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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Families,

Our pupils have really enjoyed a host of workshops and trips this week with science events hosted for year 5 at Brighton and Hove Girls School, WW2 evacuation day for year 6 and Year 4's Viking workshop. It has been inspiring to see how much memorable learning and enjoyment these activities have brought. Thank you to all your support with these events from helping the children to dress up and volunteering to help. It is greatly appreciated by the staff and pupils alike.

Our IQM report came out this week and is available [here](https://us12web.zoom.us/j/88971413101). Just like the recent Ofsted report, it is an inspiring read and we are incredibly proud of our inclusive school community. We thank Mrs Charlotte Wallace, our Inclusion Manager, and Mrs Naomi Miller who have led on our flagship project and our fabulous inclusion teams across all three sites. Their dedication and passion for our pupils has created a very special culture.

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The final consultation report has now been shared with all stakeholders and the school will be working with the LA to formulate a strategic plan from their offer. The LA and school will update families and wider stakeholders in a public meeting at Hove Town Hall about their work with the Federation after Easter. Date to be agreed and shared.

We will be looking to fill an available governor vacancy during this term and information will be available soon on the website.



Currently, we do not have any parent vacancies, but a co-opted governor position can be taken by a parent. The vacancy would need to be advertised across the wider stakeholder community and can be for a specific skill set required by the board.

Please continue to keep in contact with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern

Diary Dates

28th January - Y6 Take Shelter trip to Downs Junior School

29th & 30th January - Book Nook Book Fair

14th February - Non-uniform day, donations to school fund

17th - 21st February - Half Term

24th February - First day back at school



Year 4 Viking Day

On Wednesday 15th January, Year 4 became Vikings for the day! The children had a wonderful time looking at different artefacts from this period in history; learning about what food people would have eaten; playing a traditional game of 'Fox and Geese'; seeing an impressive collection of Viking armour and weaponry and much more. The different workshops the children took part in really brought their learning to life and helped them to make strong links with the knowledge they have learnt in the classroom already. Well done, Year 4!



Year 4 Viking Day



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On Friday 13th December, Year 4 became bakers for the day and learnt how to make bread as the Anglo Saxons would have! They enjoyed working together to follow a recipe, using their arm muscles to do plenty of kneading and deciding on how they wanted their loaf to be shaped and decorated. A taste test at the end of the day, showed they were all very pleased with the end result, well done Year 4!

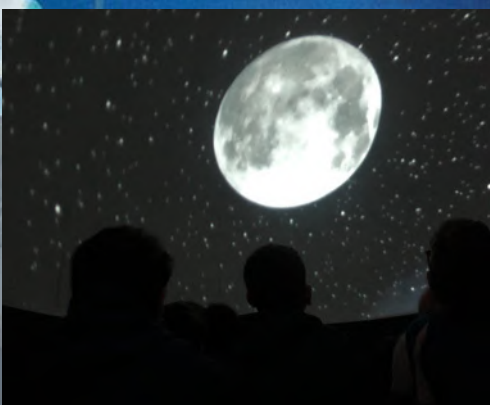


Year 4



YEAR 5 SPACE TRIP

Our Year 5 children rocketed over the Brighton Girls School this week for some fun-filled Space activities. The school hosted us for a brilliant coding session where pupils used their Scratch knowledge to code a moon buggy. The children were tasked to programme space buggy crumble kits to travel around moon rocks safely. We also experienced the Wonderdome, a interactive planetarium, and saw first hand what it would be like to be on the surface of all of our neighboring planets and the moon! What a fantastic day out!



