



Hope Community School

Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2024

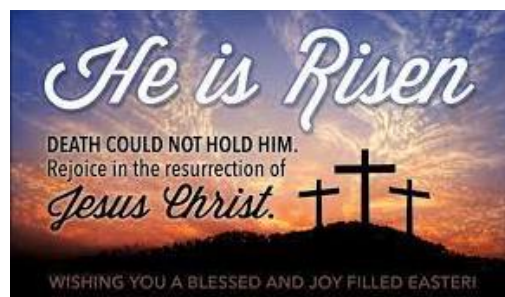


Dear Families

A very happy Easter to you all! I do hope you have enjoyed this term as much as we have. Indeed, it has simply flown by in a whirlwind of singing, productions, trips and Easter fun. A HUGE well done goes out to all of the children in Creators class and to their very dedicated and hardworking teachers, support staff and volunteers - the Easter show was nothing short of phenomenal and it was wonderful to see the children's talents shining through.

Until next term, I hope you all have a wonderful break and pray that we are blessed with good weather so you can make the most of it.

With kind regards
Mrs Donnelly



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School Attendance Matters!

It is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to contact the school office by 8.30am by leaving a message on the school answerphone or emailing: enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org if their child/ren are too unwell to attend.

Week beginning 4th March 2024

Discoverers	92.2%
Waymakers	93.5%
Creators	93.2%
Pathfinders	94.5%

Well done **Pathfinders!**



NHS Is my child too ill for school guidance
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Is my child too ill for school?

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery.
www.nhs.uk

Lateness- Week beginning

Discoverers	9 children late
Waymakers	8 children late
Creators	12 children late
Pathfinders	10 children late

In the week beginning 18th March, there were 64 incidents of lateness by 39 children and 13 hours and 23 minutes of precious learning time lost due to lateness! ☹

Uniform Expectations

Not many schools allow 'trainers' to be worn - we think this type of footwear is sensible and comfortable. However, our rules are BLACK plain trainers only (a small motif is ok) BUT NOT multi-coloured trainers or heavily branded such as Nike Jordans - these are NOT ALLOWED! Thank you for your cooperation.



Reporting Concerns/Queries

Whilst everyone here at Hope Community School prides themselves on always putting children first and doing their utmost to ensure your children have the very best educational provision possible, we recognise that parents and carers may, from time to time, have concerns about the progress, achievement, behaviour or welfare of their child/children. Parents and carers are encouraged to make those concerns known to staff so that they can be addressed in partnership with the school. In these instances, it is important to know that as a school we will always take any concerns seriously because we recognise that the sooner concerns are raised the easier it is for a resolution to be found.

The first port of call if you have a worry or problem is normally the class teacher and therefore we ask that parents make their first contact with their child's class teacher, who can then raise the issue with the appropriate staff member, including the Principal, should they feel it is necessary. If you feel the issue is a safeguarding concern, then it may be more appropriate to come directly to the Principal or a Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Carvossa or Mrs Anglin). Another option is to email your concern to enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org and it will be forwarded onto the most appropriate member of staff. Whatever the nature of concern, we hope you feel assured that any problems will be dealt with in a timely and professional manner. If you feel that your concern has not been addressed, then you can see how to take concerns to the next stage on our school complaints policy.

To see the full complaints policy please visit <https://www.hopecommunityschool.org/page/?title=Policies&pid=218>

Seeds of Hope

With the money raised last year we have been able to pay for:

-   We have contributed towards the work of Cribs, including paying for the Christmas and Easter play.
-  World Book Day Author workshops
-  Christmas Panto and presents for the children.
-  Contribution towards the fabulous science workshop.
-  Walk to school resource packs for all children.

We are still working towards replacing the projector in the hall. If you would like to get more involved with the PTA please speak to your class rep.



Our wonderful Lenny has been working with the children for half a term now and it has been amazing to see the incredible impact he has had on the children's wellbeing.

He never fails to bring a smile to everyone who sees him in the day, staff included!

The feedback from parents has been such a delight to receive. Watch this space as we have some more exciting announcements about further doggy related therapy which will allow even more children to benefit next half term.



"My child said she enjoyed spending time with Lenny and seeing what tricks he can do - he is a amazing dog!"

A huge thank you to Ms Pool for bringing Lenny in every week and spending time with the children.



