



Weekly News Flash

20th September 2024



A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday!

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day today and donated towards this. All money received will be forwarded on to the charity to support those living with a genetic condition and to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

This week, Year 7 had their first offsite trip to the garden centre and Mrs Saunders had another offsite trip of her own to check on the progress of our Hill Brow site!

Thank you to our new families who attended our online welcome session yesterday - it was fantastic to see you and we look forward to working with you over the coming months!

Our Trans-disciplinary Team and EYFS Learning Mentors have been busy attending home and nurse visits to our new EYFS pupils as we get ready to welcome them at Hill Brow in a few weeks. The staff have found this so useful to begin to build relationships and they have returned to school each time with new resources to create or new strategies to share with each other.



Next week, teachers will receive training on a new online platform so we are able to set regular homework for a range of subjects, for those who would like these opportunities.

Miss Mallon has been busy organising Bikeability sessions for Year 7 and 8 pupils for next week to complete their Level 1 and 2 qualifications. If successful, pupils will be able to move onto Level 3 and take their skills out onto the roads!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Buley

Pupil Awards



This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

THOUGHTFUL

RORY PAGE has been awarded this week for showing consideration, care and thoughtfulness towards his peers, specifically in his tutor group.

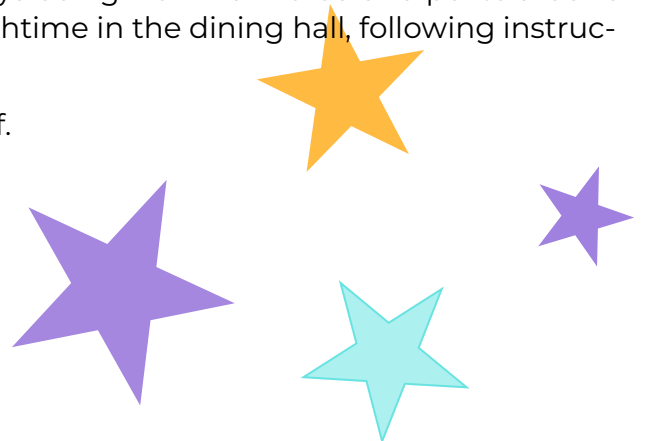
VALUE

JAION GIBSON has been awarded this week for consistently displaying a great attitude towards his learning.

SAFE

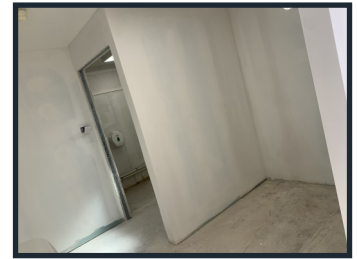
AARON BIRD has been awarded this week for always being well-mannered and polite around school, and by demonstrating consideration at lunchtime in the dining hall, following instructions positively maintaining a safe environment.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



What's been happening this week

Hill Brow Site Visit update—Mrs Saunders



This week's visit was productive to determine our IT infrastructure and secure the installation of the broadband line to the site. There was also discussions and decision in regard to the security and safeguarding of our Hill Brow site and access control as well as communal and external CCTV installations.

You will see from the images shared, that the EYFS area has had first coat of painting on the walls; a beautiful sky blue colour to promote the learning environment. This area has also had the new lighting installed, toilets decorated and the cubicles in Sunshine Yellow are ready to be installed.

In our KS3 building, the new stud wall partitions have taken shape in our staff room and parent meeting room as well as flooring removal throughout in readiness for the acoustic carpet to go down after the walls are completed to the selected colour.

It's reassuring to see such a lot of progress in 5 days, and I'm looking forward to next weeks visit to update you on another exciting week at Hill Brow.

Hill Brow Year 7—Mr Moreno



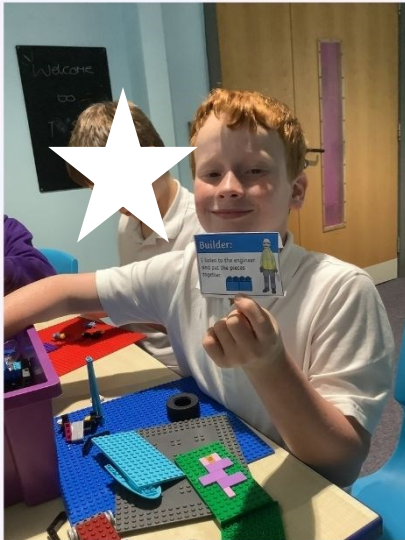
Our Year 7 pupils at Hill Brow are settling in well at the temporary site. They are enjoying their learning and having fun.



TDT Updates



Primary students have participated in their introductory 'Brick Club' session. Sessions utilise LEGO in a therapeutic setting to support the development of a wide range of social skills within a group setting.



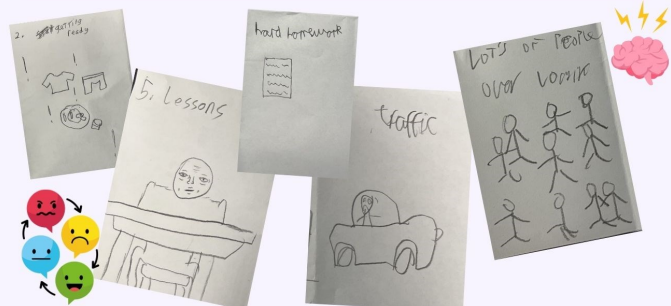


TDT Updates



In Personal Development, Year 9 have been focussing on stress as part of our Zones of Regulation curriculum.