Year 6 - World at War: Evacuee Day

On Thursday 16th January, Year 6 took part in an 'Evacuee Day' where the children were transported back to 1940. After arriving at school dressed as evacuees, the children participated in a wide range of activities including:

- Choosing a 1940s name & creating their evacuee label
- Exploring the contents of real evacuee suitcases before designing their own
- Experiencing several air raids
- Being 'billeted' by Billeting Officer Garfield in the playground before boarding the train bound for the countryside
- Singing songs aboard the train before being assigned new families
- Writing emotive letters home about their new lives in the countryside
- Creating Blackout Poetry using pages from 'Letters from the Lighthouse'
- Playing Battleships
- Taking part in 1940s fitness session on the playground



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Update from the Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group:

Playdates and devices

Some families might be at the stage where your children's friends arrive for a playdate with a smartphone or tablet in their pocket or bag. Here are a few tips for navigating this:

- Think about your boundaries. Would you rather no devices for the whole playdate? Or just at certain times? Do you have a certain place where devices must be kept when they are not being used? Are devices banned from bedrooms? Work out what you feel comfortable with and stick to it.
- Talk to your child about your rules and clearly explain why you have them.
- Get into the habit of telling your children's friends' parents your expectations before they come for a playdate. If you feel uncomfortable doing this, you could frame it as: "We're trying to cut down on screen time... we're happy to chat about it if you have concerns." This puts the ball in their court if there are any issues and keeps it very general. It can feel strange approaching this topic with other parents at first, but most people will be very receptive, and it will get easier the more you do it.
- Get into the habit of double checking with your child's friends when they arrive at your house. Ask them directly: "Have you brought a phone or tablet with you today?"
- Ask your child to let you know if they find out someone has brought a device along.
- Have a few fun activities up your sleeve. Maybe you and your child can think some up together, to combat the pressure to allow devices.
- The younger your child is when you start applying house rules around devices, the more normal it will be for your child and the easier they will find it.
- The same advice applies if your child is heading off to another family's home for a playdate. Get in the habit of letting other parents know what your child is and isn't allowed to do. It is totally acceptable to say: "Charlotte is not allowed online on any devices." It might feel awkward at first, but if you come up against any push back, it gives you the chance to consider saving that playdate for the future.

We hope this helps! We have heard countless stories of 'when play dates go wrong' - when parents have been unaware of devices being brought into their homes and children have accessed harmful content. Our advice is not to shy away from tricky conversations with your child and with their friends' parents. The more we all talk about this stuff, the safer our kids are, and the easier all this becomes.

If you have any useful tips to add, please contact us on our Whatsapp group (links below) and let us all know what has worked for you.

Sign the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact [here](#)

Regular links

As always, find more info on our page on the school websites:

- **[West Hove Infants](#)**
- **[Hove Juniors](#)**

For friendly, informal discussion, support, and a space to ask questions about all things smartphone, please join our WhatsApp groups:

Portland Road site: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EHAccChfegl6OUUCkC7MMM>

Holland Road site: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CmBDzMPJH0X4MTRtmH3wde>

Wishing everyone a great weekend!

All the best, the West Hove Infant and Hove Junior SFC Working Group



Are you concerned about your child's mental health?



- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Difficulties regulating emotions
- Self esteem and confidence
- Sleep difficulties
- Fears and phobias
- Separation, loss and bereavement



Scan the QR code below to *refer* your concern to Hove Learning Federation's Mental Health Lead. Link also available on our school website.

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/03/Capture-1.png>



Naomi Miller (Mental Health Lead) will contact you within a week of your referral.

New referrals will be discussed at half termly triage meetings and support allocated.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 0300 304 0061 during office hours or 0300 5000 101 outside of office hours.



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1.15pm – 3.15pm each day

Ages 11 – 15

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Limited spots available in my:

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Year 6 Maths Group

Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

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First
lesson
free!

Current
teacher
and school
leader

This half term in Maths:

- 07/01 - Multiplying decimals by integers
- 14/01 - Dividing decimals by integers
- 28/01 - Understand percentages
- 04/02 - FDP equivalents
- 11/02 - Percentages of an amount - 1 step
- 18/02 - Percentages of an amount - 2 step

Year 6 English Group

Mondays (5.30-6.30pm) weekly

- Reading and Grammar papers
- Comprehension skills
- SPaG applied in writing tasks

Two
spaces
left!

This half term in English:

- 06/01 - Punctuating boundaries
- 13/01 - Non-Fiction comprehension skills
- 27/01 - Word classes
- 03/02 - Poetry comprehension strategies
- 10/02 - Punctuating sentences
- 17/02 - Fiction comprehension skills



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