

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30 September 2022

The Big Draw Art Trip



On Tuesday 27th September, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Alton School and took part in The Big Draw Workshop. The art teacher explained that we can 'draw to learn' about new things in all subjects. The task was to create a fish drawing to symbolise the children's feelings towards water conservation and cleanliness throughout the world. Having been encouraged to use plenty of colour, the pupils set to show off their artistic skills and unique ideas and styles.

We are proud of how well the children represented our school and the final group collage of their artwork will be displayed in our school art area.

Long term roadworks affecting school access

Forthcoming roadworks will affect the roundabout at the junction of the A30 London Road and Griffin Way North and South. The disruption to local roads may have an impact on your daily journey to school for several months. Please remember that the school has no influence over the planning, scheduling or implementation of the local area works and if you have any feedback, this should be directed to the contractors and Hampshire County Council.

You can find a copy of the letter in full [on the Letters page of our website](#).

School Meal 'Favourites Day', 6th October 2022

Once each term the school catering team, Pabulum, offer a special menu – they call this 'favourites day'. This term's favourites day is next Thursday, 6th October. Lunch will be as follows.

Main: Beef **or** vegetarian burger with potato wedges, sweetcorn and coleslaw or a jacket potato with beans or cheese.

Desert: Chocolate and courgette sponge and vanilla custard

Free School Meals and Connect4Communities

If your employment or living circumstances change, additional support may be available to you from the school and in the locality.

Free School Meals are offered to children where parents are in receipt of certain benefits. You can check your eligibility by visiting the [Hampshire County Council Free School Meals webpage](#) and, if eligible, you can apply online for your child to receive free school meals.

If you need help to feed your family, we encourage you to contact or visit a local Community Pantry where you can access food at significantly reduced cost. You can read more about the Community Pantry scheme and find your nearest Pantry [via the Connect4Communities website](#).

Broader advice and resources for families who are facing cost of living and financial worries can be accessed on the [Connect to Support Hampshire website](#), including living costs, food, furniture and more.

Online Safety for Parents

Virgin Media have shared with us a useful resource for parents with children who are just starting to make use of the world wide web. The site includes resources on many related areas, such as cyberbullying, identity theft and inappropriate content. This is coupled with four brief quizzes to test your own understanding of cyberbullying, parental controls, social media and inappropriate content. You can try the tests and [read more about key subject areas on the Virgin Media Children's Online Safety Test webpage](#).

Choir places still available

It was lovely to welcome back both former members and new joiners to the School Choir this September. Rehearsals have got off to a great start and the choir is sounding wonderful! **We have some extra spaces for children who would still like to join in years 4-6.** Everyone is welcome but we would particularly like to encourage **more boys who enjoy singing to give Choir a try!** The choir is friendly and fun and we explore a wide range of song repertoire; one of our current songs is called 'Roller Ghoster' which combines the excitement of a Roller Coaster Ride with the scariness of a Ghost Train – with actions to match!

The choir is open to pupils in **Years 4, 5 & 6** and rehearses **every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm** and performs regularly to pupils and parents at school concerts etc. Each year a number of our choir members take part in a concert of massed school choirs and orchestras, run by Basingstoke Primary Schools Music at the **Anvil**. Last year we performed 'Ocean Commotion' which was a great success and enjoyed hugely by both the children and the audience. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and a highlight in the choir's calendar!

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please contact the **School Office** in the usual way. The school charges £2 per child, per week for choir.

With thanks

Mrs Laird and Mrs Linehan-Hill

Library Books

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that if a book is damaged or lost it will need replacing or a £5.00 donation paid to help cover the cost of a replacement copy.

Unfortunately, water bottles love to leak and I've had several damaged books returned to school this term. Letters will be sent home with your child which will have details of the book and its price.

Payment can be made via the school office or a replacement item can be sent to Mrs Adsley in the library.

Mrs Adsley

Playground Safety

The school playground is a busy area at the end of the school day when you collect your children.

For the safety of all playground users, please ensure that bikes and scooters are pushed and not ridden. Children are not permitted to use the trim trail or other play equipment – this is only for use by pupils under staff supervision during the school day only, as explained on our notices adjacent to the equipment. To prevent injury from falls, please do not allow children to climb trees.

Drinking water during the school day

All children have access to drinking water throughout the school day and we know that keeping hydrated is good for physical health and also improves focus and concentration during the school day.

Children can refill their drinking bottle during the school day, either from a drinking water supply in the classroom, or from one of several chilled water dispensers located around school.

Please make sure your child arrives at school each day with a re-usable, plastic or metal drinking bottle that they can easily refill when necessary.

