



Hornbill Extra!

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What a Half Term!

Thank you for your very warm and friendly welcome to Hornbill School. We have had a very busy half term and from our events page on the back of this newsletter, an even busier second half of term is planned.

In this first half term, we have established clear timetables and aligned start of the day times across the school. We have had visits to school from the Defence Children Services Early Years Advisor and the Defence Children Services Teaching and Learning Advisor. We have welcomed to School Governance Members to look at Early Years and the School Improvement Plan.

We have had a number of very successful events in school including our very popular parent hours and in the past two weeks, our Dashain family picnic and kite making was very well attended, our family learning programme for phonics in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 was popular and the family movie night was a sell out. Thank you for taking part in these events which make for a strong and connected Hornbill School community.

Our web site, www.hornbill.school—has been relaunched and is being constantly developed. Please have a look and feedback to us how you think we can make it even better.

The children have made an excellent start to the year and have enjoyed their lessons and the additional opportunities we have provided including Jungle School, swimming and for Key Stage 2 we have offered a range after school sporting activities linked to our participation in the Brunei Junior Sports League events this week. There will be more about these events in our Hornbill Gazette which will be published at the end of term and Mr Tomlin has provided an update report later in this newsletter.

In the next half term we will be offering our first round of Extended Learning Opportunities across the school and later in this news letter there is more information about these.

After half term, we would like to encourage Year 2 to Year 6 children to develop their independence skills. Please can parents either drop children at the gate or on the playground to allow them to walk to their classes independently and independently get ready for learning.

Also in this newsletter, we have outlined the priority areas for our School Improvement Plan. Every school has a SIP and we wanted to share the areas we are focusing on to make Hornbill School an even better place for your children to learn.

As always, if you would like to talk to any of us, call into the school office who will be able to assist you.

The Senior Leadership Team



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Extended Learning Opportunities

Hornbill Extended Learning Opportunities will start on Tuesday 8th November and will take place from 13:30-14:30. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking all the staff in school who are putting on these additional activities.

This half term we will be running the sessions for 5 weeks and different sessions are offered to year groups and include Art, STEM, ICT, Mandarin, Dodgeball, Dancing, Drama and Board Games.

Please send your reply slip to school and you will be notified which ELO your children can attend. Places are limited and if the first choice is full a waiting list may be established or a place on another activity offered.

Remembrance



On Friday 11th November at 08:00 we will be holding our in school act of remembrance. You are all very welcome to join us.

Year 6 will lead our service with poetry and readings and the whole school will be singing hymns and songs.

The children in all year groups are using their Art time to make items that you will be able to see in the reflection garden.

After the act of remembrance you are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee.



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Brunei Junior Sports League

A report from Mr Tomlin

This week, 59 children from Years 4 to 6 took part in the first BJSL (Brunei Junior Sports League) event of the season.

We have been busy preparing for the Netball and Tag Rugby events all half term both in our PE lessons and in our after-school clubs. This hard work culminated in separate tournaments against four other schools hosted by JIS.

Over three quarters of our children had not competed in a Rugby or Netball tournament before but you would have never known. All teams represented Hornbill beautifully with impeccable behaviour, fabulous skills, amazing teamwork and wonderful sportsmanship on show both on the waterlogged rugby pitches and the Netball courts.

We are incredibly proud of all our players and our teams came back with super success. Our netballers came 2nd in year 4, 2nd in Year 5 and were crowned champions in Year 6. Amazingly, these results were repeated by our rugby players who also came 2nd in year 4 and 5 and were the champions in Year 6.

A terrific day out and a huge well done to all our athletes - our next event is cross-country in November. Our cross country club will start after half term.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderfully supportive coaches who have nurtured and supported our children so well and moulded them into awesome teams.

Safeguarding

Mr Walters is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs L Brown is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead.





School Improvement Plan

All schools have a SIP where they outline the priority areas for the year. Hornbill School is always looking to improve and this year we have four priority areas.

