

# BANDON HILL BULLETIN

Issue 60

Friday 17th October 2025



Assistant  
Headteacher Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful time our Year 1 children had at the Stories from Africa Workshop this week! A huge thank you to the professional storyteller who helped bring celebrated African tales to life for the children.

The children had a brilliant time immersing themselves in the stories through engaging drama activities. Using role-play and tableaux, our pupils got to play tricks just like Anansi The Trickster, go 'buzz-buzz-buzz' as the King of the Hornets and meet Nyame, God of the Sky. We absolutely loved seeing all their brilliant animal outfits—a fantastic effort from everyone!

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who have represented the school in various sports this week.

A huge congratulations to our Year 4, 5 and 6s who competed in the borough cross country competitions. It was a tough, undulating course, but every single runner showed brilliant grit and determination. Well done to all of them! A special shout-out goes to Tabby, who ran a phenomenal race to finish in 6th place in the Year 5 girls' race—a truly outstanding achievement!

Our boys' football team had a challenging cup game against Meath Green Juniors yesterday. They fought hard and worked really well as a team, but unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be this time. Our goalkeeper, Bahez, had a particularly busy game but never gave up and made some absolutely incredible saves! We are so proud of the team's effort and spirit.

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and joyful Diwali on Monday! We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with your loved ones.

Finally, a reminder that we are now heading into the half term break. We wish you all a wonderful holiday and some well-deserved rest. We will see the children back on Monday 3rd November. This will be the next of our dedicated wellbeing days and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for the second half of the term!

*Miss Hatchett*



# PSA UPDATES



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Please join us for a  
Bandon Hill PSA Disco

## FANCY DRESS DISCO

FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

YEAR 1/2/3  
4:30-5:30

YEAR 4/5/6  
5:45-6:45

Tickets £3.50 inc drink and crisps  
on MCAS until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

HELPERS NEEDED  
4:15-5:45 - 2 Adults  
5:30 - 7:00 - 2 Adults

Helping to give drinks out, collect tickets and watch children.

Helpers Children go Free

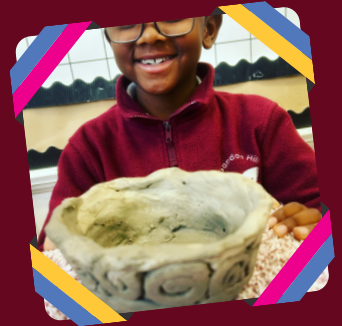
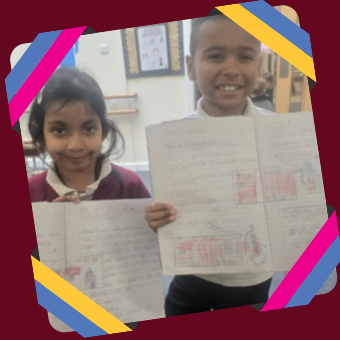
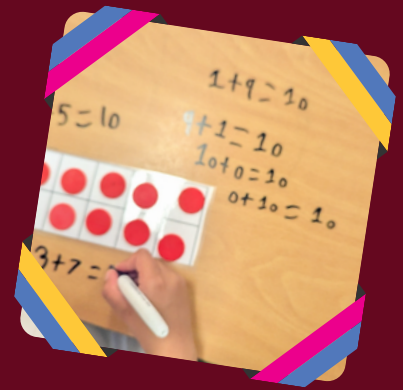
please email  
[bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com](mailto:bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com)  
or see Mrs Turner  
at the office

**If we can not get enough helpers  
events will be cancelled**

**WOO!  
WOO!**

Favourite Fridays  
raised £334.83!!

Follow us on Instagram @bandonhillschool\_psa



## AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



## Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan  
House

Weir House

Widdowson  
House

1162

1271

1206

1289



# POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS!

As part of our celebrations for National Poetry Day on October 2, we held an internal 'I Had a Dream' poetry writing competition. We were very impressed by the creativity and talent shown by all who took part - making it very difficult to choose the winners!