School Games

It is now two thirds of the way through the year, and our progress towards earning the Bronze (possibly Silver!) award through the Bexley School Games is well underway.

A large part of this has been ensuring children and adults understand the important of '60 active minutes' and we have been working with children to help them reach their 60 active minutes goal. This includes ensuring all children, including KS2, get two active break times a day as well as 30 minutes of active lunch time. During break and lunch children have lots to choose from; football, basketball, climbing, table tennis, and on Friday's we even have dance time!

One of our other areas for development this year was to increase the number of opportunities the children have to take part in inter-school competitions and games. In November a selection of year 4 children were taken to Hurstmere Secondary School to join a Golf tournament, while most recently year 3 children had the chance to take part in the 'active 30' games. Of course, we have also set up our football teams this year and so far they have been out to play against Orchard Primary School – with more games on the horizon.

As we move into the Summer term, we will continue our work on this so watch out for our upcoming 'walk to school' week, rescheduled 'well-being walk' and of course – the Mini Marathon! In the meantime – don't forget to help your children stay active!

Bexley Voice Coffee Morning

For parents/carers of children with SEN needs.

Date: Wednesday 26th June

*Venue: Hope Community School,
Community Room*





Parent Drop-In Talking about sleep issues

Bexley Moorings and Flare Parent Group

Sleep can be a challenge for families and can affect children of all ages – join us and a group of friendly local parents on:

Tuesday 26th March at 10.30am
Welling Youth Centre
1 Lovel Ave, DA16 3HS

- Share stories and advice
- Brainstorm strategies to help
- Talk to other parents – you're not alone! We are building a community for families struggling with sleep.

|All welcome, just come along.

Tea, coffee, biscuits & a listening ear provided 😊



Creators time to shine ...



"It has been a joy to watch the children's confidence grow and shine since the start of our time together. They all thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and performing 'Resurrection Rock'. Every single one of the children stood out in their own special way – I am immensely proud of my class.

Miss Adams"



A huge "THANK YOU" to our wonderful PTA team who work very hard behind the scenes every term to ensure children are given as many extra resources, fun and opportunities as possible.

Staff are particularly grateful for your attention to detail ☺



Also to the teams at New Generation Church and Blackfen Library for your unwavering support and generosity.

Thank for your efforts and hard work in supporting Hope's families and staff.



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to those who attended the 'Anxiety' Parent Workshop from which we have received some very positive feedback. More Parent Workshops are being planned, please see dates below:

Subjects will include:

Challenging behavior – 25/04/24

Children's behaviour can be such a difficult battle for parents. In this session we'll be looking at different styles of parenting, setting and defending boundaries, and choosing which battles to fight.

Communication – 23/05/24

Communication is an important part of family life, and in this session we'll be looking at the most effective ways of talking and listening to our children. As parents we need to listen to our children and keep the lines of communication open.

Time: 9.00am-10.30am

Venue: Community Room

Refreshments provided.

If you would like to book your place on these very informative workshops, please let the school office know. If there are other topics you would like to explore, please do let us know and we will see if these can be accommodated.

Plogging with Mrs Donnelly ...

The Earth Matters group and Sports Captains had a great time 'plogging' with Mrs Donnelly last week. This growing trend sees participants jogging or walking while litter picking. The group took to the local area to get their steps up and look after our planet and collected 4 big bags of rubbish. Well done team!

Next term we will be organising a 'plog to school day' - watch this space!



EASTER EVENTS WEEK ONE



**April
2**

First Aid for Kids (Book EB) **2-3pm for age 5-11 £2**

Find out lots about first aid and receive a certificate for taking part



**April
3**

Explore Learning (Book EB) **11.30-12.30pm 11+ for Y4&5 Free** **12.30-1.30pm Y6 SATS Free**

Come and practice and get support from the Explore Learning Team



**April
3**

Robot Cross Stitch (Book EB) **2-3pm £1.50**

Come and colour and design a robot with cross stitch



**April
4**

Tennis Together Easter Challenge Drop In **10-12pm Free**

Join Nicola from Tennis Together and Beat the Coach - for ages 3-10



**April
5**

Colouring Fun Drop In **10-2pm Free**

Come and get creative with some colouring



Book on Eventbrite

Blackfen
Community Library

EASTER EVENTS WEEK TWO



**April
9**

Colouring Fun Drop In 10-2pm Free

Come and get creative with some colouring



**April
9**

Easter Birdie Rolls (Book EB) 2-3pm £3

Come and make some Easter birds and nests



**April
10**

Messy Church Easter Party (Book EB) 2-3pm Free

Fun, food, games, craft and faith



**April
11**

Gruffalo Party (age 3-8) 2-3pm £3 (Book EB)

