



BWI Bugle

Belief in God, Our Children and Their Future

Dear Parents,

2009/2010 Issue 1

Welcome to another edition of our new-look Bugle.

I hope the term has started well for you. A special welcome to our new families. All children seem to have settled well into their new classes—it hasn't taken them long to get used to different routines.

Exciting news for us all at BWI.

We have managed to secure a grant for our school which will enable us to: turn our Nursery back into a kitchen, serving hot and cold meals; re-site the Nursery next to the Reception Classes, so forming an Early Years Unit; extend our hall so that we can eat in one part of it at lunch-time

whilst still holding clubs for the children in the other part.

The work is planned to start very soon after Christmas and to be finished before the end of 2010.

We are very much in the planning stages, and are about to have a feasibility study to give us some ideas about exactly how it will all look.

The money that is available for us is £750,000 of which the Governors need to contribute £40,000. Therefore we will need to do some fund-raising.

If you have any ideas for fund-raising that we might try, please let us know. We will be asking

the children for their suggestions, too.

Mrs Hill and I are going to do our bit towards raising money. We have entered the Brighton Marathon in April, and will be looking for sponsors.

All proceeds will go to our school. So if you see us out and about on a training run, give us a wave.

We will keep you updated with news about our plans as soon as we have more to share with you.



The Noah's Ark Room, our Inclusion Unit.

13th October, 2009

Special points of interest:

- *Building project*
- *Peace Poster competition*
- *Would you like to be a governor of BWI?*
- *PA events*
- *Learning in Year 1*
- *Healthy Schools—Whole School fruit project*

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Individual Achievements

It is not only children who achieve great things in our school. Congratulations to Mrs Parsons and Mrs Nuttall, who have both passed their MIDAS training. This means we will be able to borrow the minibuses from Ruislip High School more often.

Several of our Support

Staff have recently achieved additional qualifications for supporting children in class.

Many Year 6 children are undertaking CROP training at lunch time which will enable them to encourage others to play purposefully in our public parks.

In an assembly last week, we congratulated some of our children who had achieved a grade in their music tuition. We are very proud of their success. If your child would like to learn to play an instrument, please let the Peripatetic teachers know, via a letter.

Eco Warrior Update

led by Mrs Stone



Great news!

We have received the Bronze Eco- Schools Award and are working towards the Silver. Before the summer we had an assembly to celebrate this, presented by two of the Eco-Warriors Daisy Smith and Dylan Wells.

Every class had made an Eco Robot, made from recycled products. These were then judged by two Governors who

finally announced the winners in church.

2T were the Key Stage 1 winners and 5B were the Key Stage 2 winners. The standard of these robots was excellent. Details of this assembly are on the BWI website.

The Eco Warriors continue to try and conserve energy by ensuring lights, taps and

projectors are turned off when not in use.

One of our next projects is to build a plastic bottle greenhouse in the spring so we would ask that you start collecting **2 Litre plastic bottles** for this and bring them into your child's class.

Look out we have got more ideas in mind for our school this year!

School Council Update

led by Miss Quah

Hello! We are School Council. Our aims are: to make the school a better place so we have fun while learning; to bond with other schools and form relationships. We have new representatives from each class this year and have decided that our committee should be:

Chairperson: Nicholas Brown, Yr 6
Vice Chair: Megan Cammidge, Yr 6



BWI School Council

Secretary: Elizabeth Hornal, Yr 6
Treasurer: Uyi Uwuigbe, Yr 5

Publicity Officer: Sam Parsons, Yr 6
Other School Council members are: Thomas Wardlaw, Niamh Metcalf, Alannah Coleman -Yr 5; Isa-Louise Clark, Marcus Henderson, Chloe Pumares, Ethan Stacey- Yr 4; Charlie Moore, Jamie Geen, Charlotte Mitchell, Folakemi Kola Daisi—Yr 3.

We have got lots of ideas already and we will tell you soon.

House Points



House Points this term

Edison 8 Fleming 12
Livingstone 4 Stevenson 6

Class of 2008/9 — 3Q

Class of the Week this week: Magpies/Romans

Our House Captains this year: Livingstone: Esme Porter and Alex Czinner with Sophie Turner as Vice Chair. Fleming: Sam Bain and



Class of the Week Sport Update

Mrs Hazell

Mrs Prentice

Megan Devenish with Cyreez Lewis as Vice Chair. Stevenson: Hasan Younis and Catherine Norris with Daisy Smith as Vice Chair. Edison: Robert Kershaw and Constance Kirby with Louis Cowling as Vice Chair.

