

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

22nd September 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Ivy Bee class have had a very exciting week this week! On Wednesday, they welcomed an **author** to their class, who has written many books for children over the last few years. Peter J Murray's recent book, 'The Darker Side of Wight', is a collection of short stories set on the Isle of Wight, or, as he calls it 'The Isle of Fright'. *The island's diverse local history combined with myth and legend provide an ideal recipe for Peter's vivid imagination. In an age where it is becoming increasingly difficult to engage children in reading a book, The Darker Side of Wight is guaranteed to arouse their curiosity and take them into a thrilling and adventurous world, something children need to experience more and more as an escape from the daily pressures of modern living.* Peter has visited hundreds of schools around the country, as well as many island schools, and there were gasps and laughter this week as he enthralled the children (and adults!) with tales from around the island. He left us on many cliffhangers! The children were delighted to meet him again today when they were able to buy signed copies of his book. One word of advice to the children, though - make sure the adults don't get too scared...



Peter is also really keen to read anything that the children write, so we are looking forward to sending him our stories.

While I am sitting in my office writing this Buzz, the Y6 children are having an amazing sailing experience as part of the UKSA's **Test the Water** programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to maybe experience something new, learn new skills, work together as a team, develop their confidence and have lots of fun out on the water. I look forward to seeing photos later!



On Wednesday this week, Bumble Bee (Y1/2) and Honey Bee (Y3/4) classes enjoyed a trip to **Marwell Zoo** as part of their curriculum learning. Despite the inclement weather, they had a great time, although many of the animals were taking the sensible option and sheltering from the rain. I heard lots of information about the pygmy hippos, meerkats, penguins and giraffes, and I heard that our children's behaviour was exemplary. Well done! (You can view all the photos on our Facebook page.)

Reminders

We have invested a lot of money recently into purchasing new books across the school, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry for all ages, but we would like to increase the range of text types so children can experience reading and enjoying a wider variety of texts. We are lacking **comics and magazines**, so I was wondering if you have any old comics and children's magazines that your child no longer needs that you could donate to the school. Please contact the school office if this is the case. We thank you for your support.



We are taking part in the **World Maritime Day mufti day** in aid of UKSA on Friday 29th September, who fund sailing sessions for every Y6 child across the island. These are funded entirely by donations, so children are encouraged to come into school in blue or sea-themed mufti for a suggested minimum donation of £1.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



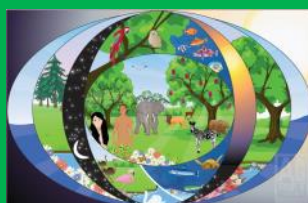
Collective Worship - Thankfulness

This week, we have been thinking about praising God in creation.

We have been giving thanks for our wonderful world. We are thankful for the universe, the hills and mountains, the sun, moon and stars, the wild animals, the farm animals, the birds, the sea creatures, the trees and other plants, and the people.

How can you show your thanks for our wonderful world? How can we look after it?

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How can we look after it?

We created our own prayer of thanks in Collective Worship.

What prayer of thanks would you like to say for our wonderful world?



'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5.16

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 **£2.90** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chinese chicken & Rice	Roast Gammon	Beef lasagne	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Veggie dippers
Dessert	Ice cream	Jelly	Shortbread	Flapjack	Oat cookie

Poetry Corner

Tree Song

City of whispers,
symphony of sighs,
intricate embroidery
sampling the skies.

Machinery of nature,
factory of air,
delirious dancer
dishevelled her hair.

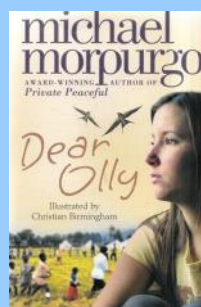


Tony Mitton

Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Toby (Y5) recommends:



Fun

Exciting

Thrilling

Toby's synopsis

Dear Olly is a book about a girl whose brother went to a school of orphans, but before he goes he finds a nest of swallows, and asks Olly to look after them.

This book is a really good book.

