

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School News

Big Band

Big Band were given an exciting opportunity to perform at an education conference that took place at the BMECP Centre on Friday 23rd June 2023. They performed the uplifting song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams officially closing the event after a fantastic day of workshops, talks and discussions on the theme of **Shifting cultures: Embedding anti-racism in the heart of education settings**. School leaders across Brighton and Hove as well as council leaders and Councillor Bella Sankey were in attendance. Big Band put on an amazing performance and were cheered on by all 125+ audience members! I was thrilled to showcase their wonderful musical talent. Thank you to Simon Brading for accompanying us on the piano, Mr Woodford on the electric guitar and supporting during rehearsals and thank you to parents and carers for helping your children to learn the songs and practice at home. They were outstanding! Thank you to Mrs Paton for all of her hard work with the Big Band!



Withdean



On Wednesday 21st June, we were extraordinarily proud to celebrate our record breaking Withdean Athletics performance. Not only did we finish a hugely successful 1st place in our division, but we also came 1st in the Track Cup (sprinting, relay and 600m) out of 21 schools. 30 pupils from our school took part and in total they won 45 medals (23 gold, 16 silver and 6 bronze). We were the only team to win 2 trophies and it was the greatest triumph at Withdean our wonderful school has ever had!



To make a great event even better, all pupils behaved fantastically from the moment they walked into school early (many thanks to all the parents and carers who made this happen), to the moment we arrived back. We cannot wait for the event, next year! Many thanks to all the adults who helped make the day run smoothly. Mrs Pacey, Miss McFarlane, Mr Woodford, Francis (Jamal's dad) & Michelle (Nadia's mum), you were all magnificent!



We also thank Mr Mills for organising such a great event and ensuring the children were well prepared for the event. What a wonderful day for our school!

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

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Sports Day

What an amazing Sports Day! On Tuesday 27th June, our Junior pupils took part in 6 events in the morning, and our Infant pupils took part in 4 events in the afternoon. Every single pupil shone, showing so many of our school's Christian values whilst participating. They all, without exception, showed great compassion and support for their teammates, and fantastic determination in EVERY event.



Once the scores were calculated for the morning's events, there were only 5 points between 1st and 3rd place. By the end of the afternoon's events, we had a clear winner. Well done to the Green team for winning the whole competition! The final scores were:

1st place: Green - 104 points
2nd place: Yellow - 99 points
3rd place: Blue - 87 points
4th place: Red - 80 points

A HUGE thank you must go to all of our staff for ensuring the event ran so smoothly. An even BIGGER thank you must go to Miss Leszniwskyj and her team of 9 Sports Leaders from Dorothy Stringer, who were absolutely MAGNIFICENT. They guided our pupils through all of the events with patience and enthusiasm. A MASSIVE thank you must also go out to all of the parents and carers who came along to share their support. I know how much it means to the children. Well done to Mr Mills for organising a great Sports Day!

Red Panda Class Assembly

We were treated to a wonderful assembly about Ancient Greece on Friday morning. The children shared their knowledge about the Greek Gods, the wonderful pots they had made and sung as great song. After the assembly, they shared some Greek food with their parents. Well done to all involved!



Summer Fair

I want to say a HUGE thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for organising our first Summer Fair since before the pandemic! We are so lucky to have you as part of our school family. A particularly big thank you goes to Hayley and Reija for pulling it altogether – THANK YOU! We are also really grateful to ALL parents/carers who donated food, drink, teddies and anything else we needed as well as to our staff for donating, helping and attending.

Although the weather wasn't great, we still had a brilliant turn out and as soon as the money is counted, we will let you know how much the fair raised for the children. Thank you ALL for attending and spending your money for the benefit of our children.

Look out for a cake sale this week and maybe some ice lolly sales before the end of term!

School Funding

You may have seen the feature on the local BBC news this week about school funding, in which I spoke about how the cuts are affecting us at St Bartholomew's. I was also speaking on behalf of most schools in the area who are now struggling to provide the best they can for the children – the funding situation is now terrible for most schools. However, we will continue to do our best for ALL of our children.

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Church School

Father Ben Scott

Ben Scott, who is one of our Governors and part of St Bartholomew's Church was ordained last weekend so he is now known as Father Ben Scott. We are immensely pleased for him and know he will be a fabulous member of the clergy. However, it also means that he will be moving to a new parish and saying goodbye to both the church and school. We will be very sorry to see him go.

Reminders and Notices

End of the school day

Please wait in the playground at the end of the day when collecting your child/children. If you do need to come into the building, you must access it through the school office and not just make your own way in through other doors before the end of the school day. We like being an open and welcoming school, but we do also need to safeguard your children.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood.

Katie Blood
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Please note that these dates are subject to change

July

6th – Year 6 transition day

6th – Bumblebee Class Assembly (2.30)

12th – Reports Out

14th – Year 6 Leaver's Event

17th – St Bart's Got Talent (pupils only)

19th – Non-Uniform Day – please bring in tins/packets for our foodbank

20th – Jaguar Class Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm)

21st – Last day of term