



School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER

6 November

Message from the Mr Waite



“Can I build a bridge today?”

BHPS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ENJOY, ENQUIRE, ENRICH

Can I build a bridge today?

You might have been asked a question like this recently, when your children brought home their BHPS Enrichment Passports.

A big thank you to the many parents, carers and children engaging in the challenges already, and also for the positive feedback. The passports are just one part of our big push this year on Personal Development, and this news article gives a summary. We hope you find it useful.

What is Personal Development?

Our **School Improvement Plan** sets out the following aim for Personal Development:
Develop and implement both curriculum and wider opportunities which give all our pupils the qualities they need, so they are able to flourish in society.

Of course we want all of our children at Bayards Hill to receive a high quality, and enjoy, education and achieve as much as they can academically, but there is also more to school than that.

We want our pupils to enrich their learning by trying new experiences and challenges, both in and out of school. We want them to develop their character, building skills and qualities such as confidence, successful teamwork and resilience.

In short, we want them to **enjoy** (opportunities to develop character and challenge themselves), to **enquire** (with curiosity about learning and the wider world) and to **enrich** (their lives).

What have we been doing?

Over the summer holidays and during this term, we have been making lots of plans: we've now put some into action!

What's next?

- In the next week or so, you'll hear all about our exciting **Sponsored Readathon** as part of our new **Charities and Fundraising Plan**
- After the Christmas holidays, we will launch a new, improved **BHPS School Council**
- Also after the Christmas holidays, each year group will get the chance to develop confidence, coordination and dance skills by taking part in **Carnival and Street Dance Workshops** (KS1 – carnival and musical dance, KS2 – street dance)
- To improve mental health and focussing skills, we'll be launching a new **Mindfulness Scheme**
- Over the next two years, we'll be developing a **Whole-School Outdoor Learning and Residential Trip Programme**

Please also look out for our **Personal Development Parent Survey**, coming soon.

Have a fantastic run up to the next holidays everyone

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Mr Waite, Personal Development Lead and Year 5 Teacher

School Improvement

At Bayards Hill Primary School we are working hard to make improvements to the quality of the daily education your child receives and the effectiveness of the school overall.

Each year the school has an improvement plan which maps out the actions that we will be taking to bring about improvement. The School improvement Plan is reviewed regularly by the staff, senior leaders and the Governors, to ensure we are completing the actions, within the set timescales, so that change happens.

A short version of the plan has been created for parents so that you can see and understand some of the things we will be doing this year to improve education at Bayards Hill Primary School.

We would ask that if parents have comments or questions, that you contact the school office, via email, so that we can respond or arrange a meeting with you to discuss them further

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1agB59UIru9-5KA11Qb4mduG_rst8j0WFQKYgcfLYCLs/edit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term



Wednesday 11th November – School Photo Day

Monday 23rd November - Inset Day - No Pupils

Tuesday 1st December - Senior Leadership Team Meet and Greet – 14:30 -15:15

Friday 18th December - last day of term

Christmas Productions - Further details regarding these events will be confirmed later this term, subject to COVID19 restrictions.

Parents Evenings

Thursday 5 th November 2020	17:00 - 18:40
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	15:45 - 17:35
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	17:00 - 18:40
Thursday 12 th November 2020	15:45 - 17:35
Thursday 25 th February 2021	16:60 - 18:30
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	15:50 - 17:30
Thursday 4 th March 2021	16:10 - 17:50

Do you have or know a child starting Reception in September 2021

For children due to join Reception in September 2021 we will be running a series of information mornings and afternoons, when you can have a tour of the school, followed by a Q & A with the Head teacher Mr Griffiths.

Open mornings:

Tuesday 20th October - 9:15 – 10:15am

Friday 13th November - 9:15 – 10:15am

Wednesday 9th December - 11:00 – 12:00

Open afternoons:

Thursday 19th November - 2:00 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 8th December - 2:00 - 3:00pm

You can book one of these visits via the school office on 01865 761656 or email: office@bayards-hill.oxon.sch.uk