Sport Update

All the after-school sport clubs have successfully started with



Football
BWI 1 v Warrender 1
BWI 4 v St Swithun Wells 9
Netball
BWI 3 v Lady Bankes 4

many children attending. After half term we are hoping to have Tag Rugby, and Cross Country starts in preparation for the schools competition in February.

Our Sainsbury's voucher equipment has started arriving for PE and the Games Shop. I would like to thank everyone who supports our school in this way.

Class Events



Year 5 had a fashion parade to complement their creative curriculum topic of "Whats in the news".

Year 6 have been working on the Jarrow March and also World War II. There are two trips planned for this, one to the Imperial War Museum and one to The Cabinet War Rooms.



In September we celebrated the European Languages Day. Children in Key Stage 2 showed how fantastic their French linguistic skills are. This was done through song, dance, acting and storytelling.

Year 3 greeted us all in French - "bonjour/salut/bonsoir"

Year 4 sang a traditional French song, "Sur Le Pont d'Avignon" and performed a dance.

Year 5 sang a traditional French song, "Frère Jacques", as a round.

Year 6 sang a modern song called "The Washing Machine Song" and told the

story of "Jacques et les haricots magiques" (Jack and the Beanstalk).

In our prayers we thanked God for all the different languages around the world and for the opportunity to learn French here at BWI.

Year 4 went pond dipping as part of their creative curriculum environment topic. The book they are reading in conjunction with this is the Paper Bag Prince.

Year 3 went to Manor Farm as part of their Saxons project.

From the Office

School Uniform

We are gradually selling our stock of uniform. We aim just to keep supplies of velcro ties, outdoor PE tops and water bottles. Everything else can be purchased on the website as listed.

However, we still aim to hold our Nearly New Uniform Sale in the school hall. Dates to be confirmed.

There have been several cases of head-lice in school recently. Please be vigilant

and aware of how to treat any out-breaks. Ask at the office if you don't know what to look for.

To reduce the risk of the lice being passed on from child to child, please tie

Visit YourSchooluniform.com over the half term holiday to ensure you have your winter school uniform.

Mrs Johnson - Office Manager

Mrs Smith - Welfare Assistant

back all hair of shoulder length or longer.

A reminder that earrings are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school.

We also have had several cases of sickness and diarrhoea in recent weeks. There needs to be a clear 48 hours after the last bout before your child comes back to school. This ensures that it is not passed on to other children or staff.

Governor News

A new school year is always a time of change, for pupils, parents, teachers, staff and governors. Last year's Year 6 pupils have now left us after having seemed to be such familiar faces here for so many years, while there are fresh faces in Rainbows and Reception.

Different teachers in classes with new names, give a much livelier image than the former ones. At least I can now spell 'Pharaohs'! Governors are not immune to change either. Last term, Dave Talbot stood down as a deanery appointed governor and this term, Kathy Bailey stood down as a foundation

parent governor. We are now looking urgently for two people to join our governing body. One (a foundation parent) must be a parent or carer at the school at the time of appointment, and the other will be a deanery appointed governor, who need not be a parent.

'Deanery appointed' simply means that the appointment is made by the Hillingdon Deanery Synod of the Church of England. Governors are becoming more and more vital in the broader management and direction of the school. This is a very exciting time to join the

Mr Tim Rollin—Chair of Governors

governing body. The challenges of the last few years of changes brought about by government inspired re-organisation and by internal changes in personnel and leadership have made this a time of continuous change which is on-going, while the newly announced building project will keep us all on our toes! We welcome people with all types of experience, but would particularly welcome those with a financial, personnel, education or marketing background. But don't let that put you off if you feel you have skills to offer which would benefit the school.

Community Cohesion

by Mrs Voisey

Community News

In the Spring Term we will be hosting **Triple P Parenting support classes** for Reception Class parents. If you are interested in attending then please see Mrs Nettleship or keep an eye out for more information later in the term.

As **Black History month** is being celebrated in February 2010, we are moving the Multicultural Week to coincide. (Date to be confirmed.)

