



Newsletter Friday 26th May 2023

Dear families,

What a whirlwind of a term it has been! Trips, projects and of course our Ofsted visit have made this half term fly by in the blink of an eye and it seems hardly possible that we only have 7 weeks left of the academic year. We were delighted to welcome Ofsted to our very special school last week and we eagerly await the final report so that we can share it with you all. The second half of the Summer term is always an exciting one too of course, with trips to the beach, end of year parties and meet the teacher days. I know many of you will be eagerly awaiting news of who the teachers will be next year, and this information will be shared in the first week back after the half term. Until then please have a wonderful rest and we look forwards to seeing you all return on Monday 5th July.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Donnelly

MAY THE *God* OF *hope*
FILL YOU WITH *all joy* AND *peace*
AS YOU *trust* IN *Him*, SO THAT
YOU MAY *overflow* WITH *hope*
BY THE *power* OF THE *Holy Spirit*.
Romans 15:13



Summer Fair

Friday 30th June

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a Summer fair in July. Supported by the Seeds of Hope and New Generation Church. We will have a fun filled afternoon of bouncy castles, BBQ and stalls. Children will finish early on this day (2.50pm) to allow everyone to make the most of the event. On June 23rd we will be asking for donations for the tombola (bottles please!), and we will also be asking for donations for the 'adopt a teddy' stall, so if you have any teddies or soft cuddlies that need a new home please bring them in any time after half term in the lead up to the fair.



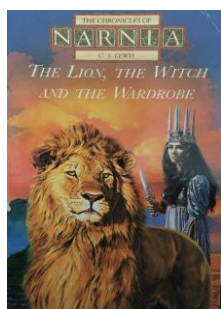
Spotlight On ...

Jill



Here at Hope we consider ourselves more than just a school – we're a family! And to help you get to know everyone in our family a little better, we will be shining the 'spotlight' on a different member of staff in each of our newsletters.

This week our spotlight is on... Jill



Q1. How long have you worked at Hope?

- Since it opened in 2013 (first two years as a volunteer!)

Q2. What did you want to be when you were little?

- A secretary like my mum

Q3. What was your first ever job?

- A washer upper in a transport cafe

Q4. What is your favourite book or movie?

- My favourite book is The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and my favourite film is Nativity!

Q5. What do you do for fun?

- Spending time with my daughters, family and friends, I love live music!

Q6. What is your favourite thing about working at Hope?

- The warmth you feel when you walk through the doors, the lifelong friends I've made and of course the wonderful families!

Q7. Tell us one thing no one at Hope knows about you already?

- Whilst at primary school, when it was my turn to ring the playtime bell, I lost grip of it and it smashed through the Head Teachers window! ☺



Morning Larks and Evening owls

Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Got a bit of shopping to do? Or an appointment to attend? Worried about making school pick up on time? Well don't forget we have both a breakfast and after school club here at Hope running from 7.45am before school, and until 5.30pm after school. Our clubs offer a relaxed space for children with fun activities and healthy food.

Prices:

Breakfast Club - £4 (siblings £2)

After School Club - £9 (£5 for siblings)

NEW - After school option 'short stay' (3.30pm-4.15pm) - £5

Please note that for next term, there will be a new booking system, using Parentpay which we will share with you after the half term. In the meantime, if you would like to book your child into either or both clubs, please send an email with the dates to our enquiries email account:

enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org

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Afterschool Club Timetable



Broadway Shopping Centre
Bexleyheath

Please take a note of these many exciting activities (many free of charge) which are taking place at "The Movie Shack" in Bexleyheath. See the timetables for the activities on these two pages.

Monday Art Club 4.30-5.30pm £5

Tuesday SEN Session 4-5.30 pm £1
Chess Club 4.30-5.30pm Free
Flesh & Blood 6-10pm FREE

Wednesday Magic: The Gathering
4-5.30pm Free
6-10pm FREE

Thursday Pokemon 4-6pm Free
Adult Pokemon Session (13+)
6-10pm FREE

Friday LEGO Club 3.30-5.30pm Free
Magic The Gathering 6-10pm FREE

Saturday Dungeons and Dragons £5

Sunday Dungeons and Dragons £5
Warhammer Club 10-4pm Free

"Everyone is welcome and we want to create a safe, fun, equal environment for all"

SWAC Newsletter

Summer Term 2023

School's Waste Action Club - SWAC is BACK!

