



Issue 1, October 2022

Message from the Headteacher



We have had an amazing start to this school year, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of you for your tireless support.



Your child's school really is a GREAT place to learn. Did you know that the progress the children make in our school is **SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE** the progress that children make in other schools. YES! Your child goes to one of the most successful schools in the country.

Data released by the Government for 2022 places GHPS in the top 20% of all Primary Schools. In fact, it gets even better as predictions are that GHPS is in the **top 5% of all schools for maths, top 8% for writing and top 15% for reading.**



I believe that our school is so much more than just exam results, but these outcomes give you as parents a strong indicator of just how successful GHPS is. We are always striving even further, and whilst we know that we might not always get things right, we are determined build on our excellent achievements so far.

I am incredibly proud to lead our wonderful school, the progress we have made over the past 5 years has been incredible. I hope you are too, so, if you get the chance, please do shout from the rooftops just how GREAT your child's school truly is. Thank you for helping to make our school a real success.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing half-term break... please remember to **KEEP READING** with your child over the week

Richard Ferris

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Headteacher



We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 31st October!

CALENDAR

24 th -28 th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Children return to school
1 st November	Reception 'Magic Pebbles' Maths Family Learning Session – 1.30pm in Silver Hall
2 nd November	FRoGS Firework Display – gates open at 6.30pm, fireworks start at 7.30pm.
3 rd November	Year 1/2 Picnic Planners Dress-up Day

Please see the full list of dates later in this newsletter...

We're winners at Great Hollands!

Recently we sent out details of a competition being run by Bracknell Forest in partnership with the artist Kerry Lemon to colour in a skylark picture and name the skylark in her sculpture which is being erected in Jennets Park.

We are delighted to announce that out of all the entries from different children, in different schools, **the winner of the competition was Dexter in Falcons class.**

He named his skylark Melody-Rocket, due to the lovely melodies they sing and how they fly fast like a rocket. He received a fantastic box filled with goodies in assembly today, including a wooden skylark for him to paint and put on his wall at home. Well done, Dexter, we hope you enjoy your prizes!



There are a few Christmas Card Competitions running at the moment and it would be amazing if one of our pupils won these as well! Full details are later in this newsletter...

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 **EMERALD**, who have achieved a fantastic 214 points!

The totals so far for this term are:

Ruby: 1202

Emerald: 1176

Sapphire: 1151

Amber: 1139

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?

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Earlier this month we sent out letters via email to all parents of children in Years R-6 about the upcoming nasal flu vaccinations. The immunisation team will be in school on Wednesday 16th November and a consent form must be completed for each child. Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination, can you please complete the form indicating that you do not give consent. The immunisation team do ask that we have a consent form for every child and we appreciate your support. The letter containing full details of the immunisation can be found on our website here: [Flu Vaccination Letter](#)



Poppies in School

We will again be selling poppies in school this year, along with other poppy merchandise which proved very popular last year. We will send out further information after the half term break.

Before and After School Club

Don't forget to book your place at after school club for next term, all the details are on our website on our wraparound care page: [Before and After School Childcare](#)

School Lunches

If your child has school lunches, please can you remember to order these in advance. If you do not have access to your SCOPay account, the school office will be able to help you so please get in touch.

FROGS PTA News

The FROGS had their AGM last week and it was really good to be able to meet up and start thinking about planning events again! The meeting included the selection of members for the various roles within the PTA and they were decided as follows:

Chair: Rhian Sharp

Vice-Chair: Sophie Johnson

Treasurers: Emma Robinson and Celine Rapy

Secretaries: Emily Pace and Becca Butler

You will already be aware that the FROGS first event is their fireworks display on Wednesday 2nd November at GHPS. Tickets are available from the school reception or on the gate on the night. **Tickets will be sent home with the children so please do check their bags!** The gates will open at 6.30pm and the fireworks will start at 7.30pm. Any queries can be emailed to frogspta@gmail.com - we hope to see you there!



Lost Property

Did your child lose a shoe yesterday? The one pictured here was on our playground after morning drop off and we'd love to reunite it with its owner. We have it at the school office if you'd like to pop in and collect it!