In Monday's whole school assembly, a winner and runner up from each year group were announced and we're pleased to share their names below:

## Winners:

Zainab (Year 6 Gandhi class), Tahlia (Year 5 Hawking class),  
Reeva (Year 4 Keller class), Parthiv (Year 3 Hadid class),  
Saanvi (Yr 2 Ali class)

## Runners Up:

Arshaan (Year 6 Luther-King class), Evie (Year 5 Curie class),  
Naitvik (Year 4 Frank class), Saavi (Year 3 Khalo class), Tian  
(Year 2 Ali class)

Congratulations to our talented poets, and well done to everyone who entered!



# CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

This week has been super busy and lots of fun. We decorated our diya lamps to celebrate Diwali. The children loved sprinkling the glitter! We also had our first show and tell sessions, thank you to those parents who sent photos via Tapestry for the children to share. The children always love sharing photos from home. Show and tell will take place every Wednesday so please keep sharing with us!

When we return from our half term break, we will begin our new topic based on people who help us. We will move onto Christmas once we reach December. We will also be introducing our phase 1 phonics lessons. These lessons will focus on listening skills, initial sounds, rhyming and other aspects of phase 1 phonics.

Thank you to the families who donated to the Nursery fund this half term. After half term, we will begin collecting voluntary donations of £3 for the second Autumn term please. Thank you in advance.

We hope you have a happy and restful half term. Happy Diwali to everyone celebrating and we look forward to welcoming you back on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



We have had such an amazing last week of this half term! We cannot believe they have completed their first half term of Reception already. This last week we have created pumpkins using tissue paper, explored pumpkins in our messy tray and spoken about how houses looked in the past and present.

After half term, we will begin our topic Autumn and Celebrations. We will also start our Autumn 2 phonics lessons and continue with our early number in maths.

Thank you to those parents who have sent in the voluntary £3 donation for our resources and environment, it is really helpful. After half term we will be asking for the same donation please.

Please ensure your child is wearing a coat to school as the weather is now unpredictable and we do not want them getting wet!

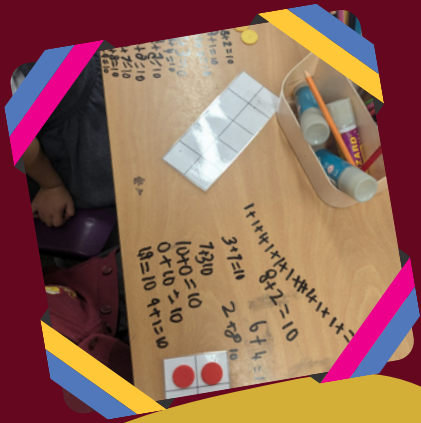
We hope you have a restful half term and to those celebrating Diwali we hope you have fun!



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

# 2

# 1



Year One have finished their half term with a bang!

Year one had a fantastic time celebrating Black History Month with a captivating African storytelling workshop. The children were inspired by the vibrant tales and engaging presentation. They all looked fantastic in their animal costumes and had a fantastic time!

In music, the class showcased their hard work by completing their performance. The children expertly demonstrated their understanding of pulse and rhythm, keeping a steady beat and playing their instruments with enthusiasm.

For maths, the children continued to build a strong foundation in addition. They focused on developing a deeper knowledge of number bonds to 10, using various manipulatives and games to master the different ways to make ten.

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you all have a lovely half term break!

It's been a busy week in Year 2!  
The children have been learning how to add and subtract ones and tens and then moved on to practising adding 3 numbers together.