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL BEXLEY SCHOOLS KS 1-5



Welcome to the first 2023 SWAC Newsletter!

My name is Lizzie, Bexley's SWAC education officer! I'm really looking forward to reintroducing SWAC into local schools and the community to help reduce waste across the borough.

For the past 2 years I have taught environmental topics such as climate and waste in schools across London, Kent and Surrey, as well as running my own textile business for 16 years.

It's important to me to spread awareness of reducing waste and living more sustainably, so future generations can lead a happy, healthy life in balance with nature. After all we are part of nature and this beautiful planet, not separate from it!

What does SWAC do?

SWAC's role is to educate and raise awareness on waste reduction, reuse and recycling in schools, academies and local communities. We mainly focus on food, plastic, textile and litter waste, delivering engaging activities that introduce Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and waste management practices through the provision of fun, interactive, curriculum linked workshops and assemblies. All our activities are FREE of charge and can be adapted to suit all ages, abilities and group sizes.



Sign up to our fabulous assemblies and activities (see attached sheet) and we can help you reduce your impact on the planet! Get in touch to find out more and book!

swac@bexley.gov.uk



What's NEW for 2023

NEW textile assembly & workshops!

Climate Education

We'll be linking climate education and the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals to our waste reduction resources to support the national curriculum & Education for Sustainable Development.

Who is your main Eco lead?

Please let us know so we can connect with you easily.

Key Stage 5 Careers Talk

Present and discuss environment and waste career options with your students.

Parent/ carer Sustainable Cafe

For golden time or after school for parent/carer/children to enjoy FREE food and textile activities together!

SWAC teacher CPD group

Would you like to join a small education community group to discuss eco ideas for your school with other teachers? Let us know!

Bexley Services Network

Visit SWAC at www.bexleyservicesnetwork.co.uk/Services
For all our latest information.

Bexley Eco Festival

Check out www.bexleyecofest.co.uk/schools for SWAC education links and events happening in Bexley!

Please contact us to book or discuss any of the above!

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We are proud to partner with the UK clothing reuse charity TRAIID on a clothing donation competition project with 6 local primary schools to reduce textile waste. Textiles are the 2nd most polluting industry in the world, more than aviation and shipping.

TRAID takes practical action to tackle and solve the problems caused by producing, consuming and wasting clothes.

Good luck to the 6 schools taking part!

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**Do you have any good news stories?
How you are celebrating The Coronation
of King Charles?**

**Let us know and you could feature on
our next newsletter!**



Earth Matters group at Hope Community School, Sidcup, excited to get their action plans started!

The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to make a difference in their school and local community. Schools connect activities to Eco-Schools topics prompting young people to consider environmental changes they can make in their school and everyday lives.

The SWAC team can deliver FREE fun assemblies and activities as part of your action plan to achieve green flag or the next eco school level status. We work with whole classes or directly with your Eco-Council to inspire and help you on your Eco School journey.

Contact the SWAC team for info and check out this link on how to become a successful Eco-School:

www.eco-schools.org.uk



SUMMER TERM FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



**FOR BOYS & GIRLS
IN SCHOOL YEARS 1-6**

THURSDAYS

- DATES: 26/4/23 – 13/7/23
- 12 SESSIONS IN TOTAL (EXCLUDING 1ST JUNE - HALF TERM)
- TIMES: 3.30PM - 4.30PM
- PRICE: £7.50 PER SESSION BOOKED TERMLY (PLUS MINIMAL BOOKING FEE)

- ✓ Fun and safe environment
- ✓ Practice and develop technical skills
- ✓ Coaches deliver enjoyable sessions of football
- ✓ Match time included in the sessions



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“Congratulations”

**Under 8's Cray Wanderers Panthers
For winning the U8 South East London & Kent Vase!
Our very own Elijah, Creators Class, gave it his best shot!**



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Over half term we have challenged the children to send in photos of them giving their time to help with something. This might be a job at home like washing up, or maybe something out and about in the community.