After school Musical Theatre Club

There are still spaces at the Musical Theatre Club: Years 5 & 6 on Tuesdays and 3 & 4 on Wednesdays, both clubs finish at 4.30. Children can develop their confidence through singing dancing and acting all while having fun! To book please email Miss King kingstheatreacademy@gmail.com or call 07909610108.

KOOSA Kids Holiday Clubs

KOOSA Kids are pleased to confirm the dates for our October Half Term, Christmas & February Half Term holiday clubs. We're kicking off our Autumn/Winter holiday club programme with a **Spooktacular Adventure** during October Half Term (24th to 28th October), followed by a **Winter Wonderland** during the Christmas Holidays (19th to 23rd December). Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm).

Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open.

Chelsea FC Trials

As part of the Chelsea FC Foundation: Player Development Programme for the 2022/2023 season, Chelsea FC we will be hosting trials for our Football Development Centres for players current U7s to U14s who want to develop to the next level in our Player Development Programme Pathway.

Please visit www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk and search for one of the course codes below for full details and booking information.

Cowes Enterprise College, PO31 8HB	TALID-CEC-IOW-1
The Petersfield School, GU32 3LU	TALID-TPSP-H-1
Queen Marys College, RG21 3HF	TALID-QMC-H-1
Fleming Leisure Centre, SO50 9NL	TALID-FPLC-H-1
Eggars Primary School, GU34 4EQ	TALID-ES-H-1

Please note that trials are for U7 players that are currently in year 2 and up to U14s players that are currently in year 9 for this academic year.

Once you have registered for this trial, you will receive an email with further information for your child's trial. For any questions or further information, please email community.enquiries@chelseafc.com

The Chelsea FC Foundation Hampshire & IOW Football Development Team

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Isaac B, Quinn H, Pasha S, Poppy M