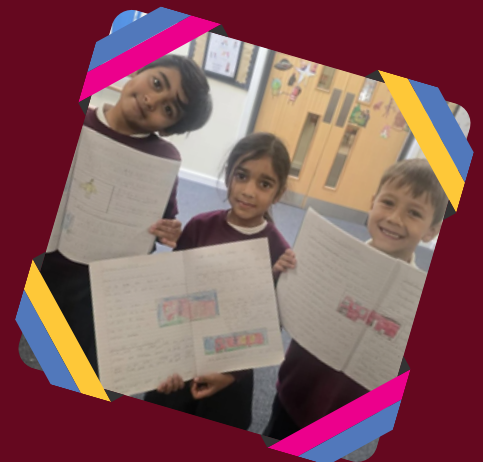
Fun was had when we painted and made our fire engines this week using cardboard boxes! They painted them before putting the body, axel and wheels together.

In science, to finish off our unit on materials we learnt about what materials are harmful to the environment and discussed what we could do to help.

Well done again to the children for producing wonderful non-chronological reports on fire fighters in English; they used some fantastic vocabulary.

In R.E we celebrated Diwali and explored what it is and how Hindus celebrate it.

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday.



# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



KS1: Jeffers 94%

KS2: Curie 98%

# PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Donaldson

KS2: Frank, Hawking, Gandhi



89% or Below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

# 3

This week in year 3 we have been busy writing our non-chronological reports all about the Stone Age in English! We are combining all our knowledge from English and history this half term, displaying our learning about the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic stone ages!

In maths, we have been continuing our exploration of addition and subtraction, using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract 100s.

In art, we finished our clay bowls by adding the sides and a pattern, using the coil method to create a swirl effect.

For the last history lesson of the term we will be heading to the Iron Age, exploring evidence to see how settlements and tools changes from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age and into the Iron Age.

## Reminders

- P.E is on a Monday and Friday. Please wear your kit to school.
- Hadid Class: Please bring your reading books on Fridays to be changed.
- Please ensure that coats and jumpers are worn to school during these winter months.
- Please bring spelling books on Friday's for the test



Year 4 have been working hard on their narratives this week, using their imaginations to continue the story of Edward Tulane and imagine what might have happened to him while he was stranded at the bottom of the ocean. We've been focusing on using fronted adverbials and creating vivid descriptions, and the children have produced some truly amazing writing!

Column subtraction with exchanging has challenged us this week; however, it's been wonderful to see the children showing great resilience and determination to master this skill.

Year 4 have really enjoyed working on their LS Lowry inspired collages - adding a different collage element each week. The results look brilliant!

Next half term, our history enquiry question will be 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' During this unit, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxon period. We are also planning to hold an exciting Anglo-Saxon workshop. Further details, including the date and cost, will be shared in due course.

We hope you have a great half term break and we look forward to see you all again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



# 4

# CURRICULUM

## UPDATE KS2

# 5

Things have been buzzing in Year 5 this term! Our artists have been inspired by the Jamaal Barber, the incredible relief artist. We've gone hands-on with lino printing—that means designing, carefully carving, and then printing our unique artwork. They've shown great patience and precision in transferring their ideas from paper to lino and finally onto the printed page!

This week in English, Year 5 have been crafting well-structured persuasive letters addressed to an explorer. The goal? To convince the explorer that they are the absolute best choice to join his next grand adventure! The children had some very compelling arguments, including their amazing survival skills and their knowledge of the Amazon Rainforest.


In maths, we have been looking at multiples and factors. The children are strengthening their understanding of number theory by accurately identifying factor pairs and common multiples. This essential work is critical for solving number problems and provides the foundation for future work in fractions.

Please note that instead of maths we have provided a suggested list of activities for the children over half term. As always this is completely optional however if they do complete any activity we would love to see it. Activities are based on either topics completed this half term or are in preparation for those coming up in Autumn 2.

Thank you for all your support this half term. We hope you all have a lovely break!

