



Issue 1, October 2021

End of Half-Term Round-up

As we begin our first half-term break of the year, I would like to express my thanks to all of you for being so supportive of our school and its staff as we continue to strive to provide the very best for each of our pupils.

Our school team have been

outstanding and have worked so hard through staff illness and shortages to keep providing the children with stability and consistency in their learning and daily routine. They continue to be dedicated and positive and have handled everything so well over the past few weeks.

As mentioned in my letter last week, things have been more difficult over the past few weeks than we have ever had to face since the start of the pandemic and although I cannot predict what the future may bring, I am reassured that with our amazing school staff and parent community, we will get through this together.

**Google Classroom**

Children in Years 1-6 should have received details of their class code to join their new Google classroom a few weeks ago. If

you have not received this, or if you are having difficulty accessing classroom, need a password reset or any other assistance with Google Classroom, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org

CALENDAR

25 th -29 th October	HALF TERM
1 st November	Children return to school
2 nd November	Reception 'Magic Pebbles' Maths Family Learning Session – 1.45pm in Silver Hall
4 th November	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
25 th November	Open Event for children starting school in September 2022 – 6.00pm, booking is required, click here to book your place
1 st December	Nasal Flu Vaccination for children in Years R-6 – more information to follow.
14 th December	EYFS Nativity Performance – 2.00pm
15 th December	Christmas Lunch and Festive Jumper Day
17 th December	End of Autumn Term
4 th January	Start of Spring Term
7 th January	Open Event for children starting school in September 2022 – 9.15am, booking is required, click here to book your place
11 th February	Trust-Wide Inset Day
14 th -18 th February	HALF TERM
21 st February	Children return to school
1 st April	End of Spring Term
19 th April	Start of Summer Term
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
21 st July	End of Summer Term

Air Quality Competition – Design an Anti-Idling Bumper Sticker

The Public Protection Partnership are running a competition for children in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 to design a bumper sticker, reminding people in traffic of the importance of turning off the engine when not moving to help reduce pollution in our environment. Further information can be found here:

<https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/environmental-health/air-quality/bumper-sticker-schools-competition/>

Please send entries into school no later than Friday 5th November 2021.

BFC Refuse Collection Lorry Naming Competition

There's still time to send in your suggestion of a name for one of the new Bracknell Forest Refuse Collection lorries. We have had some terrific suggestions so far!

Please send your suggestion in to ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org by Friday 5th November 2021.

House Points this Half Term

It's been a very competitive race to collect house points this half term, so much so that it has been impossible to predict who may win each week. The winners for this week are **SAPPHIRE**, who have achieved a whopping 190 points!

The totals so far for this term are:

Sapphire: 958

Amber: 933

Emerald: 877

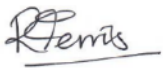
Ruby: 867

Members of the winning house at the end of the autumn term in December will receive a special reward. I wonder who it will be?

Essential Maintenance Work in Local Car Parks

We have been notified by Bracknell Forest Council that they plan to carry out essential maintenance works to both of the major car parks near our school during the week commencing 1st November. More details are at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing half-term break.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Autumn in Reception Class



Reception children have been incredibly busy this half term! They have been finding out all about Autumn and have enjoyed an explorative Autumn walk around the school field. They found lots of interesting autumn colours of red, orange and yellow and collected lots of wonderfully coloured leaves and explored how they can use objects to make patterns.



They have also been finding out about Harvest and looking at different fruits and vegetables and the foods we eat. They've enjoyed stories including 'The Little Red Hen' and learned some fantastic Autumn songs. What a busy half term!



Learning across our GREAT School

In each year group, in every class across our school the children have been showing GREAT behaviour for learning and have really produced some excellent work! Well done to each and every one of our pupils for continuing to show resilience and determination to succeed in their learning.



PE News

Our Year 5/6 Mixed Football Teams played another match this week, Mr Lee shares his match report:



Great Hollands A vs Holly Spring

Great Hollands registered their first win of the season against a decent Holly Spring side in the last match before the winter break.

Playing on the front foot, Great Hollands pressed well as a team to win the ball back in good positions throughout, breaking into the area and having a few good opportunities to score. Some good defending in the first half from Holly Spring meant the game remained goalless. At the other end of the pitch, Caden in the Great Hollands goal was kept very quiet by excellent team defending. The breakthrough almost arrived when a good save from the away goalkeeper fell to Dylan, who's shot trickled agonisingly wide, though he didn't have to wait long for his goal. After good play down the right, Oliver found some space and laid the ball off for Dylan, who stepped up well to stroke the ball back across the goalkeeper and into the bottom corner. An excellent team performance from Great Hollands, who were well worth the victory.

Final Score: Great Hollands 1 – 0 Holly Spring

Great Hollands B vs Holly Spring

Great Hollands began the game brightly, closing down their opponents and setting off attacks towards the Holly Spring goal. Both teams defended well and cancelled each other out, with players from both sides tracking back and tackling strongly. Josh made some excellent stops in the goal for Great Hollands, then used his kicking excellently to start off attacks. In a game that could have gone either way, a long pass from the back put Connor through on goal but the Holly Spring goalkeeper was able to make a good save to deny him. As the match wore on, Holly Spring managed a couple of quick-fire goals and with time running out, Great Hollands were unfortunately not able to respond and ended in defeat.

Final Score: Great Hollands 0 – 2 Holly Spring

As always, a huge thank you to everyone who attended to support the players and help us celebrate victory in the A game. The season takes a break now but will continue in February. A final thanks to Owen from EP, who volunteered to referee the game for us.

*We hope you all have a relaxing half term break
and we look forward to seeing you all when we
return on Monday 1st November!*

Maintenance Works on Local Car Parks in November

We have been notified by Bracknell Forest Council that they will be carrying out essential maintenance works in the large car parks close to our school. Weather permitting, the work will commence on Tuesday 2 November and will take place over 3 days and is expected to be completed by Thursday 4 November. The works include surface repairs and maintenance to any identified potholes.

The diagram below shows the stages of work for each car park. It will still be possible to use the car parks during this time, although spaces will be reduced by half.

Although this will cause some disruption, we continue to ask that you are considerate of our neighbours when parking your car to drop off or collect your child.

Great Hollands Car Park

Stage 1



Stage 2



Please note that the area highlighted with the red box is indicating the area that will be cordoned off in order to complete the works. We shall ensure vehicles are still able to enter and exit as usual however vehicles will only be able to park in the section where works are not taking place.

William Twigg Car Park

Stage 1



Stage 2



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FIRST DAYS
CHILDREN'S CHARITY



FAMILY FUN THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

**Can you find all the
hot air balloons
in Wokingham Town Centre?**

23 – 31 OCTOBER

For all the information you need including how to enter the prize draw please visit our website www.firstdays.net/hot-air-balloon-trail-2021



£3 per map
(suggested minimum donation)

- Available from
- Blue Orchid Bakery
 - Brown Bag Café
 - Wokingham Library
 - First Days HQ



Amazing prizes up for grabs!

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What's on:

More than
just books

Halloween Crafts



Birch Hill Library- Saturday 23 October, 10am-12

Harmans Water Library- Saturday 23 October, 10am-12

Great Hollands Library- Saturday 23 October, 10am-12

Crowthorne Library- Tuesday 26 October, 2:15pm

Sandhurst Library- Thursday 28 October, 2:15pm

Whitegrove Library- Wednesday 27 October, 3:30pm

£1.50 per child

Contact the library to book a place.



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libraries



We've come a long way since Shhhhh!