



Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 2 – Week 6

Friday 13th December 2024



PHIA Pupil numbers: Reception: 90 Year 1: 89 Year 2: 89

Key Term Dates

Friday 13 th December	Festive Fair doors will open at 3.30pm, all are welcome to join us.
December 2024 Winter	Year 2 – 17 th December (9.15am)/18 th December (2.15pm)
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Festive Jumper Day and End of Term 2. PHIA finishes at 3.10pm
Friday 20 th December 2024	PHIA INSET Day Academy closed to pupils – Staff training: Leadership in the curriculum
Festive Holiday	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Start of Term - doors open for all pupils at 8.30am

How do we support pupils at Playtimes?

Playtimes are an important part of the pupil's day and at PHIA we ensure that there are activities and games rotated, for the pupils to enjoy, throughout the week. To support this, the playground is divided into sections:



1. Skills area – hoops, skipping ropes, stilts
2. Ball skills area
3. Climbing zones (weather permitting)
4. Go Kart and Scooter track
5. Mud zone (weather permitting)
6. Sport games run by Crawley Town coaches every lunchtime
7. Imaginary games area
8. Nurture Garden (weather permitting).

These activities are overseen by staff (all first aid trained) and also Year 6 buddies support playground games on a Friday lunchtime.

To ensure this is an ever-developing priority of the school day, support team members will be undertaking further training on facilitating playtime games during the December INSET on Friday 20th December 2024.



Principal's message. This Week's Spotlight

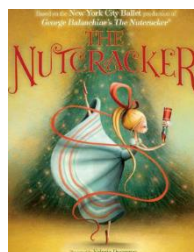
- 1. Reception and Year 1 performances.
- 2. Going For Gold

It was truly wonderful to see how confident our Reception and Year 1 children were in their year group performances this week.



BLUE PENGUIN

The smiles of pride and joy filled the hall during all performances; with all children excelling!



Thank you to all of the kind words from parents/carers and wider

family members who attended the performances. These have been shared with staff and your partnership, and ongoing support, is hugely appreciated.

We look forward to Year 2's Winter performances next week.



This Friday was the first Going For Gold Assembly of this academic year. The

Going For Gold assemblies occur on the last Friday of each full term (end of terms 2, 4 and 6). The Going For Gold winners have been identified by staff for consistently excelling in showing the academy values and behaviours in all that they do.

Mr T Jordan
Principal



Attendance

Morning drop off: This is a reminder that the academy doors open at 0830 and all gates shut at 0840.

(Please note: Late attendance is monitored and communication may be had to support any patterns of late attendance.)

Absence: If your child is absent, please telephone the academy on the day of your child's absence by 8.40am or via office@phiacademy.org.uk.

More information about academy expectations on attendance and absence can be found via the academy website: [Attendance and Absence - Pound Hill Infant Academy](#).



Congratulations to all our Weekly Celebration Winners

Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success

Reception: R Stanley, M Wahid and A Patel

Year 1: N Forrest, O Ekhosuehi and H Kamesh

Year 2: M Smith, A Sturza and I Ali

Is your child entitled to receive a Pupil Premium Grant?

If your family has a lower income, your child may be eligible for a range of financial support including:

- Food shopping vouchers during the school holiday
- Support with after school and breakfast clubs
- Support with clubs within the academy
- Free uniform
- Other educational support.

This additional funding is known as Free School Meals or a Pupil Premium Grant.

You could qualify if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (with a net income of £7,400 or less per year)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with a yearly income of £16,190 or less and not receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after eligibility ends)

The application form is easy and quick to complete. This can be done at home or in the academy. You are not required to produce extra evidence. You only need your email address and national insurance number. If you are unsure as to whether you are eligible or not, then apply to check!

To apply follow this link or come into the office to ask for more information

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

Road Safety

If you witness anti-social driving, then please report to Sussex Police, using the '**Operation Crackdown**' link attached below.

[Anti-Social Driving Public Reporting System](#)

Unfortunately, the academy received a further complaint from local resident regarding the parking at drop off and collection this week.

I continue to urge drivers to drive safely and park legally within roads around the academy. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils.



Mr Jordan
Principal