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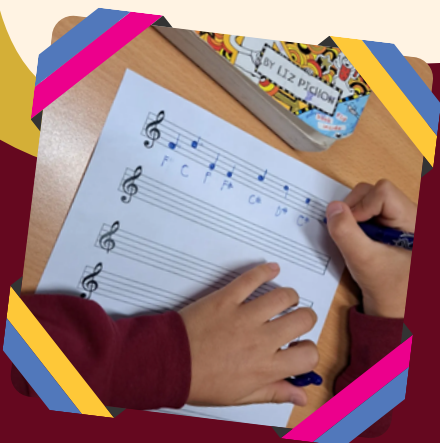
What a truly wonderful first half term your children have had! They have consistently displayed their Bandon Hill DREAM values in all they've done and have been fantastic role models to the younger students. This week, we kicked off our fractions topic in maths where the children masterfully tackled equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers, and ordering fractions on a number line. In History, we learned about the significant life of Walter Tull, the first black officer, and his impact during WW1. Our RE lessons explored Diwali 🪔, looking at how the celebrations differ among Sikhs, Hindus, and Jains, and we enjoyed creating our own vibrant Rangoli patterns.

For Your Diary  17:

On Monday 15th December, we've been kindly invited to Wallington High School for Girls to watch their drama performance during school hours.

Please remember that Mrs. Dodson will be teaching Luther-King for the first two weeks after half-term while Mr. Corfield is on paternity leave; any queries during this time should be directed to Miss Shah.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support. We wish you all a restful half-term and a joyous Diwali to those who celebrate!





# SPELLINGS

## YEAR 1

No spellings this week.



## YEAR 2

Group 1: write, wriggle, wrap, wrestle, written, wrecked, wrapped, wren, wrong, wrote

Group 2: he, cap, ran, tap, jam



## YEAR 3

Group 1  
redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge

Group 2  
looking, looked, buzzing, buzzed, jumping, jumped, helping, helped, fizzing, fizzed



## YEAR 4

Group 1: information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination

Group 2: redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge

Group 3: puff, fluff, bell, doll, grass, kiss, buzz, fizz, clock, back



## YEAR 5

Grp 1: abundant, brilliant, constant, distant, dominant, elegant, fragrant, ignorant, tolerant, vacant.

Grp 2: redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge.




## YEAR 6

Grp 1: ancient, cemetery, criticise, equipped, government, leisure, opportunity, recognise, sincerely, variety.


Grp 2: redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge.





# Autumn Term Lunch Menu



**FOOD SERVED HERE**  
Soil Association



## MENU WEEK 1





MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2, 7	Macaroni Cheese 2	Garlic Bread Broccoli A/F	Apple Crumble & Custard 2, 7
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger 2, 7	Vegetable Burger 2, 7	Crisp Cube Potatoes Sweetcorn 2, 7	Carrot Cake 2, 4, 7
WEDNESDAY	Sausage Roast Dinner 2, 4, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Shortbread 2
THURSDAY	Mild Creamy Chicken Curry A/F	Vegetable Pasta Bake 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Old School Sprinkle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse 7

**ALLERGEN KEY**


1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
12. Soybeans
13. Sulphites
14. Tree nuts

A/F Allergen Free




Catering provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust.  
All products are locally sourced wherever possible.  
All food is cooked fresh on the school site each day.


**AVAILABLE DAILY** Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes. Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements





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## MENU WEEK 2

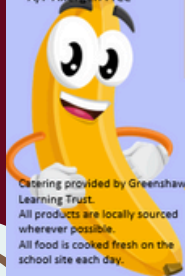



MONDAY	Meat Pizza 2, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Jelly & Fruit A/F
TUESDAY	Chicken Meatball Pasta 1, 2	Dhal Sweet Potato Curry 1, 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Marble Cake 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Glamorgan Sausage Roast & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Flapjack 2
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Pasta 2, 7	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Lemon Drizzle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	BBQ Quorn Fillet 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 7

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# Family Support

## Sutton's Education Wellbeing Service Parent/Carer Group: Supporting your Child with Fears, Worries & Anxiety

  
South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

### Is your child:

- Aged between **4-10 years old**?
- **Recently (in last 6-8 months)** started to **struggle with worry**?
- **Avoiding** certain places, **things** or situations?
- Finding it difficult separating from you?  
**If yes, this group might be for you!**



### Topics will include:

- Learning about your child's fears/worries and how they're maintained
- Strategies to support your child to face worries in manageable steps

**Group Details:** Groups will run across 5 weekly sessions. We ask that parents/carers attend every session.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
(every Tuesday), 9:30 am – 11 am



**Location: The Phoenix Centre, SM6 9NZ**

Please note: Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible if you're interested in joining!

