



**Issue 3, March 2024**

**Message from the Headteacher**



The weeks have passed by so quickly this term and I truly cannot believe we are at the Easter break already! The days are already growing longer and hopefully the sun will begin to shine soon for some warmer weather at last.



The summer term is a very busy one and there are some important dates to note when some of the children will be doing their assessments:

- Year 6 SATs between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024



We will also be having the swimming pool back in school at the start of June. This has proven to be hugely successful in previous years and is a really efficient way to maximise the time spent in swimming lessons and also cause minimal disruption to learning time.

More details will be communicated out about all the things happening at GHPS nearer the time in our weekly updates and parent letters. Please look out for these; there are a few confirmed notable dates later in this newsletter.

**Our Fabulous FROGS**

We'd like to say a massive thank you to our incredible PTA who have held some very successful events this half term. The Film Nights collectively raised over £650 and were enjoyed by all the children who came along. The food was delicious, the film was fantastic and a GREAT time was had by all.



The Easter Egg Hunt, held last Sunday, raised over £450 and we were very fortunate that the weather was kind on the day. So much time and effort is put into planning and organising all these wonderful events for the children and new faces are always welcome to the FROGS team!

The FROGS can be contacted directly via email to [frogspta@gmail.com](mailto:frogspta@gmail.com) or find them on their Facebook page: [FROGS Facebook](#)



**Thank you to everyone involved for helping to support our school with these brilliant fundraising ideas and events!**

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe Easter break.

*R Ferris*

**Richard Ferris  
Headteacher**





### House Points Winners This Term

House points have been collected by children in Years 1-6 this term and it was a very close competition. The final totals for the term were...

<b>Emerald:</b>	1845
<b>Ruby:</b>	1844
<b>Amber &amp; Sapphire:</b>	1828

Well done to everyone in **Emerald**. The competition begins again when we return and continue collecting points for the Summer Term!

### Important News – After School and Morning Club

Over the Easter break, we will at last be going live with our wraparound care booking system, which will be entirely done through ParentPay.

There are a few changes to note:

- Sessions will need to be paid for at the time of booking and are only booked in when payment is received, although there are different arrangements for parents paying with childcare vouchers, who will be emailed separately.
- If sessions are booked, but not attended and they have not been cancelled giving 24 hours' notice, the session charge will still apply.
- All outstanding balances for after school or morning club must be cleared or you will not be able to access the booking system.



To enable us to get the booking system active – changes need to be made on the ParentPay website. This will be done on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We ask that you do not log into ParentPay to make any payments on these dates. We will email to confirm when the system is live and also send out simple instructions for booking.

For queries over the break, please email [ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org) – the email address will be checked regularly while school is closed.



### A Special Visitor for Year 3&4

Last week, some of the children in Year 3&4 enjoyed a brief talk with Mr Foord, who has been a volunteer reader, mainly working with Hawks class, for some time.

He shared with the children how he had been to Buckingham Palace for a special day in recognition of Korean War Veterans. He showed the children the medals he had earned during the war and they all listened very well, asking some very good questions afterwards.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Mr Foord for sharing his story with us.

### Sponsored Read and Listen

We hope you all enjoyed taking part in the sponsored read last week. Please remember to follow the instructions on the letter to submit your child's total minutes read and sponsor money.

We're really excited to find out how many minutes our children totalled this year – will it be more than last year?

We'll announce the totals as soon as we have them.





## Family Learning Workshops

We've had some really enjoyable workshops this half term, provided by the Bracknell Forest Family Learning Team and these will continue after Easter.

- **Year 3 Maths – 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9.00am-10.30am**
- **Year 2 English – 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.00am-10.30am**

We will also be holding transition workshops for children in Year 6 moving on to Year 7, and for new starters to our Reception class later in the Summer Term.



## Activity Clubs After School

Next term Sport4Kids will again be offering activity clubs to our pupils after school. All bookings, payments or questions about the clubs should be directed to Sport4Kids.

There will also be a Judo club running on Wednesdays from 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Full details for all these activities can be found on the flyers later in this newsletter.

**Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour this Sunday for the start of British Summer Time!**



## Term Dates

We return to school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** and all our term dates can be found on our website for your convenience: [Term Dates and School Timings](#)

## Diary Dates

APRIL 2024	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.45am, doors open at 8.40am</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 visit from Berkshire Reptile Encounters
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class Photographs and Individuals for Year 6 Leavers
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	FROGS Year 3&4 Cake Sale after school on the Year 5&6 playground
MAY 2024	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Family Learning Session – Maths 'Kaboom!' – 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 SATs WEEK</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 Family Learning Session – English – 9.00am-10.30am
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
JUNE 2024	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 'Bikeability' Lessons
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington

# Our Great Learning!



## Year 3&4 Italian Day

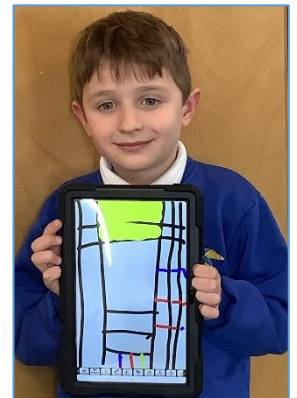


## Year 2 Art





# More GREAT Learning!



S4K

# S4K SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

@GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

FROM W/C 15TH APRIL – W/C 20TH MAY



EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

USE CODE:  
**SUMMER5**  
AT CHECKOUT

5% OFF



MON



**ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB**  
YR, Y1, Y2

BOOK NOW >>

TUE



**GYMNASTICS AND DANCE**  
Y3-Y6

BOOK NOW >>

WED



**DODGEBALL CLUB**  
Y3-Y6

BOOK NOW >>

THU



**NERF CLUB**  
Y3-Y6

BOOK NOW >>

FRI



**FOOTBALL CLUB**  
Y3-Y6

BOOK NOW >>



## Judo For Schools



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, STARTING 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024  
TIME FROM 3:15 TO 4:15 PM

THE COST FOR THE COURSE IS £30 FOR 5 WEEKS

All bookings are made via email to: [JudoForSchools@judoclubosaka.com](mailto:JudoForSchools@judoclubosaka.com)

Please include the following information in your email:

Subject Line of email: <Name of school>

Student's Name: Year Group & Class:

Any medical/allergy information or anything else that we need to know about:

My child will be collected from the school hall OR Walk home on their own?

Emergency Contact Details:

Your Name: Phone Number:

Second Contact Name: Phone Number:

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

Payment will be via bank transfer. Details of how to pay will be forwarded to you once the place has been confirmed. Failure to pay before the start of the course will forfeit the place.

Please note that places are limited to 30 students per course; places will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, as we operate an ongoing progressive course. You will be notified by email as to whether your child has a place or not.

Once your child has a place, they should wear jogging bottoms and preferably a long sleeved t-shirt. It is also advisable that your child has a named water bottle with them.

By applying for a place you are accepting that Judo For Schools coaches cannot be held responsible for injury or loss/damage to personal property.

Judo For Schools is compliant with the EU GDPR legislation.  
The data collected is for our use only and never shared with any third parties.

0300 303 3866

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# Easter fun

## at Bracknell Forest Family Hubs

Join us at one of our fun Easter-themed play and activity sessions suitable for the whole family. These sessions are free to attend, and no booking is required. Please be aware sessions may become busy.

- **Tuesdays, 2 and 9 April – 1.30pm to 2.30pm**  
at **The Willows Family Hub** (provided by the Oaks Team)
- **Wednesday, 3 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**  
at **The Rowans Family Hub** – including an Easter egg hunt and **at The Alders Family Hub**
- **Thursdays, 4 and 11 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**  
at **The Willows Family Hub**
- **Fridays, 5 and 12 April – 9.30am to 10.30am**  
at **The Rowans Family Hub** – Active play session  
Active play sessions are most suitable for families with smaller children.

Email: [early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)  
Call: 01344 354382  
Facebook: Bracknell Forest Family Hubs  
[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs)



Berkshire Healthcare  
Children, Young People and  
Families services

# The Health Bus is coming!

## School Age+ Sensory Processing Workshop

The **Occupational Therapy Team** will be visiting **Bracknell** on the Health Bus. Our Occupational Therapists will be delivering the **School Age+ Sensory Processing workshop** live at **1.30pm** and will be available for any questions before and after.



Please scan the  
QR code below for  
more information:



**Princess Square**  
Bracknell RG12 1LS  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
1pm – 4pm



[cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)