Come along for some Gruffalo Fun to celebrate 25 years inc food



**April
12**

Easter Story & Craft 10.30am £1.50 (Book EB)

Listen to the Easter Story and then make some craft to take home



Book on Eventbrite

Blackfen
Community Library

We accept Government Tax-Free Childcare account payments for the Breakfast and After School Clubs.

How to apply for Tax Free Childcare

It's free, takes around 20 minutes, You will need your details (and your partner's, if you have one), including your: National Insurance number, Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you're self-employed Government Gateway account details. To apply Ctrl + Click to follow the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

'Happy Ramadan'

To all out Muslim Families



Wishing you a very happy Eid, may Allah fill your life with happiness, your heart with love, your soul with spirituality, and your mind with insight.



Well done everyone – as a school community we raised:

£117.28

'Happy Holi'

To all our Hindu families



Wishing you all a happy Holi, filled with love, vibrant colours, joyful moments and sweet memories.

Change to the menu going forward

'Meat free Mondays'

To help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint, our new fortnightly menu will be issued soon.



Easter Holidays 2024

9.00am - 4.00pm Daily
Boys and girls from
4 - 14 years
old

Whats needed:

- Trainers/Boots
- Clothes suitable for the weather
- Packed lunch and refillable drinks bottle (NO NUTS)
- Plenty of ENERGY

1 DAY - £25
2 DAYS - £40
3 DAYS - £60
4 DAYS £75
5 DAYS - £85

Discounts

- 20% Sibling, ASC, Tiny Tekkers Members
- Tech Centre Members



Week 1 - Football Camp
Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April
Danson Sports FC, Perry Street, DA1 4RB

Week 2 - Multi Sports Camp
Monday 8th - Friday 12th April
Old Bexley School, Hurst Road, DA5 3JR



Book online at
www.concept4football.co.uk

All C4F staff are UEFA or FA qualified with Enhanced DBS Checks



BASKETBALL CLUB



WEDNESDAY HOOPS & HANGOUT SESSIONS

HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL 3:30 - 4:30pm

£32.50

Wednesday 24th April - Wednesday 22nd May

Open to children in All School Years



Book online at
www.concept4football.co.uk

All C4F staff are UEFA or FA qualified with Enhanced DBS Checks

https://www.concept4football.co.uk/service-page/hope-community-basketball-wednesday?category=6c2ff998-e4a6-49da-ad1c-59265ac6357d&referral=service_list_widget

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This year we are excited to be applying for the TFL Stars Accreditation award. This scheme serves to educate our young Londoners on safe travel and we have a whole host of activities planned this year to help support that. Road and travel safety is such a vital part of growing up and especially important in busy areas such as London. So far this year we have already carried out Road Safety Week (back in November) and our year 5 and 6s took part in the Junior Citizenship Scheme in the Autumn term. This term year 6 completed their bikeability training and also took part in a bike maintenance skills session while down in KS1 and EYFS we will be introducing our 'weekend walkies' initiative – watch this space!

BIKEABILITY TRAINING 2024



Going forwards into the Summer term we have lots more planned including:

Walk to School Week 20-24th May
Outdoor Learning Day May 23rd
World Environment Day June 5th
Scooter Training for year 1 and 2

You can keep up to date on everything we are doing by checking out the website and popping in to look at the notice board in the community room. Until then - travel safe

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA School Mini Marathon fundraising event

The Seeds of Hope are organising our second Hope Community School Mini Marathon! This year it ties in nicely with the London Marathon which will be on 19th April. We will be holding our mini marathon in Foots Cray Meadows. It will be a great opportunity for children to raise vital funds for the school, and to exercise in our local environment and have fun!

This year we will be fundraising to purchase a new projector for the school hall. This is a fundamental piece of equipment that is used on a daily basis and which impacts all children in the school. It would be amazing if we could beat the amount raised last time which was well over £1000.

