

# Weekly Update

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## Welcome back for a GREAT Summer Term!

We've enjoyed a very positive start to the new term. The children have returned filled with GREAT attitudes to learning and feeling refreshed and revitalised after their Easter break.

The warmer weather seems to have arrived, but please do bear in mind that while it may be warm in the sunshine, it is still advisable to make sure your child has their jumper in school. Spring breezes can still be quite chilly, especially as we will continue to keep all our classrooms constantly ventilated in line with our risk assessment.

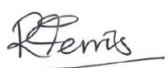
Thank you for following our guidelines to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Please remember to be mindful of how your actions can impact on others. By maintaining distance, wearing a face covering, keeping to your times and making sure your children stay with you on the playground, we can continue to support our community, look after each other and remain **FULLY OPEN!!**

Please be especially alert in the walkway behind the gym – this is our narrowest part and we need your help in keeping it flowing. Please don't stop in or near this area and if there is a pause then please be patient and stop and maintain distancing until the families in front have moved on.

I hope you've all been enjoying being able to meet up with a few more friends since the government guidance changed, but please remember it is essential we stick to the rules so that we are able to keep approaching a new kind of normality. The latest guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Also, please remember that if anyone in your family or contacts have symptoms or gets a positive test result, please do the right thing and isolate to keep our community safe and our school OPEN!

Kind regards



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Falcons (98.6%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hawks (98.4%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kestrels (98.3%)



## GREAT Fundraising!

This week, we've heard how Amelia in Year 5 has been working very hard over the Easter holidays making keyrings and selling them to raise money for charity.

The Florence Nightingale Hospice in Aylesbury looked after Amelia's grandad before he sadly passed away and Amelia was keen to do something to say thank you for their hard work and for the way they looked after her Grampy so well.

So far, she has raised an amazing **£466.30**, which is a terrific achievement and she has even sent some keyrings to Africa!



*Well done Amelia!*



## Reminder – Goodbye to Bug Club!

We have now discontinued our use of Bug Club for the children at GHPS.

Children will begin their reading journey with the Read, Write, Inc programme in Reception and will then progress to myON as they move through the school. Children who are using myON will have received their login and started to use it at the end of last term. If your child is still following the Read, Write, Inc system, they will move onto myON when they have finished.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Worried about a child?

It is everyone's responsibility to act if they feel a child is being put at risk or is not being cared for properly.

If you have concerns about a child, please get in touch with a member of our safeguarding team in school, any conversations will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Further details can be found on our [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#) page.

Alternatively, you can report concerns to Children's Social Care directly from the [Bracknell Forest Child Protection Page](#).

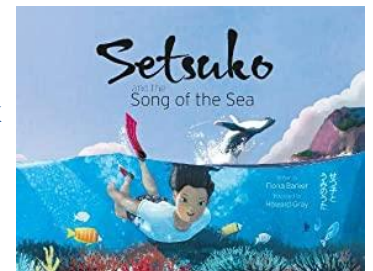
## News from the Library Service

### Fiona Barker's Virtual Storytime - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @ 10.30am

Join Fiona for a Virtual Storytime on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. She will be promoting her new book 'Setsuko and the Song of the Sea.'

Fiona is positively potty about picture books; reading them, writing them and talking about them. She self-published her first picture book 'Amelie and the Great Outdoors' in April 2016 with Matador Books. Her second book 'Danny and the Dream Dog' was published in October 2018 by Tiny Tree Children's Books and went on to become their best-selling title that year. She is currently working on a new title for the same publisher.

This session is suitable for children 4-7 years.



Please book your place via [Eventbrite](#) or email [Bracknell.Library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Bracknell.Library@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

## News from the Community Learning Team

With longer days and the promise of warmer weather on the way, the Community Learning team at Bracknell Open Learning Centre is excited to launch its summer programme of courses for adults.

Courses which begin in April include two brand-new courses – [Understanding Allergies](#) and [Nutrition: special diets](#). Furthermore, we are offering courses in [Paediatric First Aid](#), [Baby Massage](#), [Working in a School](#), Maths and English support plus a range of IT classes. After a difficult year, our [Moving on from Lockdown](#) course, offers a chance to reflect.

Additional support for completing the census is available too (it's not too late) and we are running a free support service which can help avoid getting a fine. Our trained staff are here to help, just call on (01344) 354220 to find out how.

With additional Covid-19 safety measures in place, we are delighted to be able to welcome learners back into the classroom, however some courses will take place online.

More information can be found on the Community Learning webpage: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning) or call 01344 354220. You can also keep up to date by following us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning](https://www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning)



## Communication and Language PEEP (Parent Early Educational Partnership)

The Children's Centres/Family Hubs run a play based 8-10 -week programme for parents with children aged 24 – 36 months who have a speech and language delay.

The sessions focus on developing speech and language through play, interaction, singing and sharing books with positive outcomes at home.

Please contact [jo.belsten@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:jo.belsten@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) for more details.



As we come out of lock down the local libraries, singing and rhyme time and toddler groups will start again, and the preschools/childcare are operating as normal who all also focus on communication and language

If you are very concerned about a child's speech and language, e.g. you think that they are more than a year behind what you might expect, please fill in an online NHS speech and language referral form at [Speech and Language Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource) There are also a range of ideas to try on this website.

What to expect for different ages can be found on <https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/> or you can ask a member of staff at your preschool, children centre/family hub or health visitor for additional advice .

Great information can be found on [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#) who have tips and ideas to help at home too.

## Advice from Thames Valley Police

### Keep your Shed or Garage Secure

Thames Valley Police are receiving increasing reports of sheds, integral and detached garages being broken into. Please take some time to ensure your shed, garage and other garden buildings are safe and secure and check that your insurance covers the contents from theft.

The top five most common items stolen from sheds are:

1. Bikes
2. Mowers
3. Sports equipment
4. Power tools
5. Garden tools

Detached garages are often tucked away from the view of passing traffic or local residents, so are often targeted by thieves. When was the last time you visited your garage and ensured the garage door lock actually works?

Please ensure integral garage doors and any internal doors to your property are locked and secure.

Garage doors are often lightweight and supplied with only a basic type of lock that can be forced with a screwdriver or similar bladed tool so could benefit from the installation of additional security locks. Mortice locks or lockable bolts fitted down towards the bottom corners reduce the risk of offenders gaining access by prising the bottom of the garage door outwards.

Think about chaining items to secure shelves and installing anchor points to which motor bikes or bicycles can be padlocked inside your garage.

Do not give thieves the opportunity or the tools to commit a crime, lock them inside a locker or box or secure them with a chain.

It is always worth draping an old sheet or blanket over the top of mowers or bikes to keep them covered from view.

Consider installing a battery-operated alarm. They look low key but respond to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren.

Consider security marking and registering tools and other items that you store in your garage or shed so they can be identified at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

You can find further crime prevention advice on our website:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk>

Please contact us if you have any information relating to crime in your neighbourhood. Report online at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) call us on 101 or in an emergency dial 999.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on free phone 0800 555 111.

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**Achieving Forever**