

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term Issue 10

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Another wonderful week has passed in school, full of activity, achievement and celebration. We are delighted to share some of the recent highlights with you and look ahead to the exciting events still to come as we journey towards the end of the academic year.

A Phenomenal Saturday!

As a school community, you were simply amazing last Saturday. Our Summer Fair was once more a hugely positive event, full of joy, generosity and spirit. Together, we raised an incredible £4,350 – a tremendous total which will make a real difference. Thank you to everyone who supported, volunteered, donated, or helped in any way. The day itself was only possible thanks to the hard work and dedication shown in the preparations and on the day.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Well done to Year 4 for their thoughtful and engaging Class Assembly on Friday. It was great to see so many families attend, and the children should be extremely proud of how confidently they shared their learning and reflections. The focus upon developing confidence and emotional resilience in our children was clearly evident and the collective support the class continue to show towards each other similarly so. Very well done to all of you on delivering an excellent Class Assembly and thank you to Miss Hawthorne, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Nevatia for preparing and supporting our Year 4's so well in readiness.

District Sports Update

We must also congratulate our District Sports Team for the thoroughness and commitment they showed in preparing for this year's event. It is a real shame that, due to the weather, both planned dates had to be cancelled and as a consortia, a further date could not be found. For the first time in living memory, there will be no District Sports this year. However, the team's positive attitude and readiness was commendable and did not go unnoticed.

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Music Concert

Thursday afternoon's music concert was a great success—congratulations to all our talented performers! A big thank you to Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Cox for preparing our 19 confident keyboard and guitar musicians so well.

Putting Challenge Begins!

The first day of our Putting Challenge proved very popular! Organised and led brilliantly by Mrs Andrews and the Kingfisher Council, this initiative is helping to raise funds for our pupil-chosen charity, HABS Family Support. It has been wonderful to see children having fun while supporting such a valuable cause. The challenge continues – good luck to all who take part.

Hertfordshire School Games

On Friday, our Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee team took part in the Hertfordshire School Games. With nearly 1,000 children participating, it's a real honour to be invited to this celebration of school sport across the county. The teams had a very successful day winning 2 batons and some bronze medals!

Still to Come...

There is much to look forward to over the final two weeks of this school year:

- *Cups Assembly* – Celebrating a range of achievements across the school
- *Year 6 Award Winners and Leavers' Assembly* – Time to celebrate our oldest children and all they have brought to our school
- *End of Year Attainment Reports* – These will be sent home next Friday
 - *KS2 SATs Results* – These are expected on Tuesday
 - *Open Evening* – Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
- *Moving On Day – Thursday* – We wish Year 6 all the very best as they visit their new schools
- *Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match* – The gauntlet has been well and truly thrown down! Staff practice is scheduled for next week – we will be ready!

Please check the school website calendar for further details and for other events planned before the end of term.

A Final Thought

As we prepare for the end of the school year and look ahead to new chapters, we are reminded of these words:

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

– Isaiah 43:19

May this be an encouragement to all of us – children, staff and families alike – to embrace new opportunities with hope and confidence.

Best wishes Paul Miller



OPEN EVENING—WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY

4pm-6pm

Open Evening is an opportunity to visit your child's class to look at the work they have been doing and to celebrate all of our children's achievements. Please also take the chance to visit the whole school, including EYFS. The children have so much wonderful work to share with you.

In order to comply with our single point of entry and exit system all those attending must sign in and out at the school office.

Children's books will be available for their own parents to look at. A report, showing children's effort, attainment and attendance will be sent out on Friday 11th July. Teachers are unable to discuss individual children, on this occasion.

We welcome the whole family to Open Evening, but ask you to remember that your children are your responsibility throughout the evening and we cannot accept any responsibility for children playing on the field. Children should **not** go on the Pirate Ship, the EYFS climbing frame, the trim trail or down into the lower meadow at any time during the evening.

We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible to enjoy all the children's work displayed around our School.

MOVING ON DAY

Thursday, 10th July

All children will have a trial morning in their new classes in September. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to meet their new teachers and to familiarise themselves with the environment they will be in from September.

Year 6 will enjoy a day at their new secondary school! They will have the chance to explore the school, meet teachers and staff, and get a feel for their new surroundings.

