



Issue 2, 20th December 2019

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

We are really excited to share some **GREAT** news with you all.

At this time of year, schools have their results published to form the League Tables showing achievement across all schools in the country. This enables us to compare our schools' performance with the others in Bracknell Forest and nationally. Whilst we believe that these scores only reflect a portion of the value in any school, they do help to give an indication of our successes.



The information published for Key Stage 2 demonstrates our continuing progress and we are delighted to be able to share with you that Great Hollands Primary School is at the **top of League Table** for Maths in our local authority, showing achievement that is **well above average**. This is an amazing accomplishment and is due to the hard work and dedication of both staff and pupils alike.

The tables also show that we are in the top ten schools in the local authority for the percentage of our pupils who achieved the expected standard. We are also in the top 25% of schools for Reading within the local authority and are performing at an average level for our Writing.

The information is available for you to view here: [Bracknell Forest Schools Performance 2018/19](#)

The revised results data from pupils who completed Key Stage 2 in the Summer of 2019 is a fantastic reflection of how much effort has gone in to the continued improvement of our school.

We are above national average for our scores in Reading and Maths. We are also above the national average for pupils reaching the expected standard for reading, writing and maths, as shown below:

Average Scores - Maths



Average Scores - Reading



% reaching Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths



We are always striving to improve and these results show that we are definitely a school who should be proud of our students and staff. This is an outstanding achievement and although our improvements are much wider than just these results, they do show how GREAT we really are!



Advance Notice – Inset Day in January

We hope you all have a relaxing Christmas break. Please remember that our next inset day is on Wednesday 29th January 2020. This date has been set by Maiden Erlegh Trust, across all their schools.

House Point Winners for this Term

The children in Years 1-6 have been competing hard all term earning points for their house. Each week the winner has been announced in assembly and the competition this term has been very fierce indeed! The final point totals for this term are:

Ruby: 2357

Amber: 2056

Sapphire: 2041

Emerald: 1942

Members of Ruby House managed to earn the most points and enjoyed the reward to come into school on the last day of term wearing non-uniform. Well done to everyone in **Ruby**!

Attendance Assembly and a visit from Annie

You may have heard from your child that during a recent assembly we had a very special visitor. Annie the Dinosaur came with her friend Kerry to talk about attendance and why it is so important to be in school and on time. Annie was very impressed by how much the children understand about the benefits of good school attendance. We hope to welcome Kerry and Annie back to another assembly soon!