The run will take place on **Friday 19th April at 2pm**. Parents are invited to watch the Mini Marathon and support the children along the route. Please make sure you are there to support beforehand, as the run will start promptly at 2pm. Every child will receive a certificate for taking part and there will be medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place per Year group.

Children will be wearing their PE kits for the run and more information will be sent out about this closer to the time.

We are in need of parents/carers to volunteer as marshall's, to help guide the children along the route and as markers. Please let your class rep know if you are able to help ASAP. The event cannot take place if we don't get enough help. We hope you can help make this happen!

On the back of this letter is a fundraising sponsor sheet. Sponsors will need to fill out their name, address and amount they are sponsoring for your child. All sponsorship forms and money will need to be handed in together on the day (19th April), in an envelope marked with your child's name and class.

All children who hand in their sponsorship forms will be entered into a prize draw.

Let's try and raise as much as possible for our lovely little school and for our wonderful children to enjoy!

Thank you,
From Seeds of Hope



Dates for your diary

April:

Monday 15 th	Pupils return to school
Thursday 18 th	Pupil Parliament meeting – 3.00pm
Friday 19 th	PTA School Mini Marathon fundraising event- 2.00pm
	Hope's Got Talent – Grand Finale @ 9.00am (NO LOVELY HATS)
Friday 26 th	Boys inter-school football match HOPE C.S. –v- ST PETER CHANEL P.S. (rescheduled)

May:

Thursday 2 nd	Pupil Parliament meeting – 3.00pm
Friday 3 rd	Dental Team visit EYFS
Monday 6 th	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 7 th	Class Photos – Kittle Photographic
Wednesday 15 th	Yr5/6 – Trip to see 'The Lion King' at London's Lyceum Theatre
Monday 20 th – 24 th	Walk to school week
Wednesday 22 nd	Girls Cricket Festival
Thursday 23 rd	DT showcase
	Outdoor Learning Day



June:

Wednesday 5 th	World Environment Day
Friday 7 th	Summer Fair
Tuesday 11 th	Year 5/6 Residential Trip Meeting – 3.15pm
Friday 14 th	Fathers' Day Collective
Wednesday 19 th	Sport Day – am
Friday 21 st	Cystic Fibrosis Awareness – wear 'yellow' day

HAF PROGRAMME: Since the pandemic, we have been delivering the HAF programme to young people in the local community. Children who receive benefits related free school meals are entitled to a FREE space on our camps where we provide a safe and fun environment, including a healthy, well balanced meal. We have limited spaces available but I have put a link to our booking system below. HAF spaces will be able to be booked in the coming weeks when the council notify us to do so!

We also have paid places available too. These are available to be booked right away!

www.kinetickidsacademy.co.uk

WE'RE NOW
Ofsted
REGISTERED



**AGES
5-13**

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

**NEW FOOTBALL
CAMP!**

**FREE
EASTER
EGGS**



2nd - 12th April 2024

**EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT:
XAC135
valid until: 15/03/2024**



Activities could include: football, dodgeball, gymnastics, athletics, and tennis to name a few!

All staff are DBS checked, have undertaken safeguarding training & first aiders are always on site!

**If you'd like to pay by childcare vouchers
please email: info@kinetickidsacademy.co.uk**

FREE SPACES!



**HURRY...
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!
Reserve your place today!**



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WHY YOU SHOULD GO MEAT FREE ON MONDAYS

MEAT FREE MONDAY
#MeatFreeMonday

Global greenhouse gas emissions comparison:



51% due to livestock & their byproducts



13% due to transport (road, rail, air & marine)

Livestock is responsible for **65%** nitrous oxide emissions.

N₂O

CO₂e



(kgCO₂e) carbon footprint of a **Cheeseburger**
2.8



(kgCO₂e) carbon footprint of **Fish & Chips**
0.5



(kgCO₂e) carbon footprint of a **Falafel Pitta**
0.3

Animal agriculture is the leading cause of:



91% of Amazon destruction;



1/3 land desertification;



species extinction;



ocean dead zones;



water pollution.



It can take up to **12 kg of grain** to produce **1 kg of beef**.



Waste from a farm of **2,500** dairy cows = waste from a city of **411,000** people

Producing a **150g** beef burger



=

2,350 litres of fresh water



=

30 full bath tubs



=

5 hour shower



Tell us what you think about Meat Free Monday:

imperialcollegeunion.org/mfm-survey