A number of parents have already pledged their support for this event,

and I will be contacting them during November. If anyone else would like to be involved, please contact me.

Our **Extended Schools Collaborative** has been working hard to set up a website which will provide information on community events and services at your fingertips. The website: 'Ruislipforeveryone.com' will be going live soon and will be accessible directly from the touch screen in the entrance hall. Once the website is up and running, please let me know

if you have a community event which you would like advertised.

Hillingdon Adult Education is running a range of free family learning courses, which start from October 2009. Look in our Entrance Hall for the list of courses or call Hillingdon Adult Education on 01895 464077 or visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk

Forthcoming Community Events at BWI

- E-Safety session for parents
- Fronter Training (MLE)

Healthy Schools

Whole school fruit challenge: to have a piece of fruit in our lunch boxes every day — staff and children!

Healthy Eating

To try and encourage classes to eat fresh fruit and vegetables



we are completing a daily record in each class of how much is being eaten.

There will be a Class of the Week award for the class that have eaten the most fruit. This will earn them a privilege for their class, to be decided by them.

For you to Remember

Soft Start

This was trialled last term and has been very successful. Children are much calmer and more settled at the beginning of the day.

For those who are new to our school, Soft Start is where children come straight into the classroom as they arrive,

between 8.40 and 8.50 and complete an activity. The bell rings at 8.45 to remind those who are only just arriving that they need to go straight to class. The register is still taken at 8.50, so all children **need to be in class by then** or they will be marked as late. If children arrive after 8.50 they will be sent to the office to sign into the late book.

Parking Outside School

There are traffic wardens patrolling outside the school regularly. To avoid a ticket, please park safely.

There have been cars on the zigzag lines and yellow lines outside school this week. Even if you are late it is against the law to park or stop there. We all want our children to be safe.

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PA News Ciaran Purcell—Chairperson

Thank you to everyone who came to our PA AGM. We now have a full committee, and welcome Cathy Harris and Priya Raykar, our two new members.

Our next event is the **Bag2school collection on 20th October.**

Granary Kids Before and After School Club

We hope to run a Holiday Club in the October half-term. All children are welcome, not just those who attend the Before or after School Club. Please contact Paulette Jean-Jacques if you would like a place.

And Finally

Ruislip Lions Peace Poster Competition

Our Year 6 children are taking part in the competition this year for the third time. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to reflect on what it would mean to live in a peaceful world and for the more creative amongst our children to reveal their talent. All posters will be judged by two of the Lions. The winning and runner up posters will be exhibited at Ruislip Manor Library, alongside the other schools in Hillingdon who are taking part. It is a world-wide competition and attracts a very high standard of entries.

Continuing the Learning Journey

Last term we recorded a DVD about the learning that takes place in the Reception Classes: the aim being to show parents who are new to Reception what experiences are provided through the Foundation Stage Curriculum. The DVD was received so favourably, that this term we will be recording another one, showing the transition from Reception to Year 1. These two year groups are often the most worrying for parents who are unaware of the importance of learning through first-hand experiences in the Foundation Stage and how this transfers to the more traditional learning of the National Curriculum. If you would like to see them, we hope to be showing both DVDs on the forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

Forthcoming Events

Miss Noel left us to start her **maternity leave** on Friday 2nd October, and Miss Orlinska's last day was Friday, 9th October.

Mrs Blake has two more weeks to go yet. We will miss them all and hope to see their new babies soon.

Autumn Mass was on 8th October in the School Hall. Parents were invited, but only two came along. We would love to see more parents joining in our celebrations with us. Parents from all Key Stages are welcome.

Year 4 and Year 6 go on their **School Journeys** in the week beginning 19th October. Year 6 are

going to Surrey and Year 4 to Lincolnshire. We wish them all a wonderful week.

School photos for individual children will be in school on 4th November

Anti-bullying Week this year is in the week beginning 16th November. We will let you know about the activities that children will be involved in.

Parents' Evenings

We will be having these in the week beginning 9th November.

This year we are trying a different

format for the meetings to try to accommodate all parents' lifestyles.

Please see the letter coming out this week which will give more details.

Being a Governor

If you would like to join our Governing Body, please collect a form from the school office from Monday 19th October.

**Last day
of this half-term**
Friday 23rd October, 2009

First day back:

Monday 2nd November