



Weekly Update

Friday 15th October

Important Updates This Week

Thank you for all you have been doing to support us as we work so hard to keep our school open. We are currently seeing a rise in the number of children with colds as the flu season is now upon us. However, please ensure that if your child has any symptoms of Covid that you **do not send them into school**. Instead, please book a PCR test for them so that we can ensure that our school community is as protected as it can be. If you are not sure about sending your child to school, please do call the office and speak to Mrs Yeow, who will be happy to help.

Parent and Teacher Meetings



Our online parent and teacher meetings were extremely popular this week and we hope you all had a chance to meet with your child's teacher. There were a few technical issues here and there, but overall, the evenings were a great success. I hope you found them helpful, if not please make a follow up appointment with your child's teacher who will be happy to work together with you as we know success comes from a strong home/ school partnership.

Parent and teacher meetings for Nursery children will take place after the half term break and further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please remember that if you ever have any questions and concerns about your child's learning, their class teacher will be happy to discuss these with you.

School Council

Our school council meetings started up again on Wednesday, after being postponed for a while due to Covid restrictions. There were representatives from each class and the meeting was led by Ms York. Their first topic of discussion was equality, diversity and inclusion in our school and council members will spend time talking to their classmates about this subject before bringing their feedback to the next meeting after half term.



School Photographs

You should have received the proof for your child's school photo this week. The children looked so smart in their uniforms and they all brought their best smiles on the day! Don't forget that the deadline for photo orders is Friday 22nd October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Hedgehogs (99.2%)

2nd Place – Foxes (98.2%)

3rd Place – Lions (97.2%)



House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **Sapphire** with 174 house points! Well done Sapphire, GREAT work!

Fireworks Display Cancelled

Unfortunately, the FRoGS (PTA) have made the difficult decision to cancel the planned fireworks display next month. They really do need more volunteers to help with their amazing fundraising events or they will be unable to keep doing them! Any time you can spare would be a help. If you are interested and want to find out more, please email frogspta@gmail.com



Bracknell Forest Vehicle Naming Competition

Have you sent us your GREAT name suggestions yet?

Bracknell Forest Council have ten new waste collection vehicles to name, and they need our pupils help!

If your child can think of a catchy and original name for one of the new vehicles, please send it in to the school office via email to: ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org along with their name and class.

We will then choose three names to be submitted to the waste and recycling team, who will select the winning entries.

We've already had some amazingly brilliant suggestions, don't forget to send us yours!



Dates for your Diary

Please note the following upcoming dates in our calendar:

Wednesday 20th October @ 9.15am – Open Event for Parents with children starting school in September 2022 ([click here for more information](#))

Friday 22nd October @ 2.00pm – Reception Harvest Celebration shared with parents in Silver Hall

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term Break

Monday 1st November – Children return to school

Mixed Football Matches vs Wildridings Primary



Great Hollands A vs Wildridings

With several players suffering from illness this week, a difficult game against a very good Wildridings side was always going to prove an uphill challenge for Great Hollands and so the final score line would prove. Great Hollands again began the game on the front foot, winning the ball back early and pressing from the front. At training last week, the players worked on using the spaces out wide, which Dylan used to great effect throughout the match, beating his opponent and delivering a number of excellent crosses. It was Dylan who scored Great Hollands only goal of the game, as the players broke with pace and Dylan found the net from inside the box. Joel nearly doubled our goal tally, with an excellently taken long range shot striking the post. One goal proved not enough for Great Hollands, as Wildridings managed to take advantage of illness rampaging the squad to run out comfortable winners in the end.

Great Hollands B vs Wildridings

Like the A side, Great Hollands B had also been hit by illness this week but thankfully were able to field their full squad. The all-out attacking style the B's adopted in their last game, continued here, however, as the game wore on, a better balance was struck, marshalled at the back well by Lucas. Leading the energetic charge of the side were Evie and Lacey, who showed tremendous endeavour to win the ball back and set attacks going for Great Hollands. The only goal of the game for the home side was scored by Oliver, who after an excellent cameo in the A side, struck the ball home after good passing play in the midfield. Wildridings came out on top in the end, thanks largely to some ricocheted own goals but the final shout out goes to Connor, who stepped up between the sticks this week and saved a fierce penalty to deny the away side another goal.

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who came to watch and cheer on the teams and also to Milly from EP for volunteering to referee again for us.

Next weeks' game against Holly Spring will be the last before the winter break.

After School and Morning Club

Our After School and Morning Clubs are very popular at the moment, with some days being fully booked. The Autumn term is generally very busy, with the evenings growing darker much earlier, so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you want to book a space for your child at either club, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org to check availability.

The booking form for next term is available from today on our website here: [Autumn 2 Booking Form](#).

Payment for the clubs is made via ParentPay and should preferably be made in advance.

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GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

OUR OPEN DAYS:

Tuesday at 9.15am
28 September 2021

Wednesday at 9.15am
20 October 2021

Thursday at 6.00pm
25 November 2021

Friday at 9.15am
07 January 2022



We warmly invite you to attend one of our virtual open events to find out what makes us so proud of our school.

Nearly 90% of children leave Early Years being confident readers and our Year 6 pupils leave school outperforming their peers nationally – come and find out why.

You will be able to meet school leaders and have a virtual tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

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

Booking is essential for these popular events. If you are interested in attending, please click 'HERE' to reserve a place. Alternatively, you can call our school office on 01344 424 911.

For more information about Great Hollands Primary School, please visit our website, www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk.



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Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October



Location

Fox Hill Primary School,
Pondmoor Road, Bracknell RG12 7JZ

8.00am – 6.00pm

**COMPLIANT
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OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

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**Thursdays, 23 Sep; 14 Oct; 18 Nov; 9 Dec 2021
Thursdays, 13 Jan; 10 Feb 2022**

Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Bracknell

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the community of Bracknell.

DATE & TIME

See above for dates
12.30pm- 2.30pm

VENUE

The Square
Great Hollands
Bracknell
RG12 8UX
Hall 2.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

Each session will include a half hour talk about being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

BOOKING & INFORMATION

Charlie Taylor
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Topics to be discussed in group.

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