YEAR 5

Class Assembly

Friday, 11th July at 10.00am

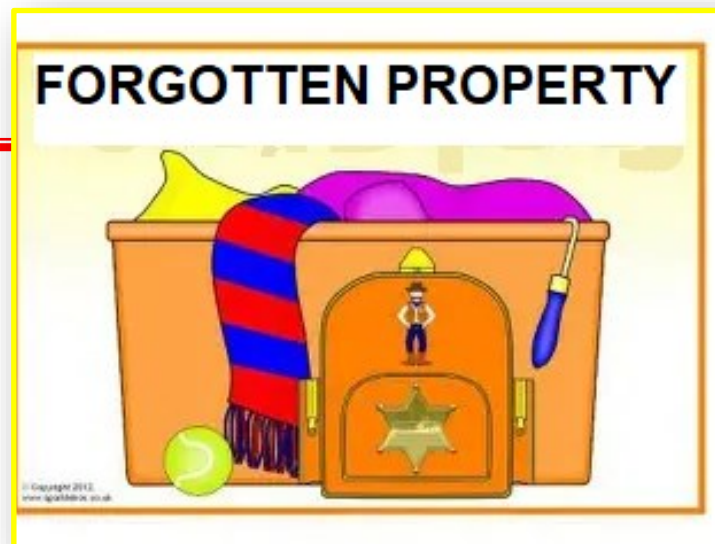


ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We completely understand that mornings can be busy and hectic, but we'd really appreciate your help in making sure your child has everything they need before arriving at school.

Lately, the school office has been making multiple trips a day to deliver forgotten items such as packed lunches, water bottles, PE kits, coats and homework. These interruptions can be disruptive and are difficult to manage alongside the daily running of the school. Please do not expect staff to rush your child's forgotten items to them in class during a lesson.

Thank you for your co-operation.



PTA COFFEE MORNING **12TH MARCH**

PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale and Coffee Morning
9:00am Wednesday 9th July straight after drop-off in the school hall.
Please do join us for an informal catch-up, cake and a cuppa!!!





HERTFORD HOCKEY CLUB

Free Taster Sessions

Hertford Hockey Club has had yet another very successful season with some amazing achievements across all age groups - with a number of age groups being successful in National Competitions at both Outdoor and Indoor and 3 of our U16 Girls have recently been selected for England U16s!

The club will be running some FREE Junior taster sessions over the summer to help get more children involved in sports and introduce the next generation of juniors to hockey.

Please sign up to come along and have a try!



Hertford Hockey Club
Junior Stags
FREE Taster Sessions
in July/August
From Age 5 Upwards
Simon Balle School
Saturdays
9:30am - 11am
Sign Up using the QR Code
Qualified Coaching Team
Interested in Joining?
Email us at hertfordhcyouth@gmail.com

New River Holdings Ltd

Dear Colleagues

We have three online courses starting in October which are fully funded by HCC for parents and carers who may need some additional support:

- For Dads and male carers: Wednesdays 8 October – 4 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm please [click here for the poster....](#)
- For Mums, Dads & Carers: Thursdays 9 October – 4 December 9.30am – 11.30am [click here for the poster....](#)
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This 8-week course can help mums, dads and carers:

- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on their own and their child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help them and their children feel safe

For all enquiries and to make a referral, please email enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or call 07850 518216

Please would you kindly pass on to colleagues and families.

With thanks and kind regards

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Summer Reading Challenge

Join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge at Your Local Library!

Dear Parent / Carer,

We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** – completely FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – **all books count!**

Why should my child sign up?

One in four children hasn't reached the expected level of reading by the age of 11 and many will struggle to keep up at secondary school, despite reading for pleasure being one of the single biggest indicators of children's development.

The Summer Reading Challenge provides:

- Amazing way to **boost confidence** and **self-esteem**.
- They will be better **prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.

• The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."* Parent/carer of 6–7-year-old boy

How can my child take part? (Library or online)

At the library:

Visit your local library to sign up – see if they are running a Super Sign Up Saturday!

Set a summer reading goal and choose from books, eBooks, or audiobooks
Receive a **special sticker booklet** and collect rewards for reading

Or online:

Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Sign up, set a reading goal, and get book recommendations
Unlock digital badges and earn a printable certificate





KINGFISHER COUNCIL

SELF PORTRAITS

As part of our final fundraising initiative for the academic year, the Kingfisher Council have organised an art Self Portrait project.