Art Competition for Years 5&6



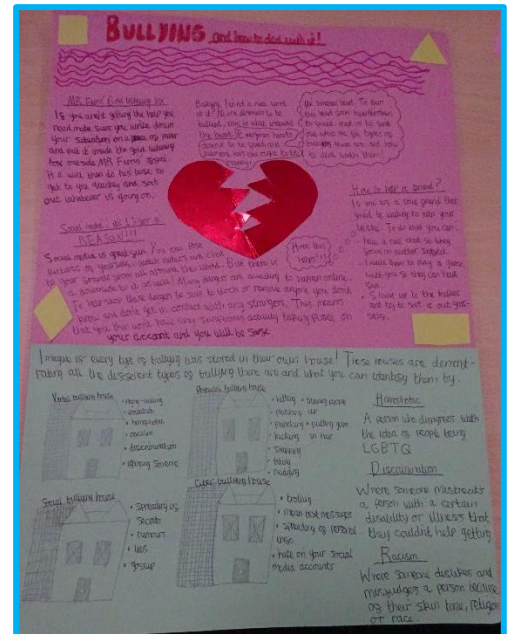
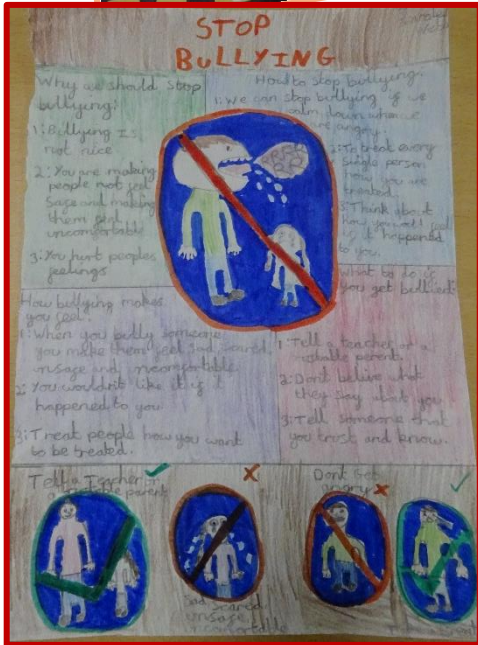
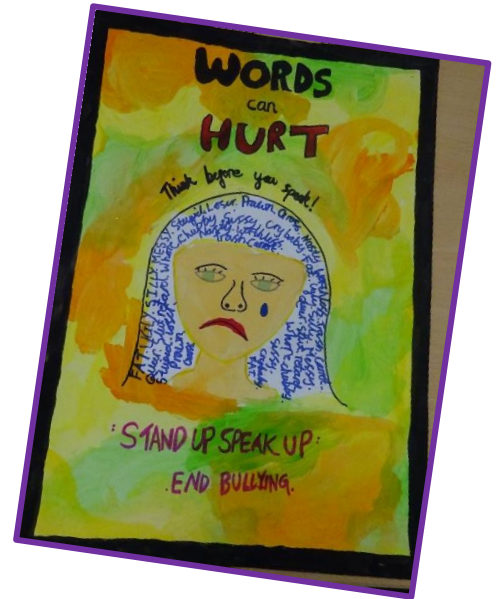
The children in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to enter an art competition through LVS School in Ascot. They were tasked with completing a piece of artwork about 'I, Me and Mine'. Ten entries were chosen, Iqra was selected as a winner and was awarded a box of multimedia for art for her entry. Art and Anshu were also highly commended for their entries, receiving prizes of a special paint brush and some colour pencils. All those children whose artwork was selected to enter won a box of watercolour paints and received a certificate. Well done and congratulations to all!

CALENDAR

6 th January	Children return to school – doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.50am
7 th January	Year 3 Mad Science Day
8 th January	Year 2 Fur and Feathers Experience – 1.00pm-3.00pm
9 th January	Year 6 Fred in the Shed Magic Show – 1.45pm-2.45pm
15 th January	Year 2 Dodgeball
24 th January	Year 1 Chinese New Year Celebration Day
27 th January	Year 2 Bring your Wheels to School Day
29th January	INSET DAY
30 th January	2VE Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
31 st January	2VA Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
11 th February	Book Fair in School
12 th February	Year 3 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am
13 th February	Year 4 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am
	FROGS Valentine Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
17th-21st February	HALF TERM

Anti-Bullying Poster Competition

Our anti-bullying poster was very popular and the standard of the entries was outstanding. Please do look out for the winning posters around our school.



Frogs

The FRoGS PTA have had a very busy term. Unfortunately, due to reasons beyond our control, we were unable to have a Christmas Fair this year but that hasn't damped their fundraising efforts. The FRoGS have donated £1000 to each of our playgrounds for new equipment. They have also bought new nativity costumes for Years 1 & 2 and have donated the crackers and squash for the children's Christmas lunch. The FRoGS would like to thank all of the parents and carers for their support with their events as they really cannot keep going without your support.





Carol Concert at St Michael's Church

Our traditional carol concert was again a very popular school event. We had lots of parents and carers walking with us to the church and joining in with the service and it was lovely to see so many of you. We were very fortunate that the rain held off and although it was a cold morning, we managed to stay dry!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Our school Christmas lunch was on Wednesday this week, as in previous years we planned it coincide with our charity Christmas Jumper Day. The charity we chose for this year was Daisy's Dream, a local charity which provides professional support and advice to children and families facing, or following, the death of someone close to them. It was a thoroughly festive and fun lunchtime, we will update you on the total amount raised in our bulletin in the New Year.