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 Autumn walk to explore around the school field.



They have been doing some GREAT classroom learning, making lovely autumn artwork, learning their numbers and how to make them, making bread rolls, tasting different foods and they had a visit from Buttercup, Clover and Rasher and saw how sausages are made!

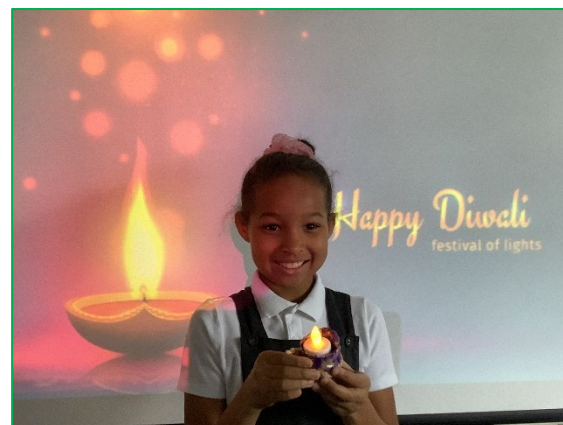
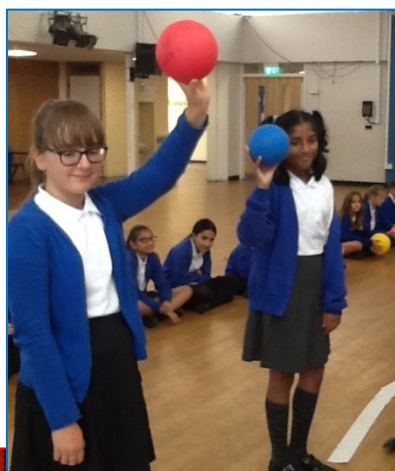
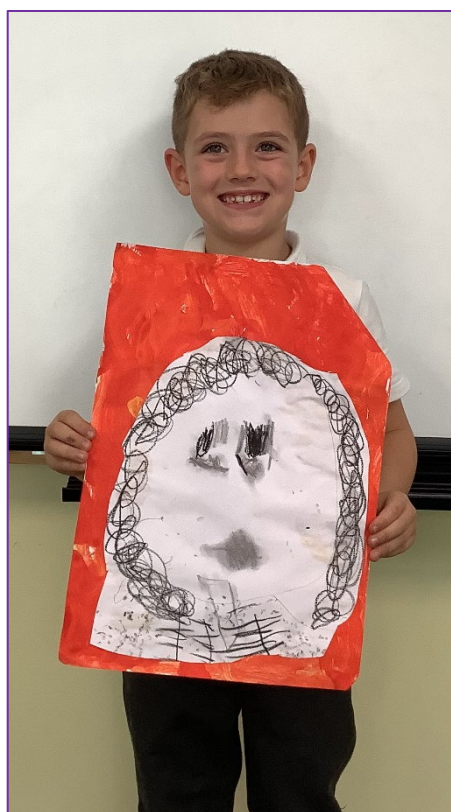


