

Newsletter #7 21st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe that we have come to the end of our first term! And so much has happened since the start of the term. The children settled in well, learnt lots and have grown even more.

As you would have noticed we are encouraging the children to get more involved in sports and as a school we are participating more externally with other schools. We are proud of our children's attitude and sportsmanship too. We will start next term with some fun skipping workshops for all classes. It is important that we keep our children fit and active.

We are also very excited to be starting with our after school clubs next term. It's been a long time since our last club and when we had to sadly abandon all extra curricula activities. If your child didn't get a space this term, look out for our club letters for the following term.

One of our main priorities at school is Reading. As you know if children can read fluently then they can pretty much learn anything. Can I please ask all parents and carers to support your children at home by listening to them read, reading to them or ensuring that they read by themselves regularly. Visiting the local library to borrow books is another fun half-term activity. Do enjoy the half term holidays with your families.

Take care and be safe. See you all back on Monday 1st November

Mrs Powys



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/22

(Subject to change)

Term 1
(7 weeks)

Oct 2021

Mon 25th October
29th October

October Half Term

Term 2
(7 weeks)

November 2021

Monday 1st November
Friday 26th November

Term 2 starts (Autumn Term) - Back to School
PD Day (School is closed)

Dec 2021

Friday 17th December

Break up from school at **1.30 pm** Christmas
Holidays

20th Dec – 3rd January 2022

Christmas Holidays

Sports update

A HUGE well done to all of the cross country runners who competed in Monday's event at Oriel! Despite the torrential rain and wind every single person ran with a smile on their face and supported other members of the team. Their positivity and resilience was outstanding and we were really proud of all of them. Well done!



Also, we've been really impressed to hear that Billie in O'Keeffe class has been awarded 'Cheerleader of the month' at her club for helping to catch someone! This is really impressive as Billie is new to cheerleading. Well done Billie!



Congratulations to everyone who has represented our school this term and been involved in sport outside of school! We have lots more coming up next term



Last week Friday, Year 5 visited Amberley Museum as part of their topic: Rise of the Machines (Industrialisation in Victorian Britain). We were very excited to be one of the first trips this year. Louisa and Geoff (as well as all the volunteers at Amberley) commented on how extremely well-behaved and polite the children all were. They were such a credit to our school. At Amberley, we had the opportunity to learn about the chalk pits that form part of the South Downs. The children agreed that life was very hard for the people who worked there. We also visited the Electricity Hall, where we had a demonstration and a chance to investigate how the invention of electricity changed history. All in all it was a brilliant day that Year 5 will always remember!



Reception

We have been very busy in Reception this week. The children have been on an autumn hunt around the outside area, looking for signs of autumn. We have been making potions in our pumpkins by following instructions for an experiment, it was really fun and bubbled over! Finally we have been learning about repeating patterns and we even made a pattern with ourselves! Can you get what pattern we created?



As part of their topic on Fantasy Worlds, Wiltshire class looked in depth at dragons and other mythical creatures. They drew their own dragon and got to shape it in clay. Once it had dried, they got to paint it in any way they wished to make them look magical! What do you think?





This week, Nursery learnt about the signs of Autumn. We explored pumpkins by carving them and making pumpkin soup. We created leaf pictures and used our magnifying glasses to look at the differences between the leaves. We also went on a walk to Tilgate Forest and retold the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The children really impressed us with the way they observed and described the changes they saw.



MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We require an additional Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly and enthusiastic team. We believe it is our responsibility to promote a community founded on respect, trust, fairness and honesty, where we are privileged to celebrate and nurture both our similarities and differences.

The role will include supervising pupils at lunchtime and assisting them with their lunchtime meals. In addition, it will involve indoor and outdoor play supervision as well as ensuring the lunchtime areas are clean and tidy.

Do you have experience of establishing positive relationships with children?

Do you take a creative approach when leading play activities and interacting with children?

We are looking for someone who:

- Is patient, calm and relaxed with an enthusiastic approach to learning
- Is confident in supervising children during activities indoors and outdoors
- As an employee of University of Brighton Academies Trust, we can offer you:
 - The opportunity to develop and grow your career within the Trust through our commitment to your continued professional development.
 - A strong and supportive leadership team, dedicated to the development of staff and students
 - Access to our Employee Assistance Programme, covering a range of health and welfare benefits

Access to our employee discount programme, My Academy Rewards

Please do have a look at the job description and person specification for more information about the role.

Visits to the Academy are welcome, please contact the Academy office on 01293 525596.

The post is 10 hours a week, 11.30 a.m. – 13.30 p.m. Mon – Fri term-time only

Salary: GRADE 2 £18,198 plus Crawley Weighting allowance of £609 per annum, pro-rata. Actual salary £4,086 + £136.74 = £4,222.74 per annum.

Applications should be made online at <https://careers.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk>

The closing date for applications is: 1st November 2021

Interviews will be held on: w/c 8th November 2021

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OPEN EVENTS

2021/2022

YOU'RE INVITED TO SEE US IN ACTION

Is your child starting school in September 2022? We welcome you to visit us at our upcoming open events and discover the fantastic opportunities we offer at our Academy. Come along and meet our teachers, students and Principal and take a tour of our learning spaces.

Monday 15 November 2021, 9.30 - 10.30am

Monday 29 November 2021, 2.00- 3.00pm

Monday 6 December 2021, 9.30 - 10.30am

Monday 10 January 2022, 2.00- 3.00pm

Book HERE



Find out more and register
for an open event

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*Open events are subject to
change due to COVID-19



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'Maths is Everywhere'!! This interactive school display is a fun way to remind children that maths really is everywhere in our lives! There are a variety of different maths questions based on events that we do in our daily lives (such as use a TV guide to find out how long a TV show lasts, or how much a food bill costs at a restaurant!) The children are encouraged to use the information on the display and to work out the answers that members of staff are asking! They then hover an iPad over the QR code and the member of staff pops up in video to reveal the answer and ask the children if they are correct! Some of the year 5 children have enjoyed working through the everyday problems!

Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

Please find the contact form here: [DAPA Staff contact request](#)



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