

## News this week...



### Back to School Party

Children in Years R-6 should have received flyers this week for the FRoGS Back to School Party on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets should ideally be bought in advance, and this will reduce the amount of time spent queueing to enter the party. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

If you need a flyer to pre-book your child's ticket, please call into the school office.

### Fireworks Display

We are delighted to again be having the FRoGS Firework Display on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Children will be bringing home flyers for this event very soon.



### FRoGS Christmas Fair

We know it's only October, but planning has already begun for one of the biggest events in our PTA calendar. If you are on Facebook, you may have seen that the FRoGS have started advertising their Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Last year's fair was a tremendous success, and we are hoping this year's will be even better. FRoGS are currently seeking stall holders for this very popular event.



FRoGS can only keep running these GREAT events with support from our school community of parents/carers and their families. If you can spare some time to volunteer for any of these events, they would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with them via email to [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com) or through their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfGHPS>

### Activity Clubs from Sport4Kids

We recently emailed out a link for a survey to find out which activity clubs should be running at GHPS this term. Please complete the [Clubs Survey](#) form if you wish to share your views. Hopefully we will be able to share details of which clubs will be running in the coming weeks.

### House Captains

Our House Captains have been chosen for this year and we'd like to say congratulations to Arlo and Caitlyn (Amber), Igor and Holly (Emerald), Sophie and Millie (Ruby) and Mila and Leo (Sapphire). We are all looking forward to seeing which house has the most house points in the competition this year!

Thank you for your continued support.



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hawks (98.9%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Eagles (98.3%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hedgehogs (98.1%)



Our school start time is **8:45am** and we have a 5-minute rolling start with classroom doors opening at 8:40am. Gates will open from 8:35am. Please ensure children arrive on time to enter the classrooms before 8:45am.



At the end of the school day, the gates open at 3.10pm and children are dismissed at 3:15pm.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must inform the office **before 8.30am**. You can get in touch at any time by email ([ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)) or telephone and leave a voicemail - Option 1 when you call 01344 424911.

## Vacancies

Would you like to become a member of our GREAT team? The latest vacancies for our school and all the schools across the Trust can be found on the Maiden Erlegh Trust website here:

[Maiden Erlegh Trust - Vacancies](#)

# Christmas is just around the Corner!



## Opportunity to enter this year's Christmas Card Competition.

The Mayor of Bracknell Forest is launching a competition for Primary school children in the borough, to design her Christmas card. The competition is open to all children of Primary school age who attend a school in Bracknell Forest.

The Mayor will choose the winning design to use as her official Christmas card.

The Mayor is looking for a design which focuses on the theme of 'happiness'.

To enter the contest, send in an original design on A4 paper/ card. The card can be created with any medium, including a collage of recycled materials. The back of the design should be clearly marked with the pupil's name, age and school. Only one entry per pupil, unnamed designs cannot be considered. The winners will receive a prize! First prize is a £20 gift voucher and a copy of your design printed as a card, plus there are two runners up prizes of a £15 gift voucher each.

Please send entries from your school to Liz Seamon, Mayoral Support Officer, at [mayor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk), or post to her at Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JD by **Friday, 3 November 2023**.

We will contact the winners' schools as soon as possible after the closing date and the Mayor will visit the schools to personally present the prizes to the winners.

*Good luck!*



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# OPEN EVENTS

**Morning visit - 9.15am**

Friday 29 September

Wednesday 18 October

Monday 13 November

Wednesday 10 January

**Evening visit - 6.00pm**

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the [online form](#) on our website.



## Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2024?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

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

# Information Board

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## SPOOKY SEASON CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13

@ GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

23RD OCT - 27TH OCT 2023

Book individual days or a week at a time, our flexible and convenient holiday childcare gives children the opportunity to try new activities, meet new friends and make lasting memories. From themed arts and crafts and team games to sports and outdoor splash activities, there is something for all children to enjoy at our October Holiday Camps.

**10% OFF** USE CODE **"PARENT10"** AT CHECKOUT FOR PARENTS AT GREAT HOLLANDS

0300 303 3866 | WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ [BOOK NOW](#)

# Bracknell Christmas Toy Bank

**TOYS & BOOKS YOU DON'T  
WANT/NEED?**

Donate them to the Toy Bank, providing local children most in need with Christmas presents this year.

Donations accepted until the end of November at:

Little Leapers, RG12 1JG:  
Mon-Fri: 9:30am-2:30pm  
Sat & Sun: 10am-12pm

(weekend times may vary slightly, please double check website before dropping!)

Nothing to donate but still want to help?

Donate to the toy  
fundraiser here



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**BRACKNELLTOYBANK@GMAIL.COM**

# Bracknell Outreach



We will be supporting Bracknell Forest residents to keep warm and to help lower their energy consumption at home.

Our Mobile Support Hub will be in the community with coats and energy efficient items.

**Every 4 weeks commencing Tuesday 17th October**

09:30 - 11:00 New Priestwood Community Centre RG42 1TU  
11:15 - 12:45 The Kerith Centre RG12 1EH

**Every 4 weeks commencing Wednesday 1st November**

10:00 - 11:45 The Kerith Centre RG12 1EH  
12:00 - 14:00 Great Hollands Community Centre RG12 8UX

We are currently accepting the following items, which are good quality and in good condition: coats, hats, scarves and wellies. These can be donated at any of the above locations.

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



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and Bracknell Forest Council



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