



News Update

Autumn Term—Week 6

16th October 2020

Diary Dates	
Parent Consultations	20th & 22nd October
Inset Day	23rd October
October Half-Term	26th to 30th October
Inset Day	2nd November
Virtual Space Experience Y1	9th—11th November
School Photographs	20th November
Flu Vaccines	10th December
End of Term	18th December
Inset Day	4th January
Start of Spring term	5th January

Principal's Post

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers that have taken the time to complete the recent parent survey sent out earlier this week. Your feedback is incredibly important to enable us to understand what is working well and consider areas for development.

I can assure you that all staff, Local Board members and the University of Brighton Academies Trust are fully committed in driving the wider learning experiences for every child at PHIA and for PHIA to be a beacon in the community.

The survey should take only a few minutes. If you have not yet completed it we would really appreciate your feedback. The questionnaire is available online by following the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=n2BDxfl2ekuhTmqItMqOng5meNftwzJKkvc4v_PBfo9UOTJLQ1NFNkFXTUVZVTVDUktXNDdQVVZVNY4u

Recognition Awards

Year R: Sereia M, Ava M, Ronnie M, Veronica B, Rosemarie M, Frankie B.

Year 1: Baavan s, Emily F, Liana A.

Year 2: Rabiya N, Bethany H, George W.



Elmer the elephant—created by our Reception children, has moved into our library, where they have been pinpointing what happens in all his different adventures.

Remembrance—11th November

To mark Remembrance Day this year we would like to invite all our children to come to school wearing something red and to make a donation (from £1) to the appeal online via

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

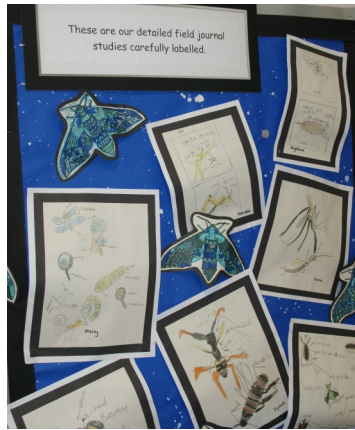
Please note the children still need to be suitably and comfortably dressed for outside play.

School Photos

Make a note on the calendar – we have confirmed 20th November as the date for the official school photographs to be taken of the children. All sessions will be held during the school day and planned on a class by class basis. There will be no joint siblings pictures taken this year in order to maintain the integrity of the class bubbles.

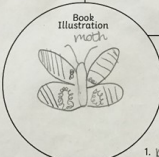
Full information about ordering copies will be provided nearer the time – but is likely to be through the company's website.

Brilliant Work



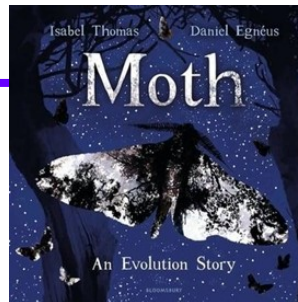
Creepy crawlies and long-legged beasts that don't go bump in the night have formed the basis of this Year 2 display—inspired by their featured book 'Moth' - see the book review below.

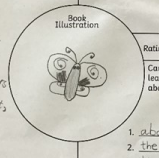
Book Review

Book Title: <u>The Moth</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why?
Author: <u>Isabel Thomas</u>	<u>friends sister</u>
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>different schools</u>
What is the book about?	Rating: ★★★★★
<u>Indiston recolon about moths trying to get away from predators, special moths and soot moths.</u>	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?
	<u>1. moths wings get dark brightly wings</u>
	<u>2. Some moths have scum and pop up wings.</u>
	<u>3. I learnt how moths adapt.</u>

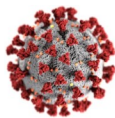
A Good Read

Year 2 have enjoyed reading 'Moth' written by Isabel Thomas. It is an evolutionary story that captures the struggles of animal survival against the evolving human world. Here are some reviews written by some of the children.



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Author: <u>Isabel Thomas</u>	<u>A Pleasant school.</u>
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Non-fiction</u>	<u>My mam and dad.</u>
What is the book about?	Rating: ★★★★★
<u>The book is about a moth who survives from three predators which are cats bats and birds.</u>	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?
	<u>1. about adaptation</u>
	<u>2. the life cycle of a egg</u>
	<u>3. that cats are predators of moths.</u>

Don't forget should your child receive a positive COVID -19 test result during school holidays or weekends, please email us on COVID@phiacademy.org.uk. This will allow us to respond quickly out of hours to any confirmed cases and offer support to you and your child.



Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven

We are delighted to be able to invite all our Year 1 children on a trip with a difference . . . Into space.

Once again we are working with Education Group to bring the children a covid-compliant virtual reality session. This will enable them to take the controls of their own space craft and travel out past various stars and planets finding out about them on the way.

The sessions are being run between 9th and 11th November on a class (bubble) by class basis.



Individual letters have been sent home giving full details of the event and costs.

Virtual Parents' Consultations — a first for PHIA

Those of you who requested a virtual Parents' Consultation Evening meeting should have received an email giving more information and a Microsoft Teams link for your allocated date and time slot. Please follow this Teams link to connect to an on-line chat with the class teacher.

Given the popularity of some slots your allocated time may be slightly different to that requested. We have tried to provide sessions as close to your requested time as possible. If you can log into the meeting a little bit before your allocated time to help with the smooth running of the evening this will be much appreciated.

If technology does not work for you on the evening or you are unable to log in to your appointment for any other reason, please, do not worry, just email us at the academy via office@phiacademy.org.uk and will be in contact with you to re-schedule an appointment.

If you have not requested an appointment, and would still like to speak to your child's class teacher there are still some slots available, again please email the office.

Just a quick reminder that completed flu vaccinations forms need to be returned to the Academy Office by next Thursday 22nd October to ensure sufficient vaccines are ordered for our pupils.

FoPHIA

The Friends of Pound Hill Infant Academy—a fund-raising and support group formed of our parents/ carers and friends—will be holding their annual meeting on 12th November.

This will be a virtual meeting online and all parents are invited to get involved. Full details and links will be sent out soon.

Support May Be Available

We are very aware that family situations are changing constantly—particularly at this time with the impact of COVID 19 on jobs and income.

Please remember that if your financial circumstances change for the worse you may become entitled to some support through the Free School Meals operated in schools.

You can apply at any time, not just at the start of term, by completing a form and returning it to West Sussex County Council. If you would like to make an application please contact the Academy Office who can supply you with a form and contact information.

Lunch dates

Please note the ordering system for school lunches for after half-term should now be live on our website and via the link below.

<https://www.poundhillinfantacademy.org.uk/school-life/school-dinners-survey>

As previously please sign on and indicate which days you would like us to provide your child with a school lunch, and complete the dietary needs note as well so that we can ensure there are sufficient of the various options to meet specific requirements.

Community Box

OCTOBER SOCCER SCHOOL
26th - 30th OCTOBER 2020 from 9:00 - 15:00
FUN PACKED ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD AT THE PEOPLE'S PENSION STADIUM, RH11 9RX
£20 PER DAY OR £90 FOR WEEK
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