PRORITY 1 – Ensure there is consistent high -quality teaching and learning across the school

Why this was identified as a priority: To ensure that we continually review and improve Teaching and Learning across school, we are refocusing on learning to ensure consistency and quality teaching.

PRORITY 2 – Develop whole school Assessment that supports learning

Why this was identified as a priority: To ensure that data is used as effectively as possible by all staff to support pupil progress and Teaching and Learning across school. To ensure that assessment is clearly linked to curriculum progression.

PRORITY 3 – Improve the capacity of leaders to impact positively upon pupil learning and to improve the capacity of leaders to impact positively upon pupil learning

Why this was identified as a priority: To ensure that there is a consistently high level of expectation for all stakeholders across school. To develop leadership roles further to ensure effective learning is embedded across the curriculum.

PRORITY 4 – Develop clear whole school, local and international community communication strategies

Why this was identified as a priority: To re-establish the Hornbill Identity, following the Unit Move. To ensure that the core drivers of community, citizenship and metacognition are embedded within all learning across school. To ensure that all stakeholders, including the SGC, parents and the wider community, are informed and engaged in school life and have a role to play.



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Events.....

24th—28th October—Half Term

November

2nd November— Parent evening 13:45 onwards E

Electronic sign-up sheets have been placed online. Contact the office for information or support to book an appointment.

3rd November—HHH Spooky Disco—Letters have been sent home

4th November—Celebration Assembly Y1-Y6—invited guests only

7th November—Year 4 Visit to BFBS

Letters sent home by Year 4 class teachers

7th November—**Family Learning** - Y1—Y6 parents 13:00

Our Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Walters will be talking about reading books, reading levels and VIPERS

8th November—start of Extended Learning Opportunities

Letters for Year 1- 6 are being sent home with this news letter.

9th November—FS1 stay and play from 07:45 to 09:00

11th November—Act of Remembrance 08:00—08:30 Reflection Garden

15th November—FS2 Stay and Play from 07:45-09:00

Week of 28th November—Sports Day—**cancelled** until 2023

22nd November—**Family Learning** - FS1—Y6 parents 08:00-09:00.

Mrs J Brown will share more about the core learning drivers of the school.

December

2nd December—Celebration Assembly Y1-Y6—Invited guests only

7th December—Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Nativity Play

8th December—Key Stage Two Christmas Ensemble

8th December—All school dress in Christmas colours day (or wear a Christmas Jumper!)

16th December—School closes at 12:00 for the Christmas Break

January 2023

9th January —Welcome back to Term 2

13th January—Term 2 parent hour in all FS2- Year 6 12:00-13:00.



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Keeping Children Safe

As part of our duty of care for your children, we want to remind you of some top tips to help keep your children safe. Whilst we live in a welcoming country, we still must be mindful of ensuring our children are aware of potential dangers and support them in developing skills to keep themselves safe. As we start our half term and many of you will travel, we would ask that you spend a few minutes with your children discussing ways in which they can be mindful and avoid any potential risks.

Advice for children—This will alter according to the age of your children:

- ◆ Always tell your parents where you are going and who with.
- ◆ Take a friend with you when walking or riding your bike around the community.
- ◆ Walk and ride in well-lit areas.
- ◆ When walking and biking, stay aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ If someone you don't know offers you a ride in their car or to go with them, say 'No.'
- ◆ Never go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- ◆ Never tell a stranger your name, address or any personal information.
- ◆ If a stranger tries to grab you, yell as loud as you can and run away.
- ◆ Trust your feelings. If someone makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, stay calm and leave.

Advice for parents:

- ◆ Agree with your children a meeting place, in case they get separated in a new location e.g. a hotel or airport.
- ◆ Ensure your children have a trusted friend or neighbour they can go to if they feel worried and you are not available.
- ◆ Be vigilant at all times—keep track of where your child is and who they are with.

As a community we must be aware and constantly vigilant of the potential dangers. If you see anything suspicious, or your child is approached by a stranger, do notify the RMP as soon as possible.

For further guidance to support you please do look at the following website-
www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**

