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SSAFA brings Camo Day to Hornbill

\$1,050 raised for SSAFA

After 2 days of preparation, our Foundation Stage field was transformed into an exciting camouflaged learning environment. Stations had been set up to help children learn about the different aspects of our Garrison.

'Wow this is the best day of my life'

Quote from a Year 1 child

Stations included: how to collect water from trees, which fruit to eat in the jungle, how to stay fit, what some of the larger pieces of moving vehicles

the Garrison has and (most children's favourite) the type of weapons the Armoury has.

The day was a huge success and we now hope to make this a regular event at Hornbill School.

Thank you to all the ladies at **SSAFA** for making the day a huge success. And thank you **B Company** for sharing your knowledge with our children.

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Marvellous Musicians **Perform in a** **Rhythmic Arts Recital**

After school, on Friday 20th April, Hornbill school children showcased their wonderful musical talents to their first live audience.

A total of 41 children from Years 1 to 6, who learn an instrument with Rhythmic Arts, (a music school based in KB) performed in the recital.

A wide variety of instruments were played including: **guitar, piano, drums, violin** and **voice**. It was the first time that many of the children had performed in front of an audience so it was great to see the courage and confidence that they had, playing their pieces so well.

The audience, of around 100, enjoyed

and appreciated witnessing this emerging musical talent.

Following the success of the recital, children who performed have been volunteering to play their instruments during our school assemblies. This has yet again provided an opportunity for these musicians to perform but has also allowed the other children to hear different instruments and be inspired by them.

It has been fantastic to see and hear the commitment to learning an instrument that these children have shown.

Rhythmic Arts provide specialist music lessons in and out of school. If you are interested in finding out more please see Mr Brown who can provide you with further information.

Well Done to all our performers

To help advertise **Glastonbill**, Mr Brown, Mr Gurung and 4 members of Year 6 visited

BFBS radio



the BFBS Radio Station to record a message which will go on air in a few days.

The boys spoke clearly and eloquently about our annual **Glastonbill** event (see page 8) which is being held on the Foundation Stage Field on Saturday 23rd June at 1830hrs.

Thank you to all the staff of BFBS who have helped us ensure that Glastonbill is well publicised.

Parent Questionnaire - 3 Answers

Each month we will be sharing with you how we are going to respond to your very valuable comments in order to further improve our outstanding practices.

Dressing Up Days

Question: Do children need to dress up for Launch and Landing Pads?

Answer: The simple answer here is no. But... Our Launch Pads are a way of getting children excited about the themes that they are going to learn throughout the term. One way to engage children is to ask them to dress up in some way like their theme.

Dressing up also tells your child that the learning today is different from the normal day to day routine.

We always try and give you at least a weeks notice before we ask you to provide a costume for the theme. However, we are conscious that this is not always the case and we are working hard to rectify this.

Next year we are planning to change our current procedures and this will cut down on the number of dress up days per year.

Reporting Progress to Parents

Question: Can you report my child's progress more regularly?

Answer: Progress and attainment is reported to parents at the end of each academic year as

part of your child's Annual Reports. We report Teacher Assessment in your child's progress and attainment for all core subjects (Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling and mathematics).

We also report the outcomes of Government Annual Tests for core subjects in Year 2, Year 6 and Phonics Testing in Year 1.

Mid-year progress and attainment is shared via a 2 page report at the Mid-year Parent Meeting.

However, if you would like a quick update on your child's progress and attainment please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Events on Saturday?

Question: Can the school open for more events on Saturday?

Answer: As a school we are required to teach children for 190 days each academic year. Moving outside of these days is not possible.

There are some teachers who willingly give up their free time to run additional sessions - for which we are extremely thankful. However, we are not able to ask teachers to work additional hours.

More detailed results of the parent questionnaire can be found on our website.



21st June

BJSL Swimming
tournament for
Years 4, 5 & 6

Week commencing
11th June

Sex and Relationships
Week

Week commencing
25th June

Assessment Week
Years 1, 3, 4 & 5

29th June

2 RGR Birthday
Celebrations

28th May to
1st June

Mid Term Break

5th to 15th June

School Review by
the MoD Schools
Link IA and School
Improvement Partner

9th July

Annual Reports go
home

SPORT May Round-Up

Gymnastic Talent!

