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Brighstone Buzz

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NEWS FROM MISS JOHNSTON

It was wonderful to see and talk to so many of you at the Community Breakfast on Friday morning last week. 43 people attended to tuck in to bacon rolls and we also raised £49.92 for the World Food Programme/Haiti project. Thank you. My busy day didn't stop there, as that afternoon we had a visit from the Leader of the Council, David Pugh. He joined the Eco Schools Council meeting, during which he spoke to the children about the Local Authority's plans for Brighstone under reorganisation and faced some tough questions! The Chair and Vice Chair of the School Council then gave him a tour of the school and he joined in with the brass lessons! Cllr Pugh was impressed by the children's questions, behaviour and use of ICT around the school. I was also delighted to discover that we have the best ever participation rate for Walk the Wight. Thank you for your support of the Hospice by signing up to this. I can hardly believe that next week is the last week of this half-term and that we are already half-way through the academic year! There is a lot going on, so please keep an eye on the diary dates and remember to return your parental consultations slips before next Friday. Miss Brough would like to remind parents that if they would like to, they are very welcome to attend the Year 1 puppet shows on Tuesday afternoon. Please tell Miss Brough if you intend on coming so that she can plan the seating arrangements. Have a super weekend! Miss Johnston. ☺

GOLDEN NEWS

Panthers – Ellis independently made a Humpty Dumpty in the creative area and Bailey has been an excellent friend to Emily. Well done!

Leopards – Edward and Emily completed some excellent problem solving when using money to buy items from the shop in Numeracy.

Lions – Well done to Thomas for his continued dedication to reading every day! Angus for an excellent attitude to working hard in Literacy.

Tigers . Lauren B is in the Golden Book for her truly outstanding trombone playing. What a great start you've made to learning this tricky instrument Lauren.

DIARY DATES

8th Feb . 6pm. Governors meeting regarding relationships and sex education materials to support the policy.

9th Feb . Walking Assembly with Helen S, Helen O and School Council members re: Walk on Wednesdays

9th Feb . 1:15pm. Puppet Show for Year 1 parents

9th Feb . 7pm. Full Governors

10th Feb . Reception medicals

10th Feb . 7pm. BSA Meeting in Tiger Class

12th Feb . 10 Year 2 children attending gymnastics festival @ Christ the King College with Miss Johnston

12th Feb . Last day of the half term

Spring Half-Term Mardi Gras

A taster day is being held on Tuesday 16th February 10:30am until 3pm (bring a packed lunch) at the Carnival Learning Centre at Westridge (behind Tesco's), Brading Road, Ryde. Create and perform a carnival parade in a day to mark Shrove Tuesday and world wide pre-Lenten Carnevale! This workshop is for children aged over 8 years (younger if accompanied by a participating adult). The cost will be £5 per child, adults free. Guest tutors. For further information or to book your place, please contact: 817288

MARY'S MARVELLOUS, MOUTH-WATERING MEALS

Lunch for the 2nd Half Spring Term = 29 days @ £1.70 = £49.30!

MONDAY: Grilled Sausages and gravy, OR Veg. sausage, mashed potatoes, broccoli, sweet corn followed by chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce

TUESDAY, Pork and Leek casserole OR veggie burgers roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage, followed by fresh fruit jelly and ice cream

WEDNESDAY: BBQ chicken wrap OR quorn bolognese, rice, sweetcorn, peas followed by shortbread and milkshake.

THURSDAY: Fish Fingers, chips, baked beans, peas followed by Arctic Roll

FRIDAY: Roast Beef with trimmings OR Macaroni cheese, roast potatoes, carrots, peas followed by apple crumble and custard. Crudités and fruit always available.

Help for Haiti

Next Friday the Year 4 children who are working hard to raise money for the Haiti appeal would like to do a Guess the name of the teddy competition. It will be 50p to have a guess at the name and children will be able to do so during their break time. The Year 4 children will also be in the playground after school for parents to have a guess too! However, the children need a teddy! Does anybody have one they would be willing to donate? Please contact Suzanne if you can help.

Photos



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Photographers to come. Children are asked to use photos. We will also. Parents are under no

February Half-Term FAB Club

Due to a lack of demand, we will NOT be running FAB Club during February half term. We hope to run the club at Easter and will be sending booking forms out shortly after half-term.

