



2nd October 2020

Learning and Achieving through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents and carers,

Despite the wet and windy weather this morning, the school was filled with sunshine due to all the colourful yellow clothing for our Go Yellow day. Seeing all the splashes of colour made everyone smile and brightened up the day! Our Collective Worship theme this week is 'generosity', and I would like to thank everyone who donated money for the Mountbatten Hospice. No matter how small or large the donation, they all get added to the bigger pot to help others in need. Thank you!

On the subject of generosity, I would also like to thank everyone who gives up their time taking part in events organised by the BSA for the benefit of the school. The Round the Island Relay Race raised an amazing total—over £1000! Well done and thank you. I know that the BSA have got many more exciting events planned (all Covid safe) over the coming months (two of which are detailed in this Buzz), so watch this space!

Next week sees our Harvest Festival celebrations. Over a three-day period, each bubble will have the opportunity to participate in a church service, during which they will perform their song, dance or poem to the other children in their bubble, as well as donate items to the Food Bank (another very generous act to do). Please bring your non-perishable food items (tinned or packet) on the following days:

Bubble 3 (Y5 / Y6) on Wednesday 6th October; Bubble 2 (Y3 / Y4) on Thursday 7th October; Bubble 1 (R, Y1 & Y2) on Friday 9th October

These food items will then be left in the church to quarantine for 72 hours and thoroughly cleaned before being collected by the Food Bank. Due to Covid restrictions unfortunately parents are unable to attend the services, but photos will be taken and posted on Facebook (if permissions have been granted).

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend—keep safe, warm and dry!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Lambert Class

Lambert class are very excited as Mrs Aram has had an email from Natasha's mum Amanda, who has asked if they can take a teddy from our class on their next voyage with them. They are sailing across the Atlantic and are leaving in November from the canary islands to do this. They will be updating us on their voyage with emails and pictures of the jobs that the teddy is doing on its adventure. It will take 3 weeks to complete the voyage and the boat will be sailed around the clock during this time. We are hoping to sponsor Natasha by giving money to the chosen charities that she has and will be thinking of ways in which we can do this as a class/individuals. Lambert class would like to thank Martha's mum for her communications with Amanda and the fantastic idea of the teddy!!

Robertson Class

Children in Robertson class were blessed with great weather for their trip around the Island on Tuesday. After an early start they bundled onto the coach and were off to investigate tourism on their doorstep. First stop was Ventnor to look at the harbour and beach. Then on to Yaverland where they discussed where visitors might like to go. Dinosaur Isle, the Zoo and the beach were thought to be popular. Lunch was at Puckpool Park where the shell-covered beach held their interest and then it was on to Cowes to find out about its sailing heritage and old industry. Finally it was Alum Bay with fantastic views of the Needles and a good look at all the attractions in the Needles experience. The children were excellently behaved and it was lovely to hear their discussions about places that they would like to visit. We hope that this will allow them to produce some exciting writing when they design their own tourist information leaflet over the next two weeks.

Golden Book

Ainslie	Charlotte - for working so hard at her reading and letter sounds this week.
Lambert	Toby - for super explanations in Maths. Dan - for trying hard in RWI and Maths and his fabulous homework map. Izzy - for being a great independent learner.
Robertson	The whole class for their excellent behaviour on the Round the Island Bus trip.
Macarthur	Thomas - for his great work in English work this week.
Clover	Austin - for planning and creating his "computer keyboard" pop art.
Bee-Haviour	Christopher (Year 2) - for demonstrating beautiful bee-havior and encouraging collaboration with his class.
Sports Bee	Lauren B - for excellent batting in diamond cricket.

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

W/c 5th	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Turkey Pitta	Roast Gammon	Spag Bol	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Veggie risotto	Veggie Pasta	Veggie Pie	Veggie Chilli	Cheese pastry
Dessert	Oaty Square	Fruit and Yog	Marble Cake	Drizzle Cake	Ice cream

If children from years 1-6 do not like what is on the menu, they can ask for a jacket potato with either beans, cheese, beans and cheese or tuna mayo. Fresh salad and fruit is offered everyday alongside the daily options.



Friday 9th October

Our school photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling pupil photographs from 9:00am. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform.

Please note:

This year **all** ordering will be online, with delivery to home addresses. All students will have a QR code for their photography. The children will bring these home AFTER the photography session, so you have the chance to pre-register your interest. For parents that have pre-registered, these children will not receive a proof card as all the information for ordering will be sent direct to the email address.

Attendance

If your child is unable to come to school, please let the office know before 8.25am. When your child returns to school please make sure you **provide a letter/email outlining the reason for the absence** so that we can authorise it. Failure to do this within 3 days of the absence will mean it will be marked as unauthorised and persistent unauthorised absences can result in a fixed penalty notice from the Local Authority.

Name it to retain it

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. Our wonderful school cleaner, Mrs Eastaff, is so very good at returning lost items to their owners; please make things easier for her by labelling all of your child's personal belongings.

Last day of this half-term is Friday 16th October.

Back to school on Monday 2nd November.

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Paperwork

Please return your **home school agreement (dark green form)** reply slip by Monday next week.

Wellbeing Window

Gold star for you if you reached out to a loved one last week.



This week's task is dancing in the rain: The forecast is looking perfect for this, this weekend. Remind yourself that you are not made of sugar and so will not melt in the rain. Get out there, smile, dance and look up to the sky and feel the rain on your face. Treat yourself to a bubble bath and hot chocolate afterwards. You're worth it!



Thank you

for your donations today.
We have raised a wonderful **£150** for The Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1** Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely and positively**.
- 2** Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3** Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4** Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5** Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6** Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7** Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8** **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9** Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10** **Learn more**: Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

BSA Round the Island relay race

Medals and certificates are coming home next week (with children) for the parents that took part in the race in early September. So far, the event has raised just over £1000 for the school which is wonderful. Well done to everyone involved. Please take a picture with your medal and email to brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com



Coming soon...BSA Family cook book full of your favourite recipes.

Please can you send us your favourite family recipes. They can be recipes for main meals, snacks, baking, themed. Anything goes. Recipes to be received by Friday 6th November. Email: Brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

Recipe book to be available for Christmas



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PUMPKIN carving

Come and Join our pumpkin patch

15 october

£2 PER ENTRY inc battery candle

Pumpkins will be judged during the school day. They will be lit after school so you can see them in the dark during the evening. Please collect pumpkins on Friday 16th October.

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKINS TO THE FAR FIELD BEFORE SCHOOL ON 15TH OCTOBER 2020

Entry form/money to be paid in the office or on the morning

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Results from 2019...

- KS4: Our GCSE Progress 8 score of +0.12 places us in the top third of schools nationally.
- KS4: Progress score places us as the top school on the Isle of Wight and in the top quarter of all schools in the Hampshire and IOW region.
- KS4: All our core subject departments are in top third of schools nationally, and our Maths progress score of +0.33 places us in the top sixth, nationally.
- KS5: Average grade of C and point score of 31.59 places us in top third of schools and colleges nationally.
- KS5: Percentage of students achieving A-level AAB or higher in at least two facilitating subjects (commonly needed for entry to leading universities) was 27%, placing us top of all schools and colleges in the Hampshire and IOW region, and in the top 6% nationally.

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