

The Buzz

4th March 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

It was lovely to see everyone on Monday after the half-term break. What a busy week it has been! We have taken part in lots of class and whole school events this week.



On Tuesday the whole school took part in **Pancake Day relay races** (see the photos on Facebook). They raced in their Hive teams and had great fun! This was followed by our **Ash Wednesday Service** the following day. This service marked the start of the Christian season of Lent, of which we learnt about from Rev. Jackie, Peter and Andy, who were also joined by Jacob and Keith (who, along with Peter, accompanied our singing on his guitar). We sang some hymns ('Lord of the Dance', 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' and 'Kyrie Eleison') and those who wished to, received an ash cross on our foreheads.



Yesterday we celebrated **World Book Day**. It was great to see so many amazing costumes (thank you, parents)! We had lots of Harry Potter characters, fairy tale characters, Roald Dahl creations, characters going off on adventures, characters from classic children's books, and many more! Throughout the day the school took part in a range of activities, including a catwalk show, a Hive Bumper Book Quiz (well done to Green Hive who won!), DEAR time (during which, when they heard me ring the bell, everyone had to 'Drop Everything And Read'!), story time with different adults in school, book scavenger hunts, making books, and more. See our Facebook page for more photos.



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Are you interested in joining our team and helping our school? Then we may have the job for you! We are currently **advertising for two cleaners** to work for 2.5 hours every day during term time. If this sounds like something you, or someone you know, may be interested in, please contact the school office or visit our website for more information: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/job-vacancy/>

I know that many of you will be watching the news about the current situation in **Ukraine** and feeling like you need to do something to help. As a school community, we are organising a range of ways in which you can help those in need. Further information about this has been sent home and put on our Facebook page and website today. Your children will be seeing what is happening, showing anxiety and worries about it, and asking questions; there are many websites with advice on how you can talk to your children and answer their questions about what is happening, which will hopefully provide some support for you and your children. Donating money or items can also help, knowing that you are doing something tangible for those in need.



I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Justice

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Treating People Fairly**

This week, we explored how we can treat people fairly. Three children had a box of different coloured shapes. One of them tried to share the shapes out between two children so they both get the same, which would have made it fair. However, it was impossible to share them so that everyone got the same as there were not two of every shape colour and size. They also might not have wanted or needed all of the different blocks to build their model.

It's not always possible or fair to treat everyone the same. However, we can do our very best to try to help

everyone get what they would like or what they need. For example, younger children have more time to eat their lunch, or sometimes children might need extra support in class.



They have both got the same so it is fair.

Do you agree?

Prayer for Courage



Father God,
Give us the strength to accept the things we cannot change,
The courage to change the things we can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Amen

**ACT JUSTLY
LOVE MERCY
WALK HUMBLY**
MICAH 6:8



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.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Mac N Cheese	Chicken Filo Pie	Roast Gammon	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Veg Burrito Wrap	BBQ Beans	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake	Meat-Free Nuggets
Dessert	Raspberry Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread	Fruit Crumble	Cake

Poetry Corner

Open a book
 And you will find,
 People and places of every kind.
 Open a book
 And you can be,
 Anything you want to be.
 Open a book
 And you can share,
 Wondrous words you find in there.
 Open a book
 And I will too,
 You read to me,
 And I'll read to you!



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Clause

A group of words that contains a subject and a verb.

Independent clause → makes sense on its own as a sentence.
 E.g. I went to school.

Dependent clause → doesn't make sense on its own as a sentence.
 E.g. Although I wasn't feeling well, I went to school.



Phrase

A group of words without a subject-verb component.

Noun phrase e.g. best friend.
 Verb phrase e.g. was working.
 Adjective phrase e.g. very pretty.
 Adverb phrase e.g. really slowly.
 Prepositional phrase e.g. in the bin.



Golden Book

Koala	Alexander - for working hard in Maths. Charlie - using a clear, confident voice when answering questions.
Polar Bear	Fred C - for his super adding with Mrs Johnstone and for the great book he made on World Book Day.
Lemur	Anna - for showing great perseverance in English.
Chimpanzee	Nico - for his outstanding concentration in DT - his sewing was fantastic! Max F - fantastic discussion in Science.
Orangutan	Katherine, Charlotte, William and Thomas - for planning and leading a collective worship on Perseverance.
Bee-Haviour	James - for being a wonderful Hive Leader this week and perfectly demonstrating our school values.

Whole school dates

Friday 11th March - Mufti Day for Ukraine

Reminders

There should only be **water** in bottles, not squash or flavoured water.

Hair accessories should be in the school colours.

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 28th February
 Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 96.52% ↑
 Late marks this week: 1 ↓

Amazing Week! Keep up the good work!

SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

As hostilities in [Ukraine](#) escalate, children may see and hear things about the crisis in the news, leading to feelings of uncertainty, anxiety and fear, which parents and caregivers need to address, Save the Children's psychologists warn.

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-explain-conflict-ukraine-to-children>



To do something to help those in need in Ukraine we will be having a mufti day next Friday. The idea being that children wear the colours of the Ukraine flag but we urge you not to buy anything especially and just donate what you can on the day.

We will be collecting monetary donations for a small UK Based Romanian-active charity called '**Cry in the Dark**' who are currently taking in Ukrainian refugees. This charity was established by Miss Stztypuljak's father many years ago and used to be an orphanage. More info - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/helpforUkraine>

Other ways you can help:

- The DEC appeal - the UK government have pledged to match donations up to 20 million pound <https://www.dec.org.uk/>
- Join the Facebook Group Isle of Wight community help for Ukraine for local updates on how you can help
- Drop off smaller items to the Astra recycling bank outside the front of the school - please label any items for Ukraine. The director of Astra Recycling is Ukrainian and so is doing all he can to make sure items are going to those in need https://www.astrarecycling.co.uk/meet_the_team.html

DEAR

Drop Everything And Read

10 BENEFITS OF READING

WHY YOU SHOULD READ EVERY DAY



Improved Focus and Concentration



Better Writing Skills



Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills



Mental Stimulation



Stress Reduction



Knowledge



Memory Improvement



Vocabulary Expansion



Tranquility



Free Entertainment

This weekend, have a go at “DEAR”.
Set a time on each day to stop what
you are doing and pick up a book.