

Brighton Hill Community School

'Always Learning'



Autumn Term
29 September 2017

Newsletter

WELCOME!

Welcome to the very first newsletter from the Autumn term here at Brighton Hill Community School. I'd like to start by extending a very special welcome to our Year 7 students and their families. Our new recruits have made a phenomenal start to life here and I'm genuinely excited to watch them develop over their time with us. I'm confident that in the Summer of 2022, we will be celebrating their results with just as much pride as we did with our departing Class of 2017 just last month.

It has already been an action-packed start to the term, with numerous sports fixtures and extra-curricular activities taking place and, as I write this, preparations are well under way for our Open Evening on Monday 2 October, when we will showcase exactly what makes our school exceptional. One of these areas, which is a new development, is our brand new, fully trained team of 25 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, who will proudly be patrolling the playgrounds to ensure that our school is even safer and happier than it was before.

We also have the launch of two major projects: *PiXL Edge* and *Them & Us*. Both of these exciting opportunities will be whole-school initiatives, giving our students the chance to strive to be the very best then can be, as well as allowing them to gather evidence of all of the wonderful things that they have achieved during their time at Brighton Hill Community School.

Here's to another exceptional year!

Mr Chris Edwards - Headteacher

Brighton Hill Staff are running Basingstoke Half Marathon!

Earlier in the year our amazing students here at Brighton Hill Community School took on the challenge of growing a fiver and raised almost £1,500 for a fantastic cause.

As there is still lots of money to be raised, members of staff: Chris Edwards (Headteacher); Guy Wilkinson, David Watkins, Claire Esslemont and Sophie Charde wanted the opportunity to further support this local charity. The challenge they have set themselves is to complete Basingstoke's half marathon - one of the most undulating and challenging half marathons around!

Please help us to continue to help and support Joe and his family in their essential home adaptations. Joseph Chant is a 4 year old local boy, living in Alton. His family need to level their driveway for wheelchair access, convert the garage into a bedroom and wet-room with essential hoist systems for him to live at home with comfort and dignity. Come support us and support Joe!

Mrs S Charde
Teacher of Science

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bhcsdobasingstokehalfmarathon>



Charity Number 1163021

PE NEWS

It has been a great start to the new school year with extra-curricular clubs and fixtures. Attendance at football, badminton, netball, the gym and Zone 11 have been truly excellent. The boys have started their competitions well with a Year 11 boys' victory in both football and rugby. The upper school girls netball have started with two tough games; Year 11's losing to a great Cranbourne team and the Year 10's recording a draw against Cranbourne and a narrow loss to Aldworth.

Congratulations to all of the students on their attitude and effort at extra-curricular so far.

Miss S Lambert
Head of PE



We have vacancies for two Parent Governors so why not join us?

As a Governor with children at the school you have the unique position of having a parental viewpoint. Through your own children you have first-hand experience of the curriculum and how the school is perceived. You will bring this valuable perspective to the strategic management of the school. As a Parent Governor you would be promoting the interests of all the children in the school.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, further information about the role and responsibilities of Governors at Brighton Hill Community School can be seen on the school's website (School Information: Governing Body). Information is also available at:

<http://www.moderngovernor.com/marketingcourse/index.htm>

If you want to volunteer, an application form can be downloaded from:

<http://www3.gov.uk/education/governors/gov-volunteer.htm>

This should be returned to the school office by Monday, 9 October 2017



The Modern Languages Faculty celebrated European Day of Languages on 26 September with a range of activities for our Key Stage 3 students. Firstly, we had an assembly for Year 7 and 8 in which they learned the importance of languages and were set a poster competition. Year 7 were set the challenge of designing a poster to celebrate the day and Year 8 were asked to create a poster containing interesting facts about language learning. We have had some fantastic entries, all of which earned a House Cup Point and some of the designs are on display around the school site.

Year 7 & 8 tutor groups then completed a quiz based on languages and language learning, earning more House Cup Points for the best entries from each group. During one of their lessons, the Year 7's got to grips with the basics of another European language - Swedish.

And finally, our students were also rewarded if they greeted their teachers in another language. Many teachers have commented on our students' enthusiasm and resourcefulness in researching greeting in more unusual languages. Well done Key Stage 3!

Mrs Hallum Barnard
Head of MFL



Diary Dates

2 OCTOBER	OPEN EVENING 6:00—8:00pm
4, 5 & 6 OCTOBER	OPEN MORNINGS 9:00am
11 OCTOBER	YEAR 7 TUTOR EVE 4:00 - 6:30pm