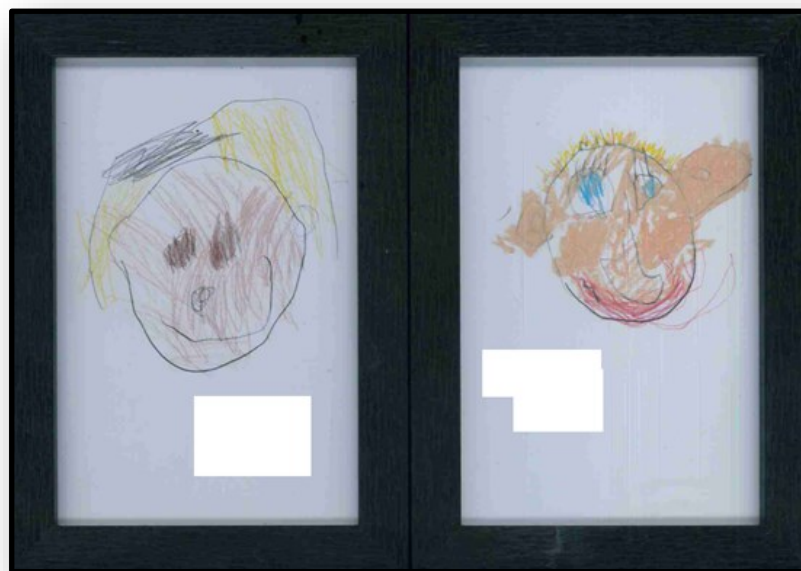
In Art, every child in the school has created their own self portrait. The Kingfisher Council have framed the self-portraits and these will be available for parents/carers to buy on Open Evening.

To cover the cost of the frame and art resources that have been used, we are asking for a minimum donation of £2.50. Payments can be made on the school gateway (it is currently live) or in cash on Open Evening. If you wish to donate more than £2.50, please select your chosen amount on the gateway payment screen.

All monies raised will be going to our chosen charity HABS Family Support.

The children's self-portraits will be showcased in every classroom on Open Evening. If you are unable to attend Open Evening and you have bought your child's self-portrait, you can collect it before school on Thursday 10th July.

Here are examples of some of the children's amazing creations:



Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

Mrs Andrews and the Kingfisher Council Representatives



St. Augustine's Church

S U M M E R

FAIR

Saturday 12th July
11.00am – 4.00pm

St. Augustine's Church and Parish Centre,
Churchfields, Broxbourne

Live Music
(incl. performances from Broxbourne Primary School
and Wormley Primary School Choirs),

**Lunches, Raffle, Cream Teas,
Children's Activities and Crafts,
Stalls including; Bric-a-Brac, Plants,
Gifts, Bath & Beauty, Cake stall,
plus many more**

Fundraising for the planned Church roof repairs
Please come and support us

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DANCE ACADEMY
@DHDACADEMY

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP IN BROXBOURNE

"THE GREATEST SHOWMAN" THEMED DAY!
DANCE . SING . ACT . ACROBATICS . ARTS & CRAFTS & MUCH MORE!

FRIDAY 25TH JULY
9:00-3:00PM
@ BROXBOURNE PRIMARY

Reception - Year 6
£30 PER CHILD / LIMITED SPACES

BOOK VIA THE WEBSITE
WWW.DHDANCEACADEMY.COM/EVENTS

FRISBEE FUN

A huge well done to our two fantastic teams who took part in the recent Frisbee Festival! Our Broxbourne 1 team put in a brilliant performance, finishing 3rd overall and proudly bringing home bronze medals. Broxbourne 2 also shone on the day, securing a strong 6th place finish.

Both teams showed excellent teamwork, effort and spirit throughout the tournament, and we're incredibly proud to say they each received a sportsmanship baton for their positive attitude and fair play. Well done to all involved!



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Red Squirrels



REMINDER: The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term.

The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!

BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Elijah—Year 2—Tiny Dogs, Bea's Secret Friends

REMINDER: Birthday books should be new and age appropriate for the year your child is currently in.

We hope you had a lovely day!

If you wish to donate a birthday book, please send in via your child and we will put in the library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.