

# Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear families,

It seems hardly possible that the first half term is nearly done, but here we are! And the signs of Autumn are now beginning to (finally!) show themselves too. It's been such a great half term here at Hope; we have had visits from guide dogs, Black History celebrations, harvest, trips galore and of course a lot of learning! Excitingly our new stairs are also finally complete and you can read more about the impact of that for you as parents further in the newsletter. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forwards to getting stuck into the run up to Christmas (dare I say it!) when we return.

Mrs Donnelly  
Principal

**Ephesians 4:32**

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."



## Proud to be a 'GOOD' school

### Apply now for Hope Community School

When you  
Enter this  
Loving school  
Consider yourself  
One of the special  
Members of an  
Extraordinary family

If your child was born between:  
1st Sept 2019 – 31st August 2020  
You will need to apply for their Reception  
school place by 15th January 2024.  
All families will be offered 1:1 or small  
group tours of our wonderful school with  
the Principal, Mrs Donnelly.

#### 2023 open days are as follows:

- 10.30am - 12.00pm - Tue 3rd Oct
- 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Tue 7th Nov
- 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Tue 5th Dec

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## Go Team Hope!

Year 3 and 4 children had the opportunity to represent the school at the annual Golf festival held at Hurstmere Secondary School this term. They were a credit to the school, and to you as families, and we were delighted when Hope was awarded the 'Self Belief' award! The children moved around a range of different golf based skills sessions, with the sports leaders watching carefully to see how the children demonstrated the values of the Bexley School Games initiative: team-work, respect, passion, self-belief, honesty and determination. Well done team!



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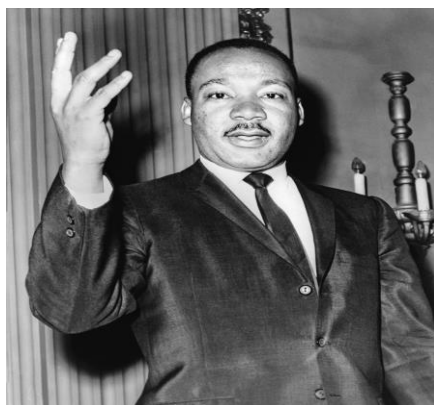
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This month we are celebrating Black History Month across the school. We are studying different inspirational people with extraordinary stories from all over the world through different mediums such as music, history and art. This week in collective we shared what we have learnt with each other.



Martin Luther King

Each class has been learning about an inspiring black individual and their impact on the world. In today's collective, we all shared what we had been learning in different ways; we sang, shared art, and read important messages. It was a very inspiring afternoon.



Bob Marley



Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock



Rosa Parks



A special visit from some 4 legged friends ...



Mr Stephens Sims from Guide Dogs UK brought in their latest puppy Dunton, a 15 month old golden retriever and Susie who was a puppy in training, however unfortunately got poorly, but they kept her for other functions.

Mr Sims and his team are puppy trainers – puppies train for 1 year, living in their handlers own homes, then go on to do their guide dog training.



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Our Sparkles Toddler group is up and running at Hope Community School  
Every Wednesday morning, this fun filled baby and toddler session is run by our wonderful chaplain  
Rhiannon.

Games, singing, stories and fun - we hope to see you there!

Place: Hope Community School

Day: Every Wednesday

Time: 9.30-10.30am

## School Entrances

Now that our stairs have been completed by Lidl, we are very pleased that we are in a position to trial opening the Lidl entrance in the mornings. We will trial the new entrance on Wednesday to Friday next week. A survey will then be sent to you during the holidays so that you can share your thoughts on how the trial went. A letter with full details will be sent to all parents on Monday, as this will involve some changes in how we staff and manage our morning entrances.



Our school photographers

## *Kittle Photographic*

will be in school to take individual  
and siblings (at the school)

on

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

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**New Table Tennis Tables** – The children have been thoroughly enjoying our new tables this term, courtesy of Mr. Constable. “Thank you so much Mr Constable for acquiring them for us”. ☺



The Borough of Bexley have asked us to send out the following link (or use the QR code in the adjacent poster).

They are seeking responses from all those who live, work, visit, or study in Bexley about their feeling of safety. The survey is a chance to highlight local crime and disorder issues which concerns people the most, alongside other data, which will help the Bexley Community Safety Partnership set its priorities for 2024/25.

The survey is open until Friday 27 October. You can scan the attached QR code or visit [www.bexley.gov.uk/communitysafetysurvey](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/communitysafetysurvey)

Free internet access is available from all our Council run libraries. Paper copies can be requested from the Community Safety Team on 020 8303 7777 or by writing to the Community Safety Team, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath DA6 7AT.



**Lest We Forget.**

## Royal British Legion Remembrance Sale:

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November



## Growing our Own

The children were delighted to find our veg patch is still going strong this term. Here are some of the children with our home grown courgettes which our cook, Rebecca, used up in one of her yummy recipes!

A 'thoughtful' gesture from our friendly  
local convenience store ...