Year 4: Poppy M, Guy B, Hanry S, Sophia D, Chloe B

Year 5: Harvey M, Emma C, Bethany L, Emily T

Year 6: Kaiyoori J, Ella N, Ishwyn R, Emma H

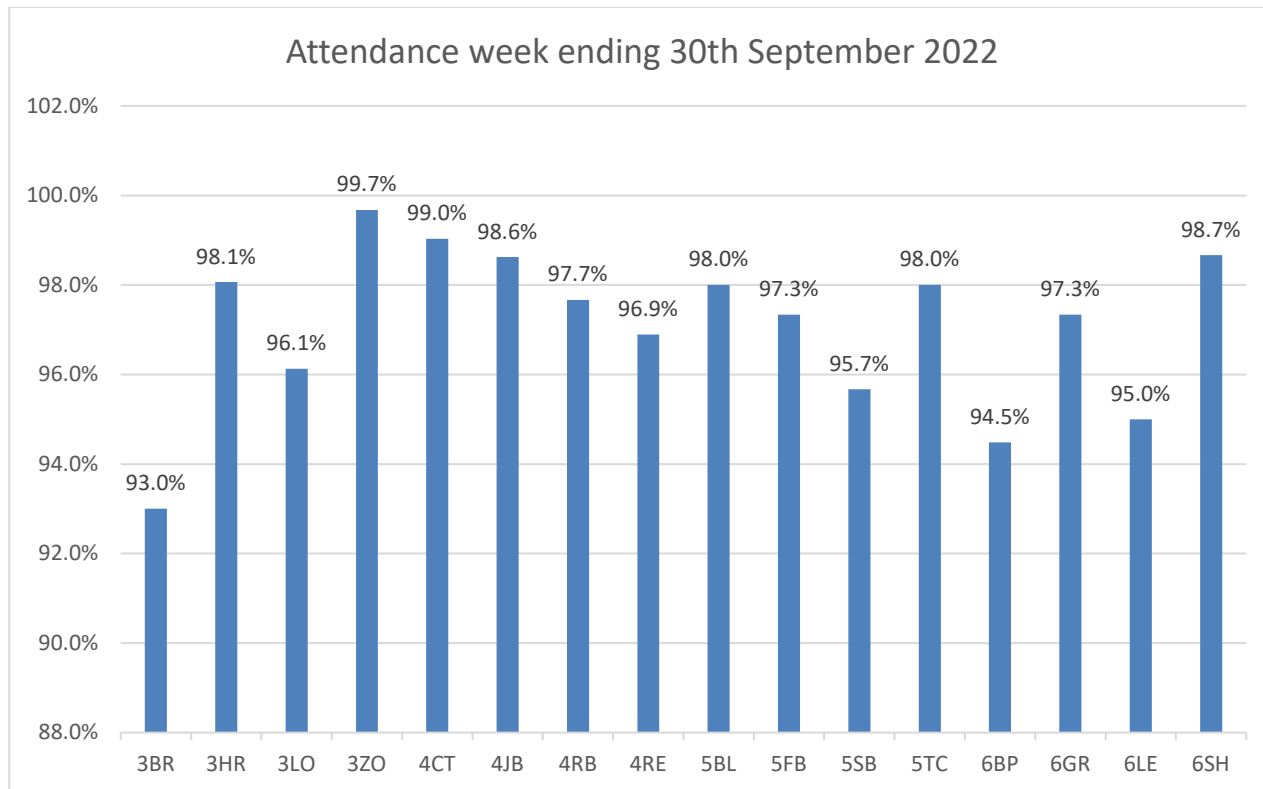
House Points this week

Austen	143
Brunel	143
Nightingale	160
Wellington	151

House point winners this week: **Nightingale**

Reading Raffle Winner: Jack H, 4CT

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: **97.1%**

Find out more...

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Key Dates – New dates added to this Newsletter appear in green

24 Oct	Autumn Half Term
6 Oct	Favourites Day Special Menu
7 Oct	Deadline to apply for a Governor vacancy
18 Oct	Flu Immunisations
31 Oct	Year 7 applications close, midnight
31 Oct	INSET day
2 Nov	Learning Consultations
3 Nov	Learning Consultations
5 Nov	HSCA Fireshow
7 Nov	Year 5 Astronomer visit
15 Nov	Year 5 Learning Event
17 Nov	Year 6 Learning Event
22 Nov	Year 3 Learning Event
28 Nov	INSET Day
3 Dec	HSCA Christmas Fair
6 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
8 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
14 Dec	Carols Around the Tree
16 Dec	End of Autumn Term - 1:30 finish
19 Dec	Christmas Holiday
3 Jan	Spring Term – back to school
13 Feb	Spring Half Term
20 Feb	INSET Day
22 Feb	Learning Consultations
23 Feb	Learning Consultations
20 Mar	Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6
23 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
24 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
31 Mar	End of Spring Term - 1:30 finish
3 Apr	Easter Holiday
29 May	Summer Half Term
19 Jun	Sports Day
4 Jul	Year 6 Production

6 Jul	Year 6 Production
7 Jul	Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
10 Jul	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
18 Jul	Strawberry Tea
20 Jul	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
21 Jul	End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish
24 Jul	Summer Holiday

Special Menu Favourites Day

6th October



Beef Burger in a Bun (G,se)



Vegetable Burger (G) in a Bun (G,se) **ve**

Potato Wedges **ve**

Sweetcorn **ve** & Coleslaw (E) **v**

Chocolate & Courgette Sponge (G,E)
with Vanilla Custard (MK) **v**

Also available – Baked Jacket Potato
with Baked Beans **ve**
or Cheese (MK) **v**

You'll find super
healthy ingredients
in Pabulum Cakes!



BM1 & BM2

V - Suitable for vegetarians

ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Allergen Key -

CAPITAL LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain
Celery and Celeriac (C), Chickpeas/Soya (CP), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin
(L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MO), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds
(SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



AFTER SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

*Hook Junior School is invited to learn with an industry professional. Focusing on developing children's **Confidence** through **Singing, Dancing, Acting** and most importantly having **FUN!!!***

Every Tuesday 3:30pm- 4:30pm - Year 5+6
Every Wednesday 3:30pm- 4:30pm - Year 3+4
Limited Spaces - only £7 a week!

To Book please email
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Your local KOOSA Kids holiday club can be found at:

Hook Infant School, Hook

October Half Term, Christmas Holidays & February Half Term

See reverse for dates for each holiday period.

OVER 350 ACTIVITIES!

Including... Go Karts, Drama, Rounders, Science, Golf, Uni Hoc, Cricket, Crossbow Challenge, Arts & Crafts, Football, Relays, Parachute Games, Water Play, Space Hoppers, Lego, Obstacle Challenge, Paint Party, Nature Fun. Plus hundreds more!

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How do I book my child?

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(Mon-Fri 9.30am – 6.00pm)

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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

8% DISCOUNT
on Full Week Bookings

THIRD
Child goes
FREE!*

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day – 10.00am to 4.00pm	£24.00	£110.40 (Save £9.60)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£27.00	£124.20 (Save £10.80)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

	VENUE	OCTOBER 2022	CHRISTMAS 2022	FEBRUARY 2023
Berks	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	24th to 28th October	21st to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Hants	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Court Moor School, Fleet	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Hook Infant School, Hook	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Kingston & Richmond	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington <small>NEW CLUB</small>	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
Surrey	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	24th to 28th October	19th to 23rd December	13th to 17th February
	Knaphill Lower School, Woking	24th to 28th October	21st to 23rd December	13th to 17th February

+ Siblings only

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See us in action

Saturday 24 September

Friday 7 October

Tuesday 8 November

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Y7&9 Taster Day
Thurs 13 October



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