The photos will form part of a display and your child will get a special mention in a forthcoming newsletter.

Please send photos to Mrs Carvosso via Dojo.



Competition time

Rockstars, are you ready to show the world what you are made of?

Coming this June for one week only,
A whole school competition for TTRS.

Prizes will go to children with the:

- Most time played
- Most correct answers.
- Most days played in succession.

The competition will run from Friday 2nd June until Friday 9th June with results being announced on Monday 12th June.



“At Hope we are SMART when online”

At Hope Community School we know that Online Safety is important for everyone, therefore this half term children will be focusing on this in their Computing lessons. Please spend some time to remind children of the SMART rules of being online and how they can show these at all times.

S -Safety-Is what your child seeing safe?, Is it appropriate for their age?

M -Meeting-Do children know the rules of meeting up and the risks of talking to people online?

A -Accepting files- Are the files that children are receiving locked and safe in order to protect their device ? Do children know what harm accepting files can have to their device?

R -Reliable- Is the information that they are sharing reliable? Is the information they are looking at reliable?

T -Tell someone- Do children know who to tell if they think something online is not safe?

See page 2 for this weeks poster for parents and carers.

At National Online Safety we believe in our growing parents, carers and young people that the information they come to find is relevant, correct and about online safety with their children, should they need it. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... GAMING STREAMERS & INFLUENCERS

What are they?

'Gaming Streamers & Influencers'

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind of trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

Know the Risks

Adult Content

Many streamers use platforms such as Twitch or YouTube to broadcast their streams. YouTube, for example, is only for ages 13+ (YouTube Kids is for under 13s) and may contain a lot of other content. Streamers themselves may be under 18, but for younger audiences with the kind of content they make and with many upstarts streamers, anything can – and does – happen.

Authenticity Risk

A lot of streamers will have some kind of sponsorship deal in place with a company trying to sell their product to an audience. When the audience mostly consists of younger viewers, they may not realise that streamers are getting paid to review a product and may not necessarily have their best interests in mind.

Bullying and hate

While some streamers do employ moderators to try and combat hostile comments or bullying in their comment sections, they can still be very vulnerable to language and harassment. In the event of anything going wrong, children or anyone in the audience could be bullied or harassed.

Subscriptions

Streamers or so make money through subscriptions or via the live chat, where fans get to donate them a small amount and streamers often try to get a lot of gifts. They can be bought in the form of anything from a virtual gift to a real-world gift. Children could buy these gifts in large amounts without realising what they're doing, leading to a large bill later.

Safety Tips

Discuss what's real online

Be sure to teach kids the difference between what's real and honest, or fake and dishonesty online. Photoshopping fake images and videos and bragging about themselves online is unfortunately quite a commonplace so it is difficult to tell what is real or fake. People with large followings can be promoting unhealthy or unrealistic lifestyles to children to boost their own online influence.

Use Filters

There are filters that can be put in place to block out a lot of adult content on streaming sites. Just make sure you have access to children's accounts so you can set the parameters and keep track of what they're seeing yourself. Usually, parental controls will be located in the settings portion of an account's menu.

Check age settings

Both YouTube and Twitch state that they are not suitable for children under 13 years old, but other sites might be different. YouTube Kids, for example, is for ages 13 and under, and offers much of the same kid-friendly content that YouTube does without the risk of running into something improper.

Affiliate links

Keep an eye out for affiliate links in social media posts and blogs like that. UK influencers have to follow the CAP Code for advertising standards, but many don't. It can be hard to tell who is working through legitimate channels because it's almost impossible to regulate. Many streamers encourage fans to buy merchandise through online shops and stores.

Action & Support

Name check streamers

If your child has begun showing an interest in a streamer or influencer, check their names on Google. Some popular streamers have been discovered flouting industry regulations and using their young audiences to endorse their personal wealth through various other means on streams or promote drinking, substance abuse or links to gambling sites they operate to their young audiences.

Talk to your child

Initiate an open dialogue with your child about the kind of content they're consuming online. Ask about their favourite streamers and whether they like their personalities or the games they play and the community they have. Also remind them about what they should and shouldn't be sharing about themselves online and that just because social media stars do it, it can also be damaging.