## 'Cray's Food Centre'

Cray's Food Centre have very kindly  
offered a 10% discount to every member of  
the Hope Community ie families and staff



To be able to get this discount, children  
need to accompany you in their **Hope**  
uniform



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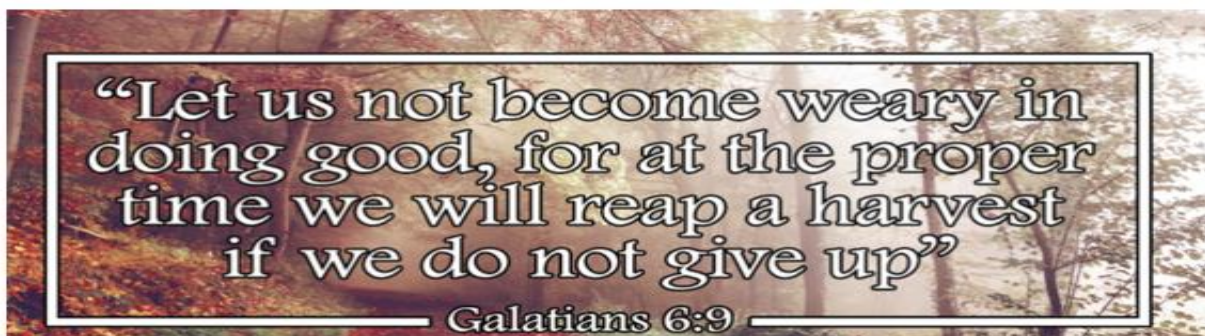
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Manager Gill, from Bexley's Food Bank has expressed a big thank you for the Harvest donations – well done everyone 😊



The values we have been exploring in our daily collectives over the last two weeks are **perseverance** and **justice**.

We have explored what these mean and how we can show these in our everyday lives.



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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WEDNESDAYS



## BOYS & GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 8/11 to 6/12

**FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL | DODGEBALL | RUGBY | HOCKEY**



**BOOK ONLINE AT**  
**WWW.CONCEPT4FOOTBALL.CO.UK**



**Multisports sessions to start: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**finishing: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Please contact C4F directly if your child would like join this brilliant afterschool club**

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## #WakeUpWednesday

Our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide this week addresses the timely and delicate issue of speaking to children about worrying content that they've seen online. Young people are so connected to the world through their devices that, by now, the vast majority of them will be aware of recent events in Israel, even if they're not quite old enough to comprehend them fully.

Many children will have watched or read potentially distressing online news items covering the violence – and will possibly need extra reassurance from trusted adults in these unsettling days. Our guide has practical advice on broaching upsetting subjects with young ones, allowing them to express their concerns and helping them to avoid becoming overwhelmed by their fears.

Grab our new guide below!

→ DOWNLOAD YOUR GUIDE



### Get involved in #WakeUpWednesday

Is there an app, game, device or online risk you'd like us to cover?  
If so, please get in touch with us at [hello@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:hello@nationalonlinesafety.com).

Get in touch



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## Dates for your diary

### October:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception: Health Checks
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Music Collective
	Parent Consultations Yrs R,1,2,5 & 6 – 1.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations Yrs 3 & 4 - 1.30pm – 6.30 pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Applications for secondary school deadline

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November – HALF TERM BREAK (2 weeks)**

### November:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety week
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pathfinders visit to Erith Fire Station
	EYFS (Reception class) 'Share a Story' @ 2.45pm – parents/carers welcome
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Collective
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pathfinders trip to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	New Intake 23/24 Tours – Mrs Donnelly 10.30am – 12.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Nurse – catch up clinic for Flu Vaccination
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Waymakers & Creators – Science Museum Trip

### December:

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Panto presented by the Rainbow Theatre Company
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Art Showcase – After school event
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day – 'Save the Children'
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity – am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Concert – am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY – FINISH AT 1.30PM

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## Public Health information for Parents/Carers from the ...

### EARLY YEARS TEAM

London Borough of Bexley  
Children's Services  
Education Improvement Services  
Civic Offices  
2 Watling Street  
Bexleyheath  
Kent DA6 7AT

<http://bexleyearlyyears.co.uk/>  
[www.bexleyservicesnetwork.co.uk](http://www.bexleyservicesnetwork.co.uk)

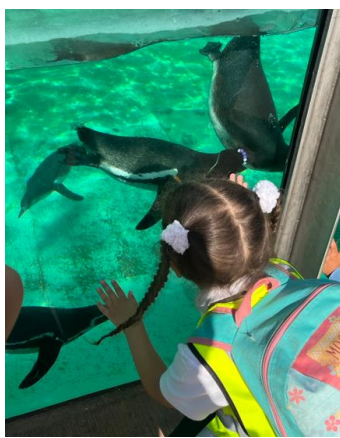
More than 102,000 children in England are starting primary school this term (aged 4-5 years old) at risk of catching measles and becoming seriously unwell. The MMR vaccine, which protects against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella, is safe and has been in use since the 1980s. The NHS provides this vaccination for free, with the initial dose given at the age of one, followed by a second dose when the child is 3 years and 4 months old. These vaccinations offer prolonged protection against measles, mumps and rubella. Exhaustive research has affirmed that there is no connection between the MMR vaccine and autism.

#### Call to action:

- If your child has missed their first or second dose of MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.
- If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.
- For adults, it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, contact your GP practice to book an appointment

For more information visit the [NHS website](http://www.nhs.uk).

## Waymakers trip to the Zoo



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## Hope's Pupil Parliament helping with Bexley's Foodbank



This week some of the members of the Pupil Parliament went to help Gill at the Bexley Foodbank. We sorted all the Hope School food donations and labelled them with stickers according to their expiry date. We had a great time learning about how the Foodbank works and what happens to the food that is donated. A big thanks to Mr Smith for coming along to help us too!

**Mrs Emma Carvosso**  
Deputy Principal



Lastly, but by no means, least ! We just wanted to share with you two members of unyielding, caring staff – they truly are unsung and unseen heroes who help make our school, the lovely school that it is. ☺

## Heroes of Hope Community School



**‘Yinka’**

### **Trust Clerical & Financial Administrator**

Yinka looks after the financial administrative functions for the Trust with regard to the running of both Hope Community School, Sidcup and Hope Community School, Southampton



**‘Pete’**

### **Premises Manager for Hope Community School, Sidcup.**

Pete looks after the whole building and everyone in it!

“Happy birthday Pete!”