This term all children from FS2 to Year 6 have been focusing on gymnastic activities during their PE lessons.

After working on basic rolls, balances and safe jumping, the children have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring the high apparatus. As seen in these photographs.



Our programmes of study in gymnastics comes from the National Curriculum which states that all children should develop an understanding of how to



Our gymnasts have concentrated on using body tension, holding a finish and pointing toes. Check out our gallery of pictures on the Hornbill website.

improve in different physical activities and learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success. They must develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

As you can see in these photographs - all children are meeting or exceeding the programmes of study!





Camo Day is part of the National Armed Forces Day celebrations which help raise cash for SSAFA Forces Help

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Year 4 Temburong Residential



Each year our Year 4 children

have the opportunity to experience their first residential visit. Since 2009, we have been taking children to the Freme Lodge in Temburong.

This excursion provides children with an opportunity to immerse themselves into another culture and eco system. Temburong is an unspoilt and peaceful district of Brunei - a complete contrast to the Garrison location.

The residential enables all children to deepen their independent skills and begin to understand the importance of looking after themselves.

Activities on offer move children out of their comfort zones and allow them safe opportunities for risk taking and development of team work.





Labi School update.

As introduced in a previous edition of the Hornbill Gazette, the school council is leading Hornbill School in a project to support a local school in Labi.

Update

One of our first actions as a school was to launch a **shoe donation appeal**. This was in response to the observation that many children at the school only wore flip flops or similar style footwear. After school these children work with their families in the fields farming in the same footwear.

So the school council set up a donation box. S Sgt Lee Smith from 7 Flight AAC and Mrs Karen Smith (Hornbill School LSA) recently took the donated shoes to the Labi school. S Sgt Smith wrote:

'It was amazing to see that such a small gesture of some pre-loved shoes could make someone so happy!'

This donation is still ongoing so please donate

any shoes that are still in good condition but are not needed anymore. A donation box can be found in the school reception.

During book week a book donation box was also set up and many books were kindly donated. These books were also taken to the school. S Sgt Smith also wrote:

'I have never seen children become so enthused about reading, with many of them signing the new books out immediately to take home and read. The teachers were over the moon... the books were a breath of fresh air.'

The money raised through the school discos has been used to buy various playground games and PE resources. The school council is planning to visit the Labi school in June to deliver these resources and to show the children how to use them.

It is wonderful to hear that our actions and values here are having a positive effect on the lives of other children in Brunei.

Quotes from Pupil Questionnaires

We have recently carried out a whole school questionnaire. This has included questioning all the staff and pupils. When asked 'What do you like most about Hornbill School?' these are the results.

That there are no bullies

It challenges people like me

It is adventurous and fun

We are all friends and have very good values

We are all together as friends and we never give up

I like that everyone shows values

I like how the teachers teach us

I like it that we have a school council, eco warriors and playground leaders

This school is a helpful community

The teachers are so kind and friendly and care for us

The teachers because they help me learn new and exciting stuff

The 12 values are really amazing

There are so many fun things to do and lots of kind people and great learning

I feel really supported

I enjoy this schools protective environment

I like that teachers listen to us and we have lots of values people have to share

Everyone is friendly and the teachers will always help

How all children are really happy to go to school

I love the friendly atmosphere. Hornbill School feels like home to me

That our teachers encourage us to do amazing things

I like the beautiful areas in the school like the reflection garden

I like that we are a community educated and having lots of fun helping charities with friends by our side



Glastonbill Festival of the Arts

Saturday 23rd June

1830hrs on the Foundation Stage field at Hornbill School

Following last years successful evening, we are currently planning this years festival which will be dedicated to celebrating the Arts.

Our program this year currently includes a wide range of children (both past and present) and adults from our community.

Come and spend the evening with us and enjoy an eclectic range of music, poetry and dance. Bring a picnic and a rug and relax in our gardens.

If you don't want to bring a picnic then you can make use of some outside caterers we are planning to invite. These should include: Ram Dhani, the NAAFI, London Kebab and possibly an Ice Cream Van.

Tickets will be on sale from the front office after half term

If you are interested in sharing your talents with the community, or would like to help in any way please contact Mr Brown at Hornbill School via email: simon.brown@modschoools.org; or via the school office on 3214