Block and report

If you suspect a streamer might be taking advantage of their audience, or worse grooming children in any way, and have irrefutable evidence, do not hesitate to block and report them. First, block your child from being able to view their content and alert other parents to your concerns. Go immediately to the police or local authorities with the evidence of what you've seen.

Our Expert

Mark Foster

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and teachers with the information to help an informed conversation with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which are better trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit our national website for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FREE SPEECH VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone has the right of 'freedom of expression.' This is the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It is not the right to say whatever you want. We all have a responsibility to use freedom of expression properly by not saying things that are grossly offensive or threatening, or encouraging hateful activity, thereby undermining the rights of others. Both online and offline, hate speech targets those who are different to the speaker in some way. Communication attacking or discriminating against groups and individuals (because of characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

What is Free Speech?

Free speech is the principle that an individual is allowed to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship, or legal consequences. Here's why free speech is important...

- The Human Rights Act states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely and hold their own opinions – even if those views are unpopular and could offend others.
- Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important that we respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it.
- Any idea could potentially offend someone. Both Galileo and Darwin's theories, for example, were originally incredibly offensive to many. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.
- The ability to challenge others' views – and have ours challenged, too – is healthy, as it helps us learn to deal with criticism and to think seriously about what we say and believe.
- It's a powerful way to push for change. Many modern rights – such as women being allowed to vote, or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without free speech.
- Freedom of expression also includes the right not to do something, such as not standing up or singing for the national anthem, even though some people would deem that offensive.

What is Hate Speech?

Hate speech is any communication which displays prejudice against someone's identity. It can be derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs. Some common types of hate speech include...

- Targeting people or groups because of their race, gender or gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability.
- Content which dehumanises individuals or groups based on those attributes, such as referring negatively to them as animals, inanimate objects or other non-human entities.
- Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups, and justifying and glorifying these actions.
- Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior, or even that they are criminals.
- Promoting the exclusion or segregation of certain groups of people, or discrimination against them, because of who they are (e.g. their race or gender).
- Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity (for example, religious beliefs or a disability) is different to the person who's posting.

STOP HATE!

Report it!

Spread Love

Say no

Call hate out!

For further information and reporting:

Amnesty International:
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/freedom-of-expression/>

True Vision:
https://www.report-it.org.uk/reporting_internet_hate_crime

Report Harmful Content:
<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/100gen>

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Thank you for joining us for our DT showcase. We have been working on amazing projects, including castles, cars, pop-up books, automata toys and hydraulic toys. Well done Hope Community School!



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We have a new seesaw!

Pathfinders class has been making a seesaw for our outdoor learning project. The amazing MR MORRIS has kindly donated time, energy, blood, sweat and tears to this project. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Mr Morris!



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Wildlife Survey
Sunday 4 June, 2pm – 6pm



All Saints Churchyard
Rectory Lane
Foots Cray
DA14 4QN

Open to all ages
Come and explore!

- Drop in and record what wildlife and plants you find there
- Recording sheets supplied
- Download the free iNaturalist app to your phone to identify species
- Finds will be recorded on www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk, the world's largest collection of biodiversity data
- Beautiful, historic churchyard with many, old and interesting graves and stories

Churches Count on Nature 2023 

**School Office Opening
Hours**
8:30am – 4:30pm

**Please note the office
will be closed between
1:30 – 2:00pm
For staff lunch**

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Friday 26th STAFF TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 29th- 2nd June HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

June

Monday 5th Return to school
Tuesday 6th Coffee morning & E-Safety presentation
Friday 9th School Photographer
Thursday 13th KS2 History Workshop – afternoon
Wednesday 21st Year 6 – Trip to North West Mosque
Friday 23rd Bring a bottle for the tombola
Friday 30th Summer Fair

July

Wednesday 5th Coffee morning with Mrs Donnelly 9am-10am
Wed-Thurs 5th-6th Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12th Sports Day – whole school – 9.30am-11.30am
Meet the teacher afternoon
Thursday 13th EYFS/KS1 (Reception, Yr1 & 2) Beach Trip
Wednesday 14th Year 6 production @ 5.00pm

Friday 21st End of Year collective – all parents/carers

LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISH AT 1.30 pm

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