



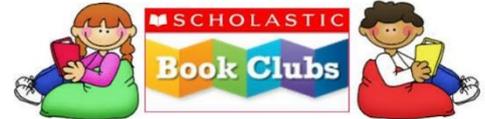
Weekly Update

Friday 11th March

Updates This Week

Just like a Book Fair... Made Simpler Online!

At Great Hollands Primary School, we aim to encourage children to develop a love of reading for pleasure and we have now started our own Scholastic Book Club!



This is very exciting as you can go online to order books for your child, just as you would if you visited the book fair in school previously. You pay for your order online and the books you have chosen are then delivered to school, with no delivery cost.

Our school ordering page can be found at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/great-hollands/digital-book-club>

When you visit the page, you will then:



- Choose the age range you are buying books for
- Browse the shop and click the green 'Buy' icon to add to your basket
- When you go through the checkout, choose our school to add your purchase to the school group order and click the 'Dispatch order to school' option when it will ask for your child's name and class, for when books are delivered to school.
- Book tokens can be redeemed online in the checkout,
- You will receive a confirmation email from Scholastic and when we receive the books in school, we will send them home with your child.

Each purchase via the online link will earn us rewards so we can purchase lots of new, exciting books for the children to enjoy.

Take a look at the Scholastic leaflet that will be coming home with your child for some wonderful offers on lots of amazing books! **Please place all orders online by 31st March 2022**

Red Nose Day – 18th March

This year we are supporting Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day on 18th March and you should all have received full details of the event via email this week. The children can either wear fancy dress, wear red, or come in normal clothing of their choice, as long as it is suitable for school and appropriate for the weather on the day.



Children can also send in their submissions for a 'Red Nose Habitat' competition, if they wish to do so. Full details are in the letter, which is on our website and this link: [Red Nose Day Letter](#)

Our swimming lessons have now finished, and all the children, staff and parents have been absolutely fantastic in being organised and making sure all the sessions ran smoothly. Thank you all so much for all you have done to make it so successful.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Leopards (97.7%)

2nd Place – Foxes (97.1%)

3rd Place – Lions (95.0%)



House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **EMERALD** with **205** house points! Well done to everyone in Emerald, GREAT work!

Reminder – End of Spring Term



Don't forget that in a few weeks when we finish school for the Easter break on Friday 1st April, the children will finish at the earlier time of 2.15pm. This also means that after school club will finish an hour earlier, at 4.45pm on that day.

New Systems in School

On Monday 21st February, we began using our new management information system (MIS), called Bromcom, which is how we now send all our communications. You will find that emails from the school will now come from an email ending in @bromcomcloud.com. These may find their way into your 'Junk' folder, so please do check to make sure you still receive communications from the school.



If you are no longer receiving our emails, please do get in touch with the school office and we'll do our best to help.

The Lexicon Junior Fun Run – Year 5/6 Children

Bracknell Forest, The Lexicon and Everyone Active are looking to enhance the Bracknell Half Marathon Weekend this year by offering young people a chance to participate in a fun run the day before the half marathon.

On Saturday 14th May 2022 at 9.00am, up to six pupils (three girls and three boys) from each participating Bracknell Forest school will take part in an approximately ½ mile fun run around The Lexicon. The event is expected to be completed no later than 10 minutes after the start time, when the children will collect their participation medal and be free to depart with their parents/carers.

Parents/Carers will need to attend the event to support and have responsibility for their children. If your child would like to be considered to take part in the event, please get in touch with Mrs Wise via the school office for further information.

Please note that the event is organised by Everyone Active and is not a 'school event'.



Talking with Children about Ukraine

As hostilities continue in Ukraine, children may see and hear things in the news, which may lead to feelings of anxiety, uncertainty and fear. They may not fully understand what is happening in Ukraine and have questions about images, stories and conversations they are exposed to. Save the Children have shared five tips to help approach the conversation with children:

1. **Make time and listen when your child wants to talk**

Give children space to tell you what they know, how they feel and ask you questions. They may have formed a completely different picture of the situation than you have. Take the time to listen to what they think, and what they have seen or heard.

2. **Tailor the conversation to the child**

Be mindful of the child's age when talking to them. Young children may not understand what conflict or war means. Be careful not to over-explain or go into too much detail as this can make children unnecessarily anxious. Younger children may be satisfied just by understanding that sometimes countries fight. Older children are more likely to understand what war means and will often be more concerned as they tend to understand the dangers better than younger children do.

3. **Validate their feelings**

It is important that children feel supported in the conversation and should not feel judged or have their concerns dismissed. Having an open and honest conversation about things upsetting them can create a sense of relief and safety.

4. **Reassure them that all adults all over the world are working hard to resolve this**

Remind children that this is not their problem to solve. They should not feel guilty about playing, seeing their friends, and doing the things that make them happy. Stay calm when you talk to them, as children will often copy the sentiments of their caregivers. If you are uneasy about the situation, chances are your child will be uneasy as well.

5. **Give them a practical way to help**

Support children who want to help. Children who have the opportunity to help those affected by the conflict can feel like they are part of the solution. Children can create fundraisers, send letters to local decision makers or create drawings calling for peace.

Bracknell Cricket Camp

Bracknell Cricket Camp will be running a two-day camp during the Easter break for boys and girls from Years 2-6. The camps will run from 9.00am to 3.30pm with an early drop off from 8.30am. To book or for further information please click here: [Bracknell Cricket Camp](#)

Holiday camps near you

Venue: The Pines Primary, Bracknell, RG12 7WX

Dates: 11th April - 14th April 2022

Times: 9 am - 4 pm

Price: £27.30 per day

Ages: 5 - 11

Additional info: Book the entire week for only £94.50 (saving £14.70)

Our Activity Leaders are fully qualified and trained to care for the children under their supervision, including the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

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Mon 11 – Mon 18 April 2022
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell RG12 7PA

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**Thursdays, 10 Feb; 17 Mar; 28 Apr;
12 May; 23 Jun; 7 Jul 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

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

VENUE

Great Hollands Community
Centre, The Square,
Great Hollands ,Bracknell
RG12 8UX
Hall 2

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.

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

Topic: TBC.

BOOKING & INFORMATION

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