A Special Visitor for Reception Children...



Children across the school have enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. There have been games, activities, dancing and snacks, as well as a lot of fun. Year 4 had an Italian theme for their celebration, in line with their recent topic work, and even made their own pizzas!

We were very lucky to have a visit from an extremely important person. He came to see some of the children in school, spending a while in Reception talking to the children. He also arrived at the Christmas disco! We're very grateful that he could pop into school and see us as we know how busy he is at this time of year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing the children in school and ready to learn on Monday 6th January 2020.



**Academic Year 2019/2020****JANUARY 2020**

Monday 6th	Start of Spring Term - School starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Tuesday 7 th	Year 3 Mad Science Day
Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 Feathers and Fur Workshop – 1.00pm-3.00pm
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Fred in the Shed Magic Show – 1.45pm-2.45pm
Wednesday 15 th	Year 2 Dodgeball
Monday 27 th	Year 2 Bring Your Wheels to School Day
Wednesday 29th	INSET DAY
Thursday 30 th	2VE Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 31 st	2VA Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm

FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th	Book Fair in School all week
Wednesday 12 th	Year 3 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am FRoGS Valentines Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Monday 17th – Friday 21st	HALF TERM
Monday 24th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am Year 1 Toy Story Dress-Up Day
Tuesday 25 th	Mr Stapylton's Group visiting Hampton Court
Thursday 27 th	Red Group Family Learning 'Magic Box' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 28 th	Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Tournament – timings TBC Purple & Blue Group Family Learning 'Magic Box' – 1.45pm-3.10pm FRoGS Year 1 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm

MARCH 2020

Monday 2 nd	Year 4 Chocolate Workshop with Chocolate Education
Tuesday 3 rd	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th	Year 2 Brooklands Museum
Thursday 5 th	Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 6 th	Year 6 Trip to Ufton Court
Wednesday 11 th	Year 3 Trip to Reading Museum
Thursday 12 th	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament – timings TBC
Tuesday 17 th	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament – timings TBC
Friday 27 th	FRoGS Year 2 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm Year 2 Mrs Armitage Mini Gallery – timing TBC

APRIL 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents – timing TBC
Thursday 2 nd	Year 3 Family Learning: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 9.00am-10.30am Year 6 Greek Day
Friday 3rd	Year 4 Family Learning: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 9.00am-10.30am End of Spring Term, school finishes at 2.15pm
Saturday 11 th	FROGS Easter Egg Hunt – 10.00am-12.00pm
Monday 20th	Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 1 visit to Mill Pond
Thursday 23 rd	1KF Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 24 th	1LH Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
MAY 2020	
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 to Science Museum for 'It Takes Guts' Workshop
Friday 8th	May Bank Holiday
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th	SATs WEEK
Tuesday 19th	Class Photos
Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Pond Dipping at Pinewood
Monday 25th	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th	HALF TERM
JUNE 2020	
Monday 1st	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 17 th	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 6' – 9.00am-10.30am FROGS Summer Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Friday 19 th	Year 6 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 7' – 9.00am-10.30am
JULY 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Thursday 2 nd	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools Evening viewing of Exhibition 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 3 rd	Nursery Family Learning: Transition to Reception – 9.00am-10.30am AM viewing of School Exhibition 8.00am – 8.45am Sports Day (to include Exhibition viewing at lunch time)
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Production – Timings TBC
Friday 10 th	FROGS Year 6 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm Y6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am Y6 Prom – timings TBC
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th	Year 6 Residential Trip and Year 6 Activity Week
Thursday 16 th	Nursery last day of Term
Friday 17th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 2.15pm