



BHJ News Headlines

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Spring Term Update No.3

Spring Term

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Monthly Recap

Just like that, spring term is over! It has been action packed over the last couple of weeks with the climax of sporting fixtures and tournaments as well as productions and events.

Poetry Slam



Our third annual Poetry Slam was a huge success! It was tough for the teachers to select from some incredible performances in each class. The finalists were incredible and it was amazing to see such variation in the types of poems and performances.

Well done to our finalist and winners.



Celebrating the Community, Arts, Music and Drama

This term has seen a big focus on tolerance and celebrating what makes us diverse. As well as assemblies from Rabbi Adam, Akhtar Zamam and Mr Choudhuri, and our Autism awareness day, we were privileged to have ex-pupil Rose come in to run an assembly for World Down Syndrome day. In total, we raised over £120 for the National Autistic Society and over £170 for Up on Downs.

Our school musicians continue to amaze us all with some truly talented pupils with big futures. Our Instrument assembly was a magnificent performance and celebration of the incredible work Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Pevy and Mrs Greengrass put into our school. It was also lovely to see our teachers involved with Mr Lovett joining in with ukulele club!



Ms Taylor completed the end to our Arts extravaganza with a special visit to Rana Begum's Studio. Ms Taylor and Mrs Naisbitt took a group of children for a tour with Rana, the artist, and Peter Culley, the architect who designed her studio. Not only did the children see her work up close but also had the opportunity to meet her staff, learning about the different roles involved within the Art world. As a last piece of inspiration, the children were also able to see Rana's new artwork in development.



Last, but not least, it was the Year 4's turn with their performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean! It was a phenomenal performance in which all the children shone.



Sport / PE Update

Cross County

What a season! With the results in, the girls, team took overall 1st place for St Albans large schools (Sofia finishing an impressive 3rd overall). The boys' team worked hard against some incredibly talented athletes this year. Their final placing help us to achieve our best result ever with Bernards Heath, not only winning the girls league but for the first time, becoming overall St Albans cross country winners 2023-24!



Football

I could not be more proud of the girls' journey this year (and last!). It has been a privilege to watch them play in all of their matches and how they all work as a team. A massive thank you to the parents too for their support in organising lifts, pickups and of course, the half time snacks.

Due to our results against Wheatfields, we didn't manage to win our league this year but our 1 nil win away at Fleetville was a highlight for me. The girls also took part in a tournament at Watford FC training ground. Again, they did everything they could - winning five games and drawing twice and only letting in 1 goal - but due to the astoundingly close results, they found themselves second in their group and were not able to proceed. The team that did go through went on to win the event so although it was tough the girls should feel proud of their attitude and behaviour. Finally, the girls recently beat Skyswood 4 nil in a cup match and find themselves in the semi-final. We are just waiting to hear more about the dates, but I believe we have a very good chance of making into the final.

Select League: **A**

Summary Table
League: A

Position	Team	Season's Results	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Point
1	Wheatfields Junior Mixed School Girls-U11A	Q	8	6	2	0	25	2	23	20
2	Bernards Heath Junior School Girls-U11A	Q	7	4	1	2	13	8	5	13
3	Fleetville Junior School Girls-U11A	Q	7	3	3	1	12	3	9	12
4	Garden Fields Junior Mixed and Infant School Girls-U11A	Q	7	0	2	5	4	18	-14	2
5	Killigrew Junior School Girls-U11A	Q	7	0	2	5	2	25	-23	2

We will let you next term how they get on - Mr Lovett

Mr Hynds' Boys A team performed well in an exceptionally tough league facing many district players in the process. The league title was not to be but we are still in with a chance of silverware with the Boys into the Semi-final of the City cup.



Mrs Blackstaffes' Boys B team finished the league undefeated bring home yet another trophy for BHJS as Division G winners. Such a performance did not go unrecognised with the team being invited to the St Albans A-team tournament where they were up against the best school teams in St Albans. A big thank you to Mr Roach and Mr Hill for all their help this season.

E-Safety and Parent Workshops

At the beginning of the summer term we will be running our RSE parent information evening (Monday 29th April 7pm), Please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance so we can confirm numbers. We are also due our Biennial E-Safety parent workshop – date is to be confirmed.

For parents of Year 6, Jo Chapman, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner will be running a Transition Meeting for parents and carers of children moving into Year 7.

School Notices

Herts Catering Ltd – Meal Prices from 1st April

The price for school meals will be increasing by 15p to **£3.35** per meal from **1st 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.

Learning support assistant roles

We are currently looking for Learning support assistants for this year and for September. If you would be interested, please visit Teach in Herts (click here) or contact Mr Armoogum for more information.

Governor vacancies

We are reaching out for anyone who may be interested in taking on a role on our school governing board. We are particularly looking for people with a background in Finance or in Premises. If you know of any people who would add value to our school, please organise a meeting with either Mr Armoogum or Jeremy Hazlehurst through school.

Well done to our Easter Egg competition winners and Happy Easter!





UPCOMING DATES

Date	Item
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Summer term starts
Friday 19 th April	PTA Event @ Pioneer Club
Wednesday 24 th April	Year 4 trip to the British Musuem
Monday 29 th April	RSE Parent information evening @7pm
Monday 13 th May – Thursay 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 School Journey information evening @7pm
Friday 17 th May	Year 6 Lake trip
Saturday 18 th May	BHJS Summer Fair
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 3 Production
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 VE day Year 3 Trip to the Mosque
Friday 24 th May	INSET Day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half term
Monday 3 rd June	Year 6 Enrichment trip
Wednesday 5 th June – Friday 7 th June	Year 6 Residential trip to Norfolk
Friday 7 th June	Year 4 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
Sunday 9 th June	St Albans Fun run
Monday 10 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th June	Class Photos Year 6 to Year 7 Parent Transition meeting @7pm
Thursday 13 th June	ELSA Clinic open
Friday 14 th June	Diabetes day
Friday 21 st June	PTA School Disco
Monday 24 th June	Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 28th June	Occasional Day
Friday 5 th July	Year 2 Parents Transition Coffee morning @9am
Monday 8 th July	New to Year 3 Parent Information Evening @7pm
Thursday 11 th July	Primary and Secondary Transition Day
Friday 12 th July	Pantaloons Performance
Monday 15 th July	Year 3 to 4 Mixers tea
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers concert
Thursday 18 th July	Parent & Helpers Thank you Tea
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Enterprise Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Term @1:30pm
Wednesday 4th September	Term start for pupils