



# BHJ News Headlines

Academic Year 2023-24

Spring Term Update No.2

## Spring Term

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### Monthly Recap

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Not too much from me this week other than a thank you for those who attended Parents Evening. It was valuable to see many of you and get ongoing feedback.

Mr Armoogum

### World Book Day

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World book day is always a great event with this year's theme of "101 Dalmatians!" The children were brilliant and got into character with a lot of enthusiasm!

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Click [here](#) to browse the latest books and order online. World Book Day vouchers can be redeemed against orders from 9th February – 26th April 2024. Please place your **order online by March 22nd 2024.**

### Arts Week Recap

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Every year at Bernards Heath Junior School, the school community comes together to celebrate Arts week! This year's annual Arts Week (5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb) theme was the work of Rana Begum. Children undertook various activities throughout the week. Children in year 4 visited St. Albans Museum to view work by Rana Begum up close. The school also had additional help from Verulam GCSE students whilst Sandringham A Level Students gave a talk on their artistic journey thus far to the children.

Parents / carers and staff members who have an interest in art were invited to display their work in the Whole School Art Exhibition. This year's exhibits displayed a wealth of talents in painting, drawing, ceramics, crochet, knitting, architecture, tattoo, sewing, jewellery, animation, photography and digital photography.

The week culminated in a Whole School Arts Week Assembly attended by many parents and carers. We were also lucky enough to enjoy an assembly from the internationally renowned artist Rana Begum who was an ex-pupil of our school.

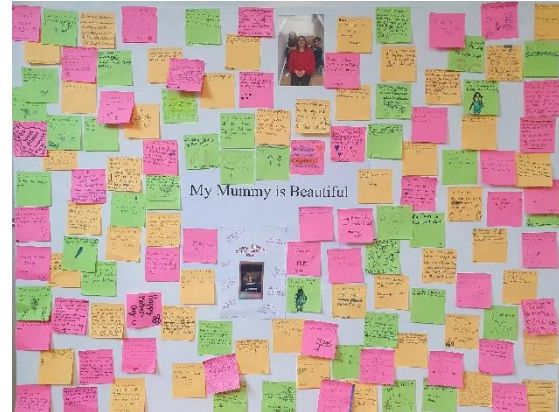
Special thanks go to Miss Taylor and Mrs Naisbitt who organised the week. We were delighted to have some local press coverage of the week in [The Herts Advertiser](#) and [St. Albans Times](#).



There are a lot more pictures on our school twitter page...[ARTBHJS@ArtBhjs](#)

The school has been nominated for the **TES Creative Arts award** and will be sending out a survey for Arts week so we can judge the impact and provide evidence for the award.

We have also been working on a collaborative piece of art for Mothers Day this week. This was inspired by the artist Rana Begum. We hope everyone has a lovely day on Sunday.



## Sport / PE Update

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### Football

The Boys A team have had some tough fixtures against some very physical teams recently but showed true grit and determination which they should be proud of.

The Boys B team has gone from strength to strength in recent games continuing their very impressive unbeaten run in the league. Children being asked to play in different positions and a variety of children scoring goals highlights the talent of the squad.

The Girls team enjoyed a fantastic tournament at the Watford FC training ground, Mr Lovett said the girls played outstandingly well and were very unlucky not to progress through to the next round despite not losing a single game.

### Indoor Athletics

The Year 6 indoor athletics team performed well at the indoor athletics final at Hertfordshire University, the girls team finished a close second only by a few points whilst the boys finished third, meaning that Bernards Heath finished overall in second place.

### Cross County

The cross country team continue to impress with their first event in 2024, the team persevered through a tricky and muddy course at Mandeville recently with some stand out individual performances.

### Year 4 Cricket Team

The Year 4 cricket team did exceptionally well at their recent event finishing in first place meaning they will now represent St. Albans in the county finals in a few weeks time. We wish them the best of luck.



## School Notices

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### Herts Catering Ltd – Meal Prices from 1<sup>st</sup> April

The price for school meals will be increasing by 15p to **£3.35** per meal from **1<sup>st</sup> April**. The new Summer / Autumn 2024 menu starts after Easter. Please ensure meals are ordered in advance on SchoolGrid. Lunches should not be ordered in the classroom.

### Holiday Club

Challenge Sport and Education will be holding their 3rd holiday club here at BHJS for the Easter holidays. The club offers a variety of fun multi-sports for ages 5-11. For bookings and information click [here](#).

### PTA

Please see the [school web site](#) for up to date information on PTA events and how you can support the PTA.

### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Item
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Ramadan Assembly
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip to Hudnell Park (class days TBC)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee morning. Sleep issues Jo Chapman. Art and Stamps Assembly.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Down Syndrome Assembly. Raising money for Up On Downs Charity, wear odd socks. Speaker Rose Hopcroft.
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Instrument Assembly. <b>Parents invited to attend this assembly.</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day / Poetry Slam Final
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Rana Begum's studio (for selected children).
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>PTA: Parents Comedy Night.</b> <a href="https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1119201019">https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1119201019</a>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Autism Awareness Assembly, wear colourful clothes for a donation to the National Autistic Society. Year 4 Production.
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term at 1:30pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Summer Term Starts</b>