Here are some examples of Aquila's 'daily hassles' in comic-strip style.



Year 9's Life Skills continued planning ideas for the edible section of the community garden, coming up with design sketches!



TDT Updates



Orion watched Mr O'Brien deliver an Oscar worthy performance as Dwayne the student, while the real students helped him identify his Zones, feelings and strategies!



Year 10 have been tasked with creating a board game aimed at helping younger students in the school practice regulation.





TDT Updates



This week Year 7 students visited a local garden centre as part of their life skills lessons. They were able to see the plants best suited to attracting pollinators and bargain for some discounts!





School Council News



20/09/2024

Introducing our School Council members for this academic year!



School council will be meeting every half-term to discuss a range of important topics, share the views of their classmates and advocate for their peers.



The first meeting of the academic year will be on Tuesday 24th September. The agenda will include the transition from Summer holidays to school, regulation support and feedback from our whole school project in Life Skills to create our sensory garden!



Dear Parents & Carers



Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries Parent Workshop & Autism and Anxiety Parent Workshop

We are planning to run each of these workshops every half term (12 workshops in total).

Helping your child with fears and worries parent workshop	Autism and anxiety parent workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child is aged 5-12 years. • Anxiety is the primary presenting concern in the child and the anxiety presents at home. • The degree of anxiety is mild/moderate (not severe) – it is having an impact on the child’s life - for example the child is starting to avoid situations that lead to anxiety, like social situations. • The approaches in the workshop are designed to help with “irrational” fears, for example, specific phobias (dogs, school phobia etc...), separation anxiety, generalised anxiety. • It is not designed for children whose anxiety is due to trauma (eg: domestic violence), PTSD, bereavement, sensory overload. • Parent or child is not currently receiving any other kind of support for their anxiety (eg: at CAMHS or the AnDY clinic). • The programme is not targeted at children with a diagnosis of autism or those with autism traits. • The programme is not suitable for children who are non-verbal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child is aged 6 – 16 years. • The child has been recognised as autistic, has autism “traits” or is awaiting a diagnosis, and are experiencing anxiety. • The degree of anxiety is mild/moderate (not severe) – it is having an impact on the child’s life - for example the child is starting to avoid situations that lead to anxiety, like social situations. • The approaches in the workshop are designed to help with intolerance of uncertainty and to developing coping strategies to better manage worries about the unknown. • It is not designed for children whose anxiety is due to trauma (eg: domestic violence), PTSD or bereavement. • Parent or child is not currently receiving any other kind of support for their anxiety (eg: at CAMHS or the AnDY clinic). • The programme is not suitable for children who are non-verbal.

Here are the session dates planned for next academic year:

'helping your child with fears and worries' - Sessions are free of charge

Wed 9th October 2024 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
Thurs 28th November 2024 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
Tues 28th January 2025 - 9.30 – 12.00pm
Wed 19th March 2025 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
Thurs 15th May 2025 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
Tues 24th June 2025 - 9.30am – 12.00pm

'support for children with autism and anxiety' - Sessions are free of charge

Thurs 17th October 2024 - 9.30am – 12pm
Wed 4th December 2024 - 9.30am – 12pm
Thurs 6th February 2025 - 9.30am – 12pm
Tues 25th March 2025 9.30am – 12.pm
Wed 7th May 2025 - 9.30am – 12pm
Thurs 3rd July 2025 - 9.30am – 12pm

Sessions will be via Teams. We have capacity for around 4 – 10 participants each session.

Parents & Carers should email Wilma.Williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org and include: their name, email and phone number and their child's age and school.

Parents and Carers will be emailed a Teams link nearer the time of the session. Can Parents and Carers please also state which of the dates they are able to make, so we can allocate spaces.

Best wishes,

The Educational Psychology Service and Primary Mental Health Team

Key Dates

Month	Date	Time	Description	Who
September	23rd		Pupils complete New Group Reading Tests (NGRT) this week	Pupils
	24th	9:30 – 10:15	Yr6 Measurements for national Statistics	Yr6 Pupils
	25th	13:00 – 15:00	Governors Meeting 1	Governors
	26th	Afternoon	World Language Day	Pupils
October	4th	All Morning	School Photos	Pupils
	7th	TBC	Library Week	Pupils
	8th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	10th	All Day	RE Day – Judaism	Pupils
	17th	15.30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	Parents/carers
	22nd	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	24th	16:00 – 18:00	Open Evening for prospective families	
	25th	13:00 -14.30	Nic Crossley visiting Autumn Parent Event (at TVS Tilehurst)	School Community
Half Term 28 th Oct – 01 st Nov				

Report Of Absence for Pupils

To report a pupil's absence, please contact school office on 0118 9424750 (option 1) or email office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

For Medical appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment this can be sent via email or a screenshot attachment.

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