10 minutes long and we appreciate your help in keeping us running on schedule. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all into school for these important discussions.

#### Come and join the fun at After School and Morning Club

We are very proud of our after school and morning clubs here at GHPS. They provide a safe environment for children to relax, socialise and play with their friends, before or after school every weekday during term time.



There are a range of activities for children to enjoy, and it's not just for working parents, anyone is welcome to come along!

We have spaces at the clubs on most days, so please do get in touch if you would like your child to come along. They could even just try one session and see what they think! Please email Mrs Wise at <a href="mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org">ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org</a> if you would like to book your children into either club or if you have any questions.



#### First Days Children's Charity

During the morning of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we are welcoming the First Days Children's Charity to our car park from 8.15am. Please do pop along to see them to find out the many ways they can offer support.

The charity helps families in need with a range of items including coats, school uniform and energy efficient items. Full details about the charity can be found on their website <a href="https://www.firstdays.net">www.firstdays.net</a> or on their Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FirstDaysCharity">https://www.facebook.com/FirstDaysCharity</a>

#### **School Lunches**

Please remember that all school lunches have to be ordered from home via SCOPay by midnight the day before. When parents have not ordered their child's lunch in advance, it can cause confusion and upset if they are unable have their preferred meal choice.



Ordering online at home ensures your child will always have the meal that you select for them. If you need support using SCOPay, please get in touch with the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



Richard Ferris Headteacher

#### **Attendance Stars**

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Eagles (99.0%)

2nd Place – Lions (98.5%)

3rd Place – Tigers (96.8%)



#### An Appeal from the FRoGS

Our PTA are in need of more parent volunteers to help run regular uniform and cake sales after school. These events only take a relatively short amount of time but they make a huge difference, not only to the fundraising efforts, but also to support families with pre-loved uniform. If you are able to give a small amount of your time, maybe only once a month, to help our PTA, please email frogspta@gmail.com

Also, if you have any pre-loved uniform in **good condition** you would like to donate for our uniform sales, please bring it along to the school office.

Please help support our PTA and our school if you can – they'd love to welcome you to their GREAT team!

#### **Early Language Development Workshops**

The NHS Berkshire Healthcare team offer monthly online workshops covering early language development. These are designed for parents and carers and those working within early years settings.

Full details of all the workshops they offer can be found on their website:

<a href="https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-integrated-therapies/early-language-development-workshops/">https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-integrated-therapies/early-language-development-workshops/</a>

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Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families services

#### Sport4Kids Holiday Camp

We are again having a Holiday Camp this half term, provided by Sport4Kids. For full details of the range of prices and sessions available, please visit <a href="https://sport4kids.biz/camp-venues/great-hollands">https://sport4kids.biz/camp-venues/great-hollands</a> and don't forget there is a 10% discount for Great Hollands pupils using the code PARENT10.

#### **News from our Uniform Supplier**

We received notification this week that the website for Brigade, our uniform supplier, has been closed for critical maintenance. They have confirmed that the website will re-open on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Also, to make up for the inconvenience caused, they are offering a 10% discount on all orders placed this weekend only – using the code FLASH10 at the checkout. Their website can be found at <a href="https://www.brigade.uk.com/">https://www.brigade.uk.com/</a>

#### 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: <a href="https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/reduce-and-recycle/recycling-incentive-scheme">https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/reduce-and-recycle/recycling-incentive-scheme</a>

Our school is now listed as one of the Good Causes that Bracknell Forest families can donate their recycling points to, so please donate your points to GHPS to help us receive some funding which will be put towards play equipment for our school.

Full details of how to donate your points can be found here: <a href="https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/reduce-and-recycle/recycling-incentive-scheme/good-causes-recycling-incentive-scheme">https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/reduce-and-recycle/recycling-incentive-scheme/good-causes-recycling-incentive-scheme</a>

Remember – every point donated to us makes a difference!



#### **Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards Competition**

Has your child started their competition entries yet?

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**.

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!

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. 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.

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 1st March 2024.

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### Bracknell Outreach



Our Mobile Support Hub will be onsite with coats and energy efficient items.

**Great Hollands Primary School** 

Tuesday 6th February from 8:15am

Come and see us!

Please join our First Days Family Support Facebook page to keep up to date with this, plus future events.

Please scan me to join our Family Support Facebook Group to stay updated.





and Bracknell Forest Council





Bracknell Town FC are currently offering FREE entry to these fixtures for Under 18s – visit the website for full details

