



# On Our Patch

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## Message from Mr Sutherland



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### Forthcoming Events:

- \* Easter Holidays start  
Monday 3rd April
- \* All Children return to  
school for the summer term on Monday  
17th April



Well, it's been a bumper month of teaching, learning, performing and new experiences for many of us this March!

The children have been their usual industrious selves, working hard in lessons but also making the most of the myriad of opportunities on offer too. There's been skate-

boarding, singing, dancing, sporting events, cup football, WW2 air raid shelter visits, residential and visits from incredibly talented scientific professionals to name just a few. I don't know about the children, but I am ready for a break to catch my breath and take some time to absorb what we've all been up to!

I was sorry to miss the Spring Music concert but thank you to those of you that came along to listen to

our talented musicians. I heard that everyone was brilliant once again, thank you Mrs Bogaru and Miss Dell for your time and energy.

Please do enjoy this mega sized edition whilst you make the most of the Easter break. I hope that whatever you get up to, it's delightfully sweet and enjoyable.

**Mr Sutherland**



## Financial Crisis in Education

I'm not going to lie to you, but I had always hoped that my first television appearance would have seen me appearing in 'The Mandalorian' or as a villain in a Batman adventure, alas it was merely as a 'talking head' on BBC news lamenting the current financial crisis

facing schools in England.

If you unexpectedly found yourself seeing a giant, red faced version of me at 6.30am or 7.30am last Thursday, I refuse to apologise fully as it was essential that I took the chance to share the dire situation

via the media in whatever way I could.

I hope that you all read the letter that I shared with you last week from Brighton and Hove headteachers? If not, please try to.

I'll keep you posted on any further developments.

# World Book Day Doors 2023

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we decided against everyone dressing up as their favourite book characters (sorry again to those dressing-up fans) - partly to be considerate about the cost of living and living sustainably but also to try something different.

And what a treat it was to have so many doors across the school decorated up as a favourite book. They were so good, we

wanted to share them with you too!

We hope you enjoy our 'Gallery of doors'

I wonder which one was your favourite?!

Many of the children seemed pretty keen on the 'Chokey', so we may have to get a real life one installed...



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Wednesday 19th April—Catch up Y6 Football club and Gym club

Thursday 20th April—Catch up Cheerleading club

Wednesday 26th April—Catch up Y6 Football club

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## Uniform Price Increase from Summer Term

Following an increase in the price of our uniform from our supplier, we are letting you know that from the Summer term (17th April) our uniform prices will be as follows:

**Sweatshirts:** up to 34" £9.50, 36" £12.50, Small Adult £13.50

**Sweatcardis:** up to 34" £11.50, 36" £14.00, Small adult £15.00

**Fleeces:** up to 34" £15.00, Adult £17.50

**House t-shirts:** £4.50, 14/15 £4.50, Adult £5.25

We are sorry that we have had to increase our prices, but have kept this to a minimum.

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# y3 Skateboarding



Some of our wonderful year threes have begun their skateboarding sessions at Brighton Youth Centre. They began their first session by exploring the equipment, how to stand on their boards, travelling at a steady pace and using their bodies to keep them grounded. They did fantastically and are looking forward to their next session.



# Y6 Take Shelter

Year six had a wonderful time exploring the WW2 bomb shelter at Downs Junior. They climbed underground and experienced first-hand school life in a shelter. They then proceeded to partake in three workshops with the focus of: local war history, rationing and day to day war life, the different types of shelters and activities taken by school children during the war.





## Hello, parents & guardians!

We are **BeeZee Bodies**, and we work with Brighton & Hove Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyles support for families.

We run **BeeZee Families** courses after school across Brighton & Hove, or you could join our online courses instead. We have new groups beginning in May. Click below to sign up for your family's FREE place!\*

Or, enrol in the **BeeZee Academy** - our FREE self-paced online learning portal full of useful information and tips on how to make your family healthier.



SCAN ME WITH YOUR  
SMARTPHONE CAMERA OR  
CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

\*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school in Brighton & Hove and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.



## Roll into Spring

Each year, 20th March marks the first day of SPRING! As we look forward to longer days and warmer weather, try these tasty **Rainbow Spring Rolls** to get you excited for all the yummy vegetables to come over the season.

### Ingredients:

#### For the roll:

- 1 Spring Roll Wrapper (Rice Paper OR Small Tortilla Wrap)
- Red & Yellow Bell Pepper
- Cucumber
- Carrot
- Purple Cabbage

Any other veggies you like or have in the fridge (it doesn't have to be a rainbow!)

#### For the dip:

- 2 tbsp Soy sauce
- 1 tsp Hoisin
- 1/2 tsp Rice Vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Maple Syrup
- 1/2 tsp Sriracha

### What to do:

1. Choose which veggies you'd like in your roll and chop them all into thin matchstick-size strips
2. If using rice paper, soak in warm water until it softens and becomes flexible. If using a tortilla wrap, skip steps 2 & 3
3. Remove the wrapper from the water and place it on your chopping board - pat it dry with a paper towel
4. Add your assortment of colourful veggies to the centre of the wrapper
5. Fold the sides in towards the centre, and roll it up tight from the bottom
6. For the dip: measure all ingredients into a small bowl and stir to combine
7. With a sharp knife, carefully cut your rainbow spring roll in half, dip and enjoy!

### Top Tip

If you don't have the Ingredients for the dip on hand, soy sauce by itself tastes great too! You can also experiment with other Ingredients you have to create your own sauce!



## Child Pedestrian Trainer



The Child Road Safety Training Team is looking for a trainer to join our existing child pedestrian trainers to train Primary children in vital road safety skills. You will be working with year 3 children, in schools across Brighton & Hove. The training consists of practical roadside training, and you will be involved in taking out small groups of children and teaching them skills that will equip them to cross the road safely in preparation for future independent travel.

