



*Newsletter #5  
11th October 2019*

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good week. As usual there is always something exciting to report about in the academy. Last week we remembered all the farmers around the world who grow crops and supply us with food. But did you know that right amidst us we have 3 very special boys who are our 'mini' farmers and they spend lots of time with their dad in their own allotment planting, nurturing, producing and harvesting a variety of vegetables. I spoke to Jacob, Ben and Joel and it was amazing to hear them speak with such passion about what they do. They sure taught me a lot about gardening too. Ben explained to me how a poly tunnel works and why it was important to have one. I asked Jacob what he liked about the allotment. He replied, 'It is so peaceful, relaxing and quiet. And it's just amazing how a little seed can grow into a big plant and produce lots of vegetables'. He was really thrilled about the huge courgette that he harvested. And the best message came from Joel when he said, 'Vegetables are healthy for you'. The fresh produce that they brought into school, was donated to Crawley Open House. Well done boys! You are truly inspirational. We look forward to hearing more about your great experiences.



**Year 2- outdoor learning can be fun**

The best way to learn is from doing things and using real objects. Well in Year 2, we have done just that. We have done lots of outdoor learning this week! In Maths, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s using cones as a number line and jumping between them. We also created some Nature art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy!



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

**DON'T  
FORGET  
INDIVIDUAL  
SCHOOL  
PHOTOS  
NEXT  
THURSDAY  
17TH  
OCTOBER**



## LOST PROPERTY/SWAP SHOP UNIFORM



All items currently in lost property will be out next week for parents/carers to look through & reclaim. Weather permitting, we plan to put out tables at the entrance to the playground on Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th October, just before the end of the school day, so parents/carers will have time to browse before collecting children. After this, any unclaimed items will be added to our swap shop stock.

Following this, on Wednesday 23rd October, we will be opening the doors to our school uniform swap shop for the very first time! Parents/carers will be welcome to come into the school to browse through and take items of clothing. We look forward to seeing you there.

## CLEANER VACANCY

We are looking for a temporary, part-time CLEANER to cover long term sickness absence and maternity leave.

The post is 12 hours a week, 15.00 – 17.30 p.m. Mon – Thurs and 15.00 – 17.00 Fri term-time only, plus 36 hours during the school summer holiday.

We envisage this post being until November 2020.

Salary: GRADE 1 £17,364 plus Crawley Weighting allowance of £573 per annum, pro-rata. Actual salary £5,003.43 + £165.11 = £5,168.54 per annum.

Applications should be made online at <https://careers.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk>

The closing date for applications is: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019      Interviews will be held: w/c 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### JOB DESCRIPTION - CLEANER

**Responsible to: Principal and Facility Manager**

#### **Main tasks/Key responsibilities**

- To clean areas of the establishment in accordance with the Building Cleaning Specification as directed by the Principal or Facilities Manager
- To operate cleaning machinery in accordance with instructions
- To dilute and use cleaning materials as instructed
- To collect and remove waste/rubbish from work areas to collection point as directed
- To clean and maintain cleaning equipment as instructed
- To observe and comply with the Health and Safety Policy and Code of Practice for cleaning staff
- To comply with instructions relating to security, GDPR and confidentiality

This job description is correct at the time of print and gives the main responsibilities and tasks of the role. These may, however, be changed or added to as appropriate.

There may also be the need for staff to undertake additional duties from time to time appropriate to the level of the post. Should these additional tasks become a frequent part of the role, the job description will be revised through consultation with the post holder.

## Year 5– learning from others

Year 5 had Mr Flint (a horticulturalist) visit us on Friday 4th October to talk to us about how some plants are adapted to live in tropical rainforests which is our topic this term.



It was really interesting and we had the opportunity to look at and handle a variety of epiphytes, bromeliads, ferns and even pitcher plants!! A first for all of us! Do you know what these are?

### Message from Mr Stepney

Mr Stepney wanted to thank everyone for all the Reading Questionnaires that he has had returned. If you have not already returned yours, please forward them to the office.

Just to confirm that his Book Corner will be back in next week's newsletter. In the meantime share your favourite children's book with your child. Can you re-

### Yasmin - Year 4 Miro Class



In preparation to complete the Downsman Hike for Cubs, Yasmin had to complete a practice hike from Devil's Dyke for about 11 miles, to prove she could make the distance.

She then had to complete the Downsman Hike. This was a long 14 mile hike across the South Downs from Lewis to Eastbourne and taking almost 9 hours. What a feat !

Only two cubs took part in this event and both are from Crawley. Well done Yasmin. You should be very proud of your achievement.



**KS1**

Van Gogh – Evalyn  
 Cezanne – Lucie  
 Mackintosh – Scarlett  
 Matisse – Mouhamed  
 SSC1 – Kaj

**KS2**

O’Keeffe – Marcus  
 Turner – Isabella  
 Miro – Alice  
 Monet – Lamin  
 Picasso – Mickie & Isaura  
 Dali – Lacey-Lou  
 Hockney – Jake  
 Escher – Lee  
 SSC2 – Joshua

**Year 3 - Turner Class**



On Wednesday, Turner class led their first ever class assembly to show the rest of the school the wonderful things they have



learning about this term. The children had the opportunity to present their fantastic Turner-inspired art-work, to discuss facts about the Stone Age, summarise the book they have been studying and some children entertained the audience by

chanting words related to the Stone Age and drumming to a rhythm. Well done Turner ! A good achievement as you’ve only just come from key stage 1.

**Dates for your Diary**

**October/November 2019**

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| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> October             | Individual School Photos                   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> October               | Tours with the Principal Sept 2020 9.30 am |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October             | Y5 - Trip to Kew Gardens                   |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October             | Break up from school (normal time)         |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> October               | Inset Day (School closed)                  |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov | October Half Term                          |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November               | Inset Day                                  |

**PTA**

We will be electing our 2019/20 Executives and committee at the AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.00 pm. Any queries, please email us on [Daapta@hotmail.com](mailto:Daapta@hotmail.com).  
*Thank you!*



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