

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

17th July 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

Well, what a fantastic week we've had in school! Our Brighstolympics were held throughout this week, and every day each bubble competed in their events to win points for their hives. It was very encouraging to see so much determination, enjoyment, resilience, perseverance, laughter, teamwork and encouragement. Participating in sporting activities has a huge positive impact on wellbeing and mental health, and it has been encouraging to see lots of



children at home competing in sports as part of Brighstolympics, too. See Mr Goldsmith's report in this Buzz. The week started and finished with socially distanced opening and closing ceremonies, in which each bubble paraded around the field to music. There was also the opportunity to enjoy a bit of a boogie in our bubbles, and for children (and staff) to show off their dance moves! Here in Brighstone, we encourage community links, and this was fully evident when Nancy from the local library joined in with the dancing from the other side of the school gate!

On the subject of sport, we are very pleased to announce that Brighstone has been awarded the Youth Sport Trust School Games Virtual

Certificate! This has been awarded in recognition for our support, commitment and engagement for all the work that our school has done to continue to engage our children in Physical Education, Sport and Physical Activity during the Covid-19 period. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Goldsmith for making this happen, to the team for encouraging all children to participate, and to all of you for supporting us with this and engaging your children in physical activity at home and in school.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have also taken part in Children's Art Week, and children at home and in school have been creating some amazing artwork! I particularly love the Zen doodles in Y5 and the Key Worker group. Thank you to Mrs Rogers for organising this, and some photos of the children's work will appear on our Facebook page very soon!

At Brighstone we believe in the importance of school and home actively working together to provide the best we can for the children. Part of this is gathering parents' views. Last month, a parent survey was carried out and we have collated the responses. It was wonderful to see so many positive and reinforcing messages from you all! I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you all for all your feedback and support, as well as a huge thank you

to the team here at Brighstone   Attached with this Buzz are the results and comments from the parent survey, as well as our feedback in response to your queries. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Following updated advice from the government, we have been busy behind the scenes updating our risk assessments and organisational measures ready for the full reopening of school in the new academic year, and today you will receive a useful letter informing you of these arrangements. If you have any further questions about September, please contact the school.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend in the sunshine! 

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Superstar Awards

Reuben
Poppy J
Toby B

Poppy L
Devon

Well done everyone!



Transition Sessions

All children who will be on roll in September are invited to attend school for half a day on Tuesday 21st July.

The sessions are:
8.30 - 11.00am **OR** 12.15 - 2.45pm

Please use the one way system:
Entrance on Warnes Lane - Exit on to New Road.

If you ordered a school packed lunch children will be given it when they leave the morning session or arrive for the afternoon session.

Please remember all children except for Year 6 will only be doing a half day on Tuesday.

FSM Vouchers for the Summer Holidays

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals. The Government are providing vouchers for over the summer holidays. Mrs Pelosi is working to get these sorted for you by next week.

Year 6 residential refunds

The cheques have been raised and will be coming home on Wednesday next week. We thank the Year 6 parents for your patience with this.

Brighstolympics

All week we have been taking part in our Brighstolympics event, with each bubble taking part in their own separate 'sports day'. We started with a fantastic Opening Ceremony, and ended the event with our Closing Ceremony this morning, both events showcasing the children's Olympic Torches, flags and mascots that they have been making in class, and kick starting their day with some energetic dance moves.

As well as taking part in a range of sporting activities, each child has been earning points for their hives, with the focus on the seven Olympic & Paralympic values - Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Determination, Inspiration, Courage, Equality.

It has also been great to see lots of children at home taking part in the events, and sending in their videos and photos to earn their hive points!

All four hives have shown the seven values brilliantly, but congratulations to the Blue Hive who topped the medal table with 182 points!



Hive Points

Blue	182
Yellow	166
Green	160
Red	154