I give it 4.8 stars.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

Contact us: safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Speak with our DSL Mrs Jones in the school office

You can contact the NSPCC:

Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk

0808 800 5000

Find out more

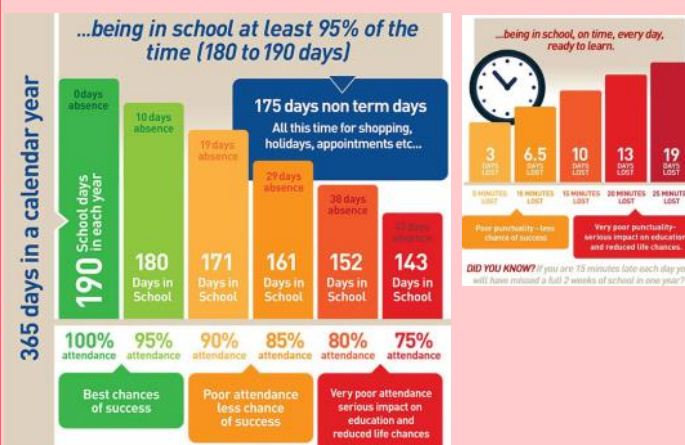
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 18th September
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 96.3%

Late marks this week: 7



Reading

Do you enjoy reading? If so, what sort of books do you enjoy? What does your child enjoy reading? Were you an avid reader as a child but not so much now as an adult? Do you read for pleasure or just for information?

We have a big focus on reading at Brighstone. We all recognise the importance of reading with and to children, no matter what their age or reading ability.

Parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. Their children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere.

Second, book-related talk introduces children to language that they might not hear in ordinary, especially the vocabulary of the book itself. This primes them to understand what they read later, in their leisure reading and across the curriculum.

Research has shown how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:

Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

Extensive international research shows that being a frequent reader is associated with a range of academic, social and emotional benefits; children who read more achieve more. Also, for many, reading is a form of relaxation, a place to escape everyday challenges, a source of entertainment. Reading allows readers to adopt new perspectives, develop empathy and become more socially conscious.

We provide lots of opportunities for children to read, listen to, talk about and enjoy books in school, and we welcome your support in encouraging your children to read and talk about books at home. They will be coming home with different books to enjoy, which they can read to you, and you can read to them!

We have resumed our book recommendations for children and adults; if you or your child have any recommendations, please let us know and we will include them in the Buzz!

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me via the school office.

Thank you,

Mrs Lennon



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Hudson, Jacob, Ralph and Molly ~ for being confident to have a go at new things this week. Max F ~ for showing resilience in his learning. Evan for independent work in English and Maths. All Year 1 and 2 for great behaviour on the trip and using scientific vocabulary.
Honey Bee	Solomiia ~ for persevering in English and producing some amazing work. Martha ~ for her extraordinary artwork, taking on board the importance of perspective when sketching with charcoal.
Ivy Bee	Reuben ~ for fast and accurate rounding calculations in maths. Max B ~ for thoughtful comments in RE.
Sports Bee	Holly ~ for always having a great attitude to learning during PE and at clubs.
Bee-Haviour	Kieran ~ for showing kindness to a Reception child and helping her when she was nervous about the school bus.



Love

Courage

Respect

Isle of Wight Mental Health Services

We have brought together a wide range of resources to signpost you to the support you need to help you manage your mental health.

With information about self-help tools including links to apps, videos and workshops, advice and information sources, helpline numbers and local support services and groups it will help you find the help you need in a way that works for you.

Crisis Support



Advice & Information



Useful Tools



<https://www.iwmentalhealth.co.uk/>

Local Support



Talk to Someone



Cost of Living Support



Online Safety

FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

WHATSAPP



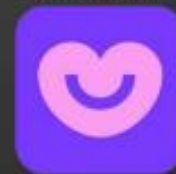
WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

WHISPER



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.



Brighstone School Association

Preloved Uniform Sale

Next Sale from

25th September 2023

The sale rail will be up by the
school office.
Money will be collected in the
donation box.



Unwanted uniform donations welcome.
Please place in box in office foyer the
week before each sale.

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TESCO
TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Brighstone School Association

We have been successful in
applying for a Tesco Community
Grant and we need your VOTES

Everytime you shop in FRESHWATER
Tesco between the first week of July
and end of Sept please put a blue
token in our box

Our application is for a new cooker for the Cookery Club. The cookery club
teaches the children an essential life skill and inspires them to try new foods.

If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:
01983 740285
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Contact us



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

School Day Timings

From September 2023, the school day is as follows:

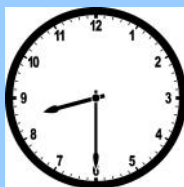
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Friday 29th September: UKSA Fundraising Day - blue or sea-themed mufti
- Wednesday 4th October: Harvest Festival
- Thursday 5th October: Flu vaccinations
- Saturday 7th October: BHS Autumn Show
- Thursday 19th October: Last day of term
- Friday 20th October: School closed for staff development day
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November: Half term
- Monday 6th November: Back to school
- W/C Monday 13th November: Inter Faith week
- Tuesday 21st November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term
- Wednesday 20th December - Monday 1st January: Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January: Back to school
- Friday 9th February: Last day of term
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half term
- Monday 19th February: Back to school
- Tuesday 5th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 28th March: Last day of term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: Back to school
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.

