

NEWSLETTER



Life in all its fullness.

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SPORT AT SOUTH BERSTED:

Last week, our Year 5 Girl's football team played Bersted Green in a friendly. The team demonstrated many of the skills they have learnt in the after school club and worked hard to win the game 4-3. Next week, we look forward to a number of girls competing in a Women's World Cup event at the Arena.

Yesterday, pupils from across Key Stage competed against other schools in Area Athletics. The children were enthusiastic and competed confidently against the other schools in the 60m sprint, 80m sprint, 600m, relays, shot put, incredi-ball throw, vertical jump, long jump, javelin! They showed great teamwork by cheering each other on and giving each other support and motivation when needed. Well Done!



"I loved playing in a proper match."

Nellie, Y5

THE SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD:

As part of the school's commitment to sport, I was delighted to receive the news that we have achieved the Gold School Mark Award for the second consecutive year. The School Games Mark is an awards scheme designed to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school.



ATTENDANCE:

The school's attendance remains at 94% for the academic year. Congratulations to Year 3 who have the highest attendance for this half term.

As we approach the end of term, we will be recognising pupils whose attendance is 97% and pupils who have attended school every day this term.

Year Group	Attendance
Year 3	97.1%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 1	95.4%

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HOME LEARNING:

As part of our transition day, pupils across the school focused on the text 'Arron Slater Illustrator'. Based on this, we have set children some challenges to complete between now and over the summer holidays.

Further information on this can be found on your child's home learning sheet attached to this newsletter.

In addition to this, next week, Key Concept Grids will also be posted on Class Dojo. The Key Concept Grids provide activities and ideas for pupils to secure key knowledge from their current year group



SCHOOL VALUES:

Last week, our new art installation for our school values was completed. Our 6 school values are, Friendship, Endurance, Hope, Justice, Reverence and Koinonia. A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour. Thank you to all of the children who helped to create it.



"I think the display looks amazing. Hope is my favourite because of the bird."

Alisa, Y3

"My value was justice. Justice means that things should be fair for people. If it's not fair we should help them."

Tommy, Y3



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ACHIEVEMENTS OUT OF SCHOOL:

It is wonderful to hear of a number of children's successes and achievements out of school. As we approach the end of the school year, please encourage your child to share these achievements with their friends and adults within the school.

WATER SAFETY:

As the weather remains nice and hot this weekend, pupils in upper key stage 2 were visited by a coastguard to explain the precautions they would be taking at the beach.

Please find a link for further information on how we can all stay safe when at the beach:
<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS:



The most recent four way battle between the houses ended this week. Fire remained in the lead finishing with 18,303 points. The other three teams fought valiantly to catch them with both Air and Water overtaking Earth. Air finished on 14,891 points, Water on 10,783 very closely followed by Earth with 10,767 points – just 16 points in it.

Well done to **Tommy, Joshua P** and **Rex** in Year 3 and **Archie** in Year 4 who were the most valuable players in their houses. The final battle of the year begins today, a four way battle between the houses in Key Stage 2 – good luck everyone!

OPEN EVENING:

All parents and carers are invited to an Open Evening on **Monday 17th July between 3.30pm to 6.30pm**. The open evening is an informal opportunity to attend the school so there is no need to book an appointment. The purpose of the evening is to provide you with the opportunity to celebrate your child's progress by viewing and discussing their work. During the evening, your child's class teacher will be available, as will your child's class teacher for the next academic year. Please use this as an opportunity to meet with both teachers, as we celebrate the end of the current academic year and look forward to the next.

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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL:

A number of parents have let us know that they didn't receive the MCAS invitation. We will be sending home a printed copy of the invitation codes for you to log into the app.

We hope to have these sent home next week. Thank you for your patience whilst we navigate this new system setup.

DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

Save the date for our Dance Extravaganza.

19th July 1.45pm



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY:

As part of the school's vision, we want pupils to know that they can make positive contributions to others.

Last week, the school received the Bronze Planet Protector award. The award recognises the school's commitment to care for the environment and its role in contributing to the positive collective impact of all schools in West Sussex.



BOGNOR IN BLOOM:

Earlier this week, our Eco Committee made home-made strawberry ice cream as they welcomed judges from the Bognor in Bloom panel.

We will share the results with you in September.

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COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY CONTINUED:



This term pupils are engaging in a number of activities and events to help raise awareness and money for different charities. Pupils across Reception Class and Key Stage 1, have shown a particular passion for animals this year. Our Reception pupils, continue to raise awareness of Brent Lodge Animal Hospital and our pupils in Years 1 and 2 are encouraging the school and their family members to do more for hedgehogs and bees.

During our Summer Fayre, pupils in Year 4 are aiming to raise money for an endangered animal and our Year 5 pupils will be running an enterprise project. We hope you can join us to support them in these events.

LETTERS SENT HOME:

Tuesday 4th July - Year 6 Production (Year 6)
Wednesday 5th July - Multiplication Times Table Check (Year 3)
Thursday 6th July - Women's World Cup Event (Various)
Thursday 6th July - Online Safety Newsletter (All)



TERM DATES 2023-24:

Tuesday 4th July - Year 6 Production (Year 6)
Wednesday 5th July - Multiplication Times Table Check (Year 3)
Thursday 6th July - Women's World Cup Event (Various)
Thursday 6th July - Online Safety Newsletter (All)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th July - Fairthorne Manor Residential Trip (Year 6)
Tuesday 11th July - Women's World Cup Event (Various)
Wednesday 11th July - Dedicated Schools Team Drop-In Sessions (PM)
Thursday 13th July - Summer Fayre - 3.30 - 5.30pm (All)
Friday 14th July - EYS Hearing Screening (Reception)
Monday 17th July - Parent Open Evening - 3.30 - 6.30pm (All)
Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 Production - 5.30 - 7.30pm
Wednesday 19th July - Dedicated Schools Team Drop-In Sessions (AM)
Wednesday 19th July - Dance Extravaganza - 1.45 - 3pm (All)
Friday 21st July - Church Service (All)
Friday 21st July - Last day of term - 3.15pm (All)

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TERM DATES 2023-24:

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 1st September - Friday 15th December

Friday 1st September - INSET DAY

Monday 4th September - INSET DAY

Half Term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Friday 20th October - INSET DAY

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 18th December 2023 - Friday 29th December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 28th March

Monday 1st January - BANK HOLIDAY DAY

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET DAY

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Monday 6th May - BANK HOLIDAY DAY

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Key Stage 2: