



BHJ News Headlines

Academic Year 2023-24

Autumn Term Update No.4

Pupil Parliament

Hello all,

This news update comes to you from our Pupil Parliament to give you an insight into all the school initiatives they would like to achieve!

Over the last few weeks, I have met with our House Captains, Eco Team, Sports and Music Ambassadors as well as speaking to the pupils about how school has been. Our meetings have been to discuss roles, responsibilities and more importantly, the ideas pupils have put forward and what we want to achieve this year to help improve our school.

Eco Team

The key areas pupils and our Eco Team want to address this year are:

- Reducing packaging and litter
- Looking at how we can improve recycling
- How we can reduce waste.

Our focus this term is all about taking pride in our school and all helping to keep it clean. The big area the pupils discussed has been around the amount of litter and packaging around the eating areas. We know that, unfortunately between birds and winds, not all litter stays in the bin. Pupils have also commented on not everyone having the correct snacks at break, which has increased the amount of litter. Therefore, they have suggested a two-pronged approach.

Firstly, the Eco team will be introducing slots for classes to help monitor and litter pick to promote pride in looking after our school.

Secondly, we are going to encourage break times to be package free and use reusable pots instead.

As a reminder, break time snacks should be:

- Fresh Fruit
- Plain biscuit
- Cereal bar.

The idea will be the majority of break time snacks should be wrapper free and stored in a pot. Every class will then have a tray for break time snacks. We will be reminding packed lunch children to ensure that they are having their break time snack at break and not lunchtime food, such as crisps. We will also be reminding packed lunch pupils to take left over food/wrappers home so that parents know what their children have eaten.

The Eco Team's ultimate goal will be all break times and lunches will be using sustainable materials.



Before I get the influx of parents emailing me, I would like to say that the Eco Team are very passionate about this and we want to give them all the support we can. Even staff are being asked to do the same with break and lunchtime food. We recognise that all families have different circumstances. For every parent that will love this initiative, there will be another who will be trying to work out how on earth they will do this! No child will be singled out if they forget or not able to always sort out snacks into a pot. Class teachers will help and some already are saving pots for pupils to transfer snacks into in the morning.

All I ask is you give it a go and support the Eco Team.

House Captains

From a new sensory room, creating a new art room to exercise equipment, the House captains had a lot to discuss.

The key areas House Captains will look at this year are:

- Developing the Sanctuary room and areas around school to be a calm place for the increasing number of children that need it
- Developing school roles for children in all year groups
- Having focused charities to support and setting up charity events for each term
- Helping to develop the library area
- Investigating what school pets would be good for BHJS and what would be suitable for our children

The big talking point for pupils in school was the idea of a school pet! From fish to rabbits and dogs vs cats, it has been a source of excitement and talk. The House Captains have agreed to look at what school pet would suit our school currently (Fish are high on the agenda!) with a view to the school investing at the end of the academic year.

This terms focus though will be around charities. Our pupils are passionate about supporting charities so we have agreed to have a focus for the spring and summer. House captains will be running a survey this term.

Sports Ambassadors

Interesting suggestions from pupil included changing the bottom playground to astro turf, roller blading club to teacher relays in sports day!

The key areas Sports Ambassadors will be looking at are:

- Developing Lunchtime clubs such as game on
- Looking to promote inclusive games for all
- Reviewing lunchtime equipment
- Reviewing and updating playground games to promote fair play and sportsmanship.

This terms focus will be playground games and rule and they will be setting up a code of conduct to help promote sportsmanship and fair play.



Music Ambassadors

New for this year, Mrs Lloyd has set up our Music Ambassadors.

Their key focus for this year will be:

- To help lead singing assemblies with Mrs Lloyd
- To find out which songs children enjoyed singing during the week and to collect singing ideas from other children around the school.
- To assist with organisation of Bernards Heaths' Got Talent (spring term)
- To assist with year 3/4/5 choir
- To assist with ukulele club and tune the ukuleles.

I'm looking forward to updating you all as the year goes on!

Mr Armoogum & The Pupil Parliament

Key Dates for Autumn 2	
Friday 17 th Nov	PTA Event: 90's Dance Night @ Pioneer
Tuesday 21 st Nov	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Friday 24th Nov	INSET Day
Friday 1 st Dec	PTA Non-uniform day for Hamper Donation
Monday 4 th Dec	Year 6 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Yr 3 & 4 Carol Concert
Friday 8 th Dec	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw
Saturday 9 th Dec	PTA event: Odyssey Christmas take over
Monday 11 th Dec	Year 5 Production
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Yr3 & 5 Xmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th Dec	Yr 4 & 6 Xmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th Dec	End Of Term (1:30pm)
Thursday 4th Jan	Spring term starts.