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My huge thanks to the BSA for organizing this informal, family quiz night. It will be held on: **Saturday 6th March 6-7:30pm**

The cost of entry will be £2 for adults, £1.50 for children, with under 5s free. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided, so just bring your brains and pencils! If you wish to enter a team, please provide the names and correct payment to Suzanne in the office by Wednesday 24th. Prizes will be available! Other BSA events to follow in the next few months. watch this space ò ò ..

From the 17th February, Sainsburys are starting their Active Kids Vouchers scheme. Please bring them in to school!

Eco Schools Council Logo

Competition

The Eco Schools Council would like their own logo and are keen for a child from the school to design it. Your logo can be drawn or produced on the computer and should reflect the work that the school's Eco Council do to help the school and Eco agenda. Please ensure your name and class are on the back of the design and handed in to the school office by 22nd February (first day back after half-term). The Eco-Schools Council thank you.

Trip to the British Museum

Message from Kay Smith, Extended Schools Officer. I have had a sudden surge of interest in this trip on Saturday 20th February and am now taking a second coach. This means I still have 20 places to fill, so if you would like to attend please text/phone me on: 07545874435. The trip will leave from Coppins Bridge car park, Newport and all who have booked their spaces should have received additional letters with further details. Hope to see you there!

ICT Grant

If you have a child in Years 3 or 4 and are in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received a letter from me this week regarding the Home Access Grant for computers and the internet. If you did not and think you may qualify, please come and see me for further information or contact: 03332001004 www.homeaccess.org.uk.

Advance Notice – Easter Holiday Dates NEXT year

The Local Authority have noticed that the Easter holiday dates they set for **next** academic year **2010/2011** are incorrect. The specific holiday period over Easter 2011 does not align with the Standard School Year as issued by the DCSF. In order to bring us in line with schools on the mainland we need to adjust the stated Easter holiday period. I therefore confirm that schools will close on Friday **8th April 2011** and will re-open on **Tuesday 26th April 2011** following the Easter Monday Bank Holiday. I am sorry if this causes any difficulties but fortunately the LA have realised their error more than a year in advance. I am notifying parents now, as I know many of you like to book your holidays in advance.

The Big Green Adventure!

A reminder that we will be holding auditions in Panther Class during lunchtimes next week! No more than 5 mins: Monday . Y2 Tuesday . Y3 Wednesday . Y4 Thursday . Open

February Birthdays

Many congratulations to all those celebrating their birthdays this month.
5th . Meisha
12th . Luka
14th . Isobelle
17th . Ellie D
18th . Hermione
19th . Franky
23rd - Sam

E Minor Pop Academy

This is held every Saturday 10am . 3pm at Wootton Bridge Community Centre. Age 8-16 years. Sing, dance and perform in live shows. Call 07779638073 to book a free trial day or visit: www.eminorpopacademy.co.uk

Changes to FAB

As you know, in January the Governing Body took over the management of the breakfast club and FAB. If you pay for FAB by salary sacrifice or direct debit, you need to change the account details to: Account Number: **0545012** Sort Code: **30-95-99** The Ofsted registration number has also changed and is now the same as the schools: **118192** Please contact Suzanne or Amanda Dove if you require any further details. Thank you.

The Teaching Awards 2010

The Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of teaching and learning. You can nominate a school, a team working in a school, teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants and governors; **anyone and everyone can nominate**.

We really do have some inspirational staff in the school who are helping to change your children's lives for the better. Help us to celebrate them by making a nomination online at: www.teachingawards.com. It's a quick and easy process that only takes a few minutes, but it's the best way to say thank you to those who transform young people's life chances. You need to make your nomination by 1st March 2010.

Further details can be found on the nomination website where there is also an opportunity for children to create a short film and win £5000 worth of video equipment!

Music for Haiti

Our violin teacher, Maggie Courtney, is organising a fundraising concert in aid of the Haiti appeal. It will be held in the school hall on Sunday 7th March at 7pm.

There will be violinists, recorders and piano playing, including pupils from Brighstone. If we can find sufficient volunteers we would also like to hold a raffle and refreshments. Can you help? Let us know.

Can you help us?

The children have requested lap trays to work on and comics to read during lunchtimes. Do you have any of these items that you could spare? If so, we would be grateful for any contributions. Many thanks.