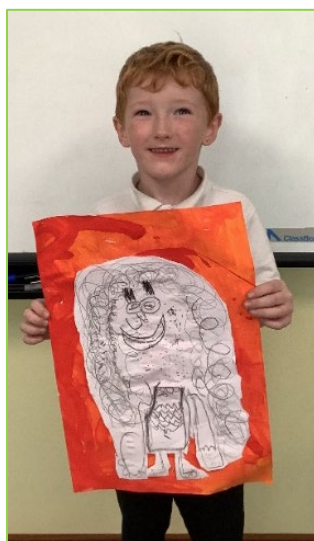
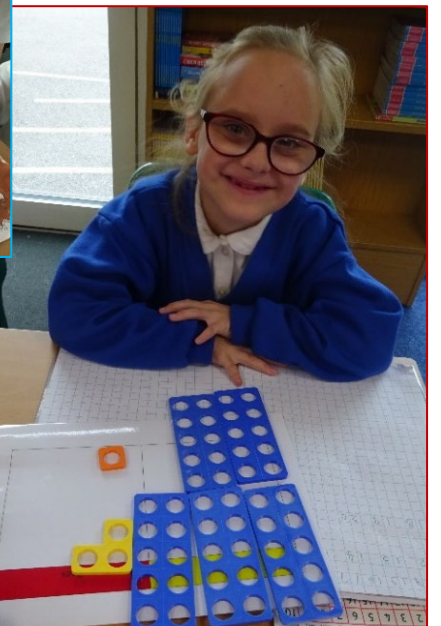
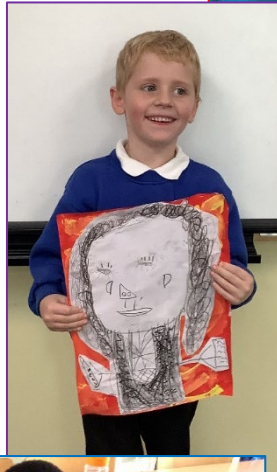
They have also been finding out about Harvest and looking at different fruits and vegetables and the foods we eat. They've enjoyed stories including 'The Little Red Hen' and learned some fantastic Autumn songs. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to see their Harvest performance yesterday, they all did so well - 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 a real determination to succeed in their learning.





COMPETITION TIME!

Christmas is just around the Corner!



Opportunity to enter this year's Christmas Card Competition.

Bracknell Forest Council's Mayor, Councillor Ankur Shiv Bhandari, is launching a competition for Primary school children in the borough to design his Christmas card. The competition is open to all children of Primary school age at school in Bracknell Forest.

The Mayor will choose the winning design to use as his official Christmas card.

The Mayor is looking for a design which focuses on the theme of 'animals', so he is looking for a design with lots of animals, which are highly decorated, as the main theme

To enter the contest, send in an original design on A4 paper/card. The card can be created with any medium including a collage of recycled materials. The back of the design should be clearly marked with the pupil's name, age and school details. Only one entry per pupil per competition, unnamed designs cannot be considered. The winners will receive a prize! First prize is a £20 gift voucher and a copy of your design printed as a card, plus there are two runners up prizes of a £15 gift voucher each. Please send entries from your school to Liz Seamon, the Mayor's assistant at mayor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or post to her at Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JD by Friday, 4 November 2022. We will contact the winners' schools as soon as possible after the closing date.



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THE LEXICON'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

With Christmas fast approaching, The Lexicon has today launched its annual Christmas art competition which has been running for the past five years! The competition offers local children aged 3-12 years a unique chance to be part of the town centre's Christmas activity.

Children can get involved by creating and decorating a Christmas Snowflake design, using crayons, felt-tip pens, paints or even a computer, using the templates provided.

Although we appreciate that snowflakes are white, for this competition we are looking for brightly coloured snowflakes – **in fact the brighter the better.** The design (there is a choice of four snowflake templates) must be the child's own work and should be something that will appeal to all age groups.

The winning designs will form part of a Christmas Snowflake Trail, located in retailer windows in the town centre.

- The overall winner will receive a gift voucher the value of £50 and a **Giotto** Stilnovo pen and pencil box of 90.
- The runner-up will receive a gift voucher to the value of £25 voucher and a **Giotto** Stilnovo pen and pencil box of 90.
- In addition, both winners will also receive **Giotto** art products worth £200 for their school.
- Eight other shortlisted winners will also receive a gift voucher worth £10 each.

Closing date for entries is Sunday, November 13 2022.



Event dates

Between 12 Oct 2022 - 13 Nov 2022

Christmas Card Competition

We have been contacted by James Sunderland MP, who is running his third annual Christmas Card Competition. He is asking schools to submit designs from their pupils, and he will then choose a winner from each school. From those winners, he will select five to use in the print run for his official 2022 Christmas card. One overall winner will also be selected, who will be invited to join him with their parents/carers for a visit to the House of Commons.

Note: All entries must be on white A4 size paper.

Please send entries into school no later than Monday 21st November 2022.

Diary Dates

Academic Year 2022/2023

OCTOBER 2022

Monday 31st	Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
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NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday 1 st November	Reception Family Learning Session – Maths 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd November	Year 5/6 Girls Football Friendly Match vs Owlsmoor Primary School (HOME) – 3.30pm-4.30pm)
	FRoGS Firework Display – gates open at 6.30pm, fireworks start at 7.30pm – Tickets must be purchased for this event – email frogspta@gmail.com
Friday 11 th November	Read, Write Inc Phonics Information Session for Reception Parents – 2.45pm-3.15pm in Silver Hall
Monday 14 th	Reception Open Event for children starting school in September 2023 - 9.15am, please click HERE for full details and to book your place
Wednesday 16 th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6 – further information to follow
Thursday 17 th	Reception Open Event for children starting school in September 2023 – 6.00pm, please click HERE for full details and to book your place
Thursday 24 th	Year 1 Maths Family Learning – 1.00pm-3.00pm in Silver Hall
Monday 28 th	Year 2 Maths Family Learning – 1.00pm-3.00pm in Silver Hall
Tuesday 29 th – Monday 5 th	Book Fair in School, more details to follow
Wednesday 30 th	Nursery Open Event for prospective parents – 10.00am, please click HERE for full details and to book your place

DECEMBER 2022

Thursday 8 th	KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Friday 9 th	Reception Open Event for children starting school in September 2023 - 9.15am, please click HERE for full details and to book your place
	KS1 Nativity – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Monday 12 th	Whole School Carol Service – 10.00am at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead, details to follow
Tuesday 13 th	EYFS Christmas Performance – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Wednesday 14 th	Whole School Christmas Dinner Day (including Christmas Jumper Day), details to follow
Friday 16th	End of Autumn Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

JANUARY 2023

Tuesday 3rd	Start of Spring Term - School starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
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Wednesday 11 th	Reception Open Event for children starting school in September 2023 - 9.15am, please click HERE for full details and to book your place
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Thursday 19 th	Reception Family Learning Session – English 'Busy Bags' – 1.30pm-3.00pm
	Parents' Evening – 4.00pm-7.00pm
FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 9 th	Nursery Open Event for prospective parents – 10.00am, please click HERE for full details and to book your place
Friday 10 th	INSET DAY
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	HALF TERM
Monday 20 th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
MARCH 2023	
Thursday 16 th	Nursery Family Learning Session – Maths 'Washing Lines' – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 23 rd	Year 1 English Family Learning – 9.00am-10.30am in Silver Hall
Thursday 30 th	Year 2 English Family Learning – 9.00am-10.30am in Silver Hall
Friday 31 st	End of Spring Term, school finishes at 2.15pm
APRIL 2023	
Friday 7 th	Good Friday
Monday 10 th	Easter Monday
Monday 17 th	Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 26 th	Class Photographs and Individuals for Year 6 Leavers
MAY 2023	
Monday 1 st	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th	KS2 SATs WEEK
Monday 29 th	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 th – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
JUNE 2023	
Monday 5 th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am
Friday 9 th	Year 6 Parents' and Children Transition Session with Family Learning Team – 9.00am-10.30am in Gold Hall
Friday 30 th	INSET DAY
JULY 2023	
Week commencing 3 rd	Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – dates TBC
Wednesday 19 th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 2.15pm
Thursday 20 th	INSET DAY
Friday 21 st	INSET DAY



Diwali EVENT



**Great Hollands
Pavilion**
Wednesday 26th
October
1pm - 3:30pm

Mini Dance Class
in the Hall - 1pm

Craft Making
Lanterns & Cards

Story Telling
in the Cafe

Bracknell Town Council 01344 420079
www.bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk



FROGS presents,

Great Hollands Primary School

FAMILY FIREWORK DISPLAY

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Gate opens at 6.30pm.
Fireworks start at 7.30pm.

*All Children under the
age of 16 must be
accompanied by an
adult.*

Glow Stall

Tickets in advance £4.00 each
Tickets on the night £5.00 each
All proceeds of this event will go 100% to the
school.

*BBQ and
refreshments on
sale*

Advance Tickets on sale
14th October to 1st November,
please give your slips and correct
money in at the main reception,
after that date please email us at
frogspta@gmail.com

STRICTLY: NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO PETS
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS or SPARKLERS ON
THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

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