**Suitability:** Our Parent/Carer group supports children with mild to moderate anxiety. We ask that Parents/Carers are not engaging with other support services to avoid families getting lots of different advice.

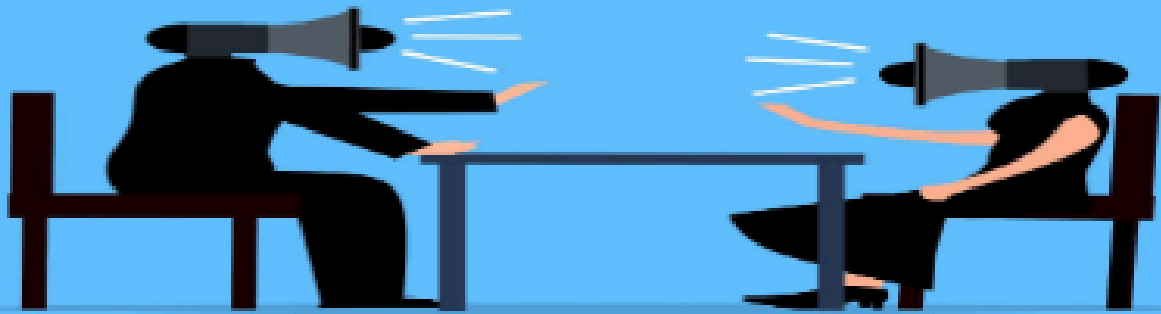
To sign-up & register your interest, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XFrbcZBfuV>

You can also complete this form by scanning this QR code →

We'll start with a screening call to make sure the group is right for you!





# Arguing Better

**A course to help parents communicate better with each other**

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Would you like to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict?

If yes please come and join us at:

Carshalton Family Hub & Children's Centre

Tweeddale Road, SM5 1SQ

**Wednesday 12th November 2025**

Start at 9.30am

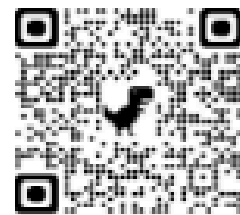
Finish 12.30pm

More information contact parenting: 07873 702777

## Parents only

Must have a child under 19 years or 25 years with SEN living at home and be a resident of Sutton. **Please note:** Both parents don't need to attend together

**To book your space please scan the QR code**





# Getting it Right for Children

A course designed to help you parent cooperatively. When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.

## Parents only

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**Please note:** Both parents don't need to attend together

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Carshalton Family Hub & Children's Centre  
(Previously Known as Tweeddale)

Tweeddale Road, SM5 1SQ

Friday 21st November 2025

Start at 9.30am

Finish 12.30pm

More information contact parenting: 07873 702777



# TEAM UP FOR TICKETS



Sutton United

VS

Gateshead

29/11/25 | 3:00 | VBS COMMUNITY STADIUM

**BRANDON HILL PRIMARY**

- All tickets bought through the link below will result in 50% cashback to Brandon Hill Primary.
- Sell tickets and earn prizes



# REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR



## Bandon Hill Primary School Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day

Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term

Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm

### **October half term**

Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term

Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm

### **Christmas holidays**

Monday 5th January 2026 – First day of term

Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

### **February half term**

Monday 23rd February 2026 - First day of term

Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

### **Easter holidays**

Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

### **May half term**

Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term

Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

### **Summer Holidays**

