

News Update

TERM 1, Week 4

Attendance Winners:

Elm and Birch 97%

Dates for the Diary	
Year 6 PGL Educational Visit	Fri 4th Oct - Sun 6th Oct
Harvest Festival Donations	w/c 7th Oct
Year 5 Assembly 2.40pm	Wed 2nd Oct
Harvest Festival Assembly	Mon 14th Oct
KS2 Parent Consultation Meetings	Wed 16th Oct
Autumn Halloween Disco KS1 3.30pm - 4.15pm KS2 4.30pm - 5.15pm	Fri 18th Oct
Celebration Afternoon 2.30pm	Wed 23rd Oct
Mufti Day—Special me day	Thurs 24th Oct
Last Day of Term 1 for pupils	Thurs 24th Oct
INSET DAY	Fri 25th Oct
INSET DAY	Mon 4th Nov
First day of Term 2 for pupils	Tues 5th Nov
EYFS & KS1 Parent Consultation Meetings	Wed 6th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 11th - 15th Nov
Christmas Academy Fair 3-5pm	Mon 16th Dec

Behaviour for Learning – The Empowerment Approach

Our Behaviour for Learning Policy is changing. Our new policy can be found on our website: <http://cms.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/doc-uploads/7864-Behaviour%20for%20Learning%202019-20.pdf>. Here is our new **Academy Charter**:

To make sure that everyone is safe, happy, calm, feeling good about themselves and able to learn at their best, we:

Pro-social

- Show kindness when we talk to others so that all pupils feel good about themselves.
- Show kindness with our hands, feet and bodies so that everyone feels safe.
- Listen to others respectfully to understand their point of view, especially when we disagree.
- Are considerate of other people so that all pupils can be learning at their best.
- Look after other people's and the academy's equipment and resources with care.

Pro-learning

- Listen carefully when others are speaking, taking turns to respond.
- Show determination in our learning.
- Use classroom resources to become more independent in learning.
- Practise attention control to improve concentration and stay focused on learning.
- Help others to be focused on their learning.
- Enjoy learning about the brain, developing, and strengthening our neural pathways.
- Celebrate mistakes – they are excellent learning opportunities.
- Practice being resilient—we keep going when things feel tough.

We will be running parent workshops over the course of the year to explain our new approaches. The first session will be on 22nd October 2019 at 9.00am. Please email the Office if you would like to attend.

Spelling strategy of the week:

Words without vowels	This strategy is useful where the vowel choices are the challenge in the words. Write the words without the vowels and pupils have to choose the correct grapheme to put in the space. For example, for the word field:
	f _ _ ld

Safeguarding

As the weather has turned more autumnal, can pupils please attend with appropriate footwear and outerwear. Where possible, we want pupils to be able to go outside, so please ensure that weather appropriate clothing is supplied.

Inclusion

In this week's Autism Champion assembly we looked at a selection of famous people who have been diagnosed with ASC. Did you know, Satoshi Tajiri, creator of Pokemon and Japanese video game designer is on the Autistic Spectrum.

We then looked at how everyone has differences and that it can be hard to recognise them at first glance. To illustrate this, we had some wonderful volunteers who came up to the front and were asked a variety of questions about themselves. The pupils were not allowed to use words to answer the questions, but instead had to indicate their answers with an action. In this way we were able to demonstrate that people with Autism communicate their needs in a variety of ways that are not always obvious.

Are you aged between 4 and 1004?

If so, you could be a

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