The main requirements are good communication, timekeeping and organisational skills. Have an understanding of pedestrian safety and traffic awareness, and the ability to work effectively as a member of a team with children and adults.

Work is 30 hours per week during school term-times only.

Salary is pro-rotta.

For an informal discussion please call Emily Tester, Road Safety Training Manager, on 01273 293847

Closing date: Midnight on 2 April

Interview: 12 April

To apply: [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/jobs/job-details?job\\_id=29397](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/jobs/job-details?job_id=29397)



# Y6 Residential at Hindleap Warren



Year six had an excellent time at Hindleap Warren. They fired some arrows, toasted some marshmallows, built dens and experienced lots of high ropes. At the half way point it was commented that 'we may be half way through, but we have lots of fun still too come' and fun the most certainly had...I wonder how long it took them to be clean again!!





# Y4 Antarctic Day

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 4SS and 4TR had a fantastic opportunity. As part of our Antarctic topic, we had a special visitor who had just returned from the Antarctic. Jamie Coleman is a marine biologist and his job is counting penguins! He is also the uncle of Ella in 4TR and very kindly agreed to come along on only the second day home from the Southern hemisphere to teach us all about his job. We learned that Jamie was determined to work with animals and so tried his hardest and never gave up at school. What a great lesson for us all that if we try hard we can achieve great things! He showed us some hilarious footage he had taken of penguins toppling into the water and told us how to calm the most dangerous animal on the island of South Georgia – it's an Antarctic fur seal and you have to stroke its whiskers! We also learned more about the amazing Ernest Shackleton, who we are writing diary entries about. Jamie was so interesting and enthused lots of us to want to become marine biologists and help to protect this most important of habitats.



An Antarctic Fur Seal Pup.

# Minnie Kick-Boxing Champion

Late in February, Minnie in Year 4 travelled to Worcester for the National Championship Kickboxing Competition and Minnie won GOLD in both of her categories! Minnie's family are unbelievably proud of her (as are we in school, now we know about her previously unknown talent!)

Minnie has been competing at this level for one year now and has won silver a few times but to win gold in both of her categories was incredible - especially as one of her opponents was almost 10 cm taller than her! People travel from all over the UK for these competitions and only the best of the best are entered.

Congratulations Minnie and thank you for bringing in your impressive trophies to show us.



## Y3 Fairy Tale Ball



Year 3 enjoyed a thrilling Fairy Tale Ball to bring their Enchanted Britain topic to a close.

With many dressed up as their favourite fairy tale or myths and fable characters, the children performed a dance piece to each other in celebration of all things enchanted!



# Toy Quest - Free Bigfoot Arts Education theatre show for families at Brighton & Hove Libraries

Bigfoot Arts Education South is delighted to announce that we are partnering with Brighton and Hove Libraries to perform Toy Quest across Brighton and Hove Libraries this Easter! Funding from Arts Council England means that this performance is completely free for all families to enjoy.

Toy Quest celebrates the relaunch of the Toy Library after a three-year closure due to the Covid pandemic.

*Infamous Toy Collector Dr Howl wants all the toys in the entire world for himself*

*Some time ago Dr Howl gathered toys from all over the world and never let anyone play with them. He would do anything to get as many toys as possible. In fact, Dr Howl collected so many toys that he ran out of space, which annoyed him. Eventually he started to think of clever ways he could hide the toys in special places, like this library, so no one could find them and he could get the games room back. He has hidden them and we need your help to rescue them and get them back to children who can play with them and bring them to life again!*

Come along for a fun, exciting theatrical journey for all the family in your local library and find out more about the Toy Library, what is on offer and how to borrow toys.

**No need to book just come along** at the locations on our flyer which I have included at the bottom of this email.

## **Toy Quest dates and times**

Premiere - Whitehawk Library 4 April 10.30AM & 2.30PM

Whitehawk Library 5 April 10.30AM

Coldean Library 5 April 2.30PM

Patcham Library 6 April 10.30AM

Portslade Library 11 April 10.30AM

Hove Library 11 April 2.30PM

Moulsecomb Library 12 April 10.30AM

Rottingdean Library 12 April 2.30PM

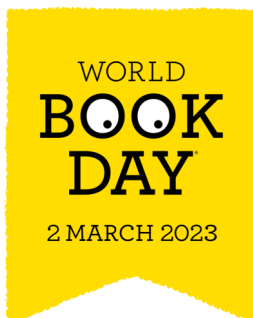
Jubilee Library 13 April 10.30AM

Hangleton Library 13 April 2.30PM

**PLUS** - We are running a Holiday Drama club at Buckingham Park Primary School in Shoreham - just £12.50 + VAT per child per day to join, or free for children on benefits related free school meals.

We have limited places available for KS1 children on Little Yetis on Monday 3 April, Tuesday 4 April and Thursday 6 April - booking is by this Google form - <https://forms.gle/qG38HYq8RkMC4YTB7> (or email [jessica@bigfootartseducation.co.uk](mailto:jessica@bigfootartseducation.co.uk) for more info). For KS2 we only have places on Thursday 6 April.

# World Book Day Doors continued...



# Well done girls!

A spectacular well done to five of our Year 6 girls who completed in the ISTD Ballroom & Latin Medallist Series at Ardingly College on Sunday. They all did amazingly well, coming home with several medals between them!

The dancers were: Emily B, Holly, Maisie, Lottie and Karomi.



# Jumble Sale for Turkey & Syria

Two wonderful students in Year 5 made a fabulous decision to raise money for the families in Turkey and Syria. On a Saturday in March, they did a big jumble sale where they raised over £250! We are so proud of them.

