

#### **WELCOME BACK ISSUE**

This year has got off to a flying start with a number of new members of staff joining the school, as well as new and exciting learning and extracurricular activities taking place, both in and out of school. We will meet the new members of staff and share the many fantastic things that have been happening this term.

# Meet the new teachers! Mr Waghorne

Mr Waghorne started at our school last year, working in Year 6 with Mrs Tindall. He is now teaching in Year 3. Mr Waghorne studied at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) and has previously worked at Morrison's. He told our reporter that one of his greatest experiences was beating Mr Fright during the teacher sprint, at sport's day.

#### **Miss Hetterly**

Miss Hetterly has joined the Year one team. She studied at CCCU and told us the things she likes the most about teaching is seeing the children every day and planning exciting things for them to learn.

#### **Mrs Millard**

Mrs Millard has previously worked as a personal assistant in London and has also worked with children in other schools. She finds teaching rewarding and enjoys meeting new people.

#### **Welcome to BWP**

# London Bridge Challenge: Fight Against Diabetes





This term, Arshpreet Kaur in 5H took part in the London Bridge Challenge, along with her family. This event was organised by Diabetes UK and the aim of the walk is to raise awareness and money for people who have diabetes. There are around 29000 children in the UK who suffer from Type 1 diabetes and, according to the BBC, the UK is the fifth highest in the world for children with the condition. The walk takes place every year and involves walking 10 miles from Battersea Park to Tower Bridge, crossing 12 of London's bridges in the process! Arshpreet completed the walk and achieved a medal for taking part. She is now looking for sponsorship to support this fantastic cause.

Well Done Arshpreet!



#### **Science at Brompton Westbrook**

This year, Brompton Westbrook will be working towards gaining the Primary Science Quality Mark: Outreach Award. PSQM is awarded to schools that demonstrate fantastic science teaching and learning across the school. Mrs Hofer and Miss Pugsley are taking part in additional training to support the school's journey to deliver even more outstanding science learning opportunities across the school and beyond, in addition to the amazing things we already have going on in our school. Regular science updates will be posted here.

#### **CURRICULUM ROUNDUP**

### What we are learning about across the school

Each edition we will showcase the learning taking place at Brompton-Westbrook.

#### **UKS2** Visit to Wild Wood

On the 26th September, Years 5 and 6 went on a trip to Wild Wood, in Canterbury, linking to their science topic of Lifecycles.

There was a wide variety of animals to look at, ranging from reindeer and bears to snakes and many more. As well as having free time to explore, they also had the opportunity to participate in an educational workshop, where they re-enacted metamorphosis (large changes) in animals, as they progress through their lifecycles. Most children agreed this was a fun and memorable way of learning about life processes.

One of the favourite aspects of the trip was crossing the rope bridge, suspended above the bear enclosure. For many this was a thrilling (but rather soggy) experience, giving both children and staff a unique aerial viewing of the bears in their habitat.









#### **Festivals**

This term we have learnt about the Jewish festivals: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (day of atonement). We considered the similarities between Jewish New Year and the time many of us celebrate New Year in January. We then discussed the significance of certain sounds and tastes, both in religion and in the wider world.

Next week we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival. We have been practising our songs and readings, ready for the celebration on Thursday 17th October. From Monday, children can bring in their donations of dried food. All donations will go to the Caring Hands charity, which helps homeless and vulnerable people become independent again.

#### **Christmas Card Designs**

Calling all artists! Pupils are invited to take part in an exciting opportunity to design their own Christmas cards, which can then be given out to family and friends. Children will be designing the cards in art lessons and then bringing their designs and order forms home by Friday 18th October, to be completed and returned to school by Friday 25th October. Designs will then be sent off to IQ cards, who will produce the cards and send them back to the school by 6th December - in plenty of time to give them out! Some of the proceeds from the Christmas cards will be invested back into the school fund to support the learning of the children.



#### **Beyond the Classroom**

Brompton Westbrook Primary School is involved in many initiatives that take place beyond what is learnt in classroom. Many children and teachers give up lunchtimes and time after school to maximise opportunities for learning and to develop our school in different ways. This section gives you the chance to find out more about these each term.



#### **Eco Committee News**

Mrs Bailey, who is in charge of the eco-committee, has launched a new project. She is collecting green and brown crisp packets to create a 3D tree. Mrs Bailey is hoping it will be about 6 feet high when completed. The tree will be made of wire and the crisp packets will be attached via a sandwich tie. This artistic creation, using recycled materials, will then be displayed in the Brompton Barracks canteen. It is hoped that the project will be completed by Christmas.

The reason behind this project is that children love to eat crisps but we all know that plastic causes big problems for the environment: it doesn't biodegrade and so ends up in landfill sites or in the rivers and oceans. By using our plastic waste in this way, we reduce the amount of plastic being thrown away. Also the piece of artwork will look amazing and remind people about the importance of recycling.

Dedicated members of the eco-committee will start putting the tree together shortly so start saving those packets!



#### **Burnet News Club**

The Burnet News Club is a charity, run by The Economist, which comprises of a network of schools from across the country, who publish and discuss their views on current affairs. Each term a different issue is discussed, which directly relates to something relevant within the news at that time. This term UKS2, have been discussing the conflict between Hong Kong and China and whether Britain should get involved.

In addition to learning in lessons, some children have become members of the online hub where they are able to blog their views, discuss opinions with children from other schools and ask questions to experts. There are 4 Burnet News skills which are developed through the discussions and tasks the children carry out: scepticism, reasoning, speaking-up and open-mindedness.

Children are awarded stars by the people who run the club at The Economist, if they make an outstanding contribution online, which demonstrates one of the skills. So far the following children have been recognised for their amazing contributions:

Year 6: lovely\_hippopotamus (2 stars)

easygoing\_weaver

Year 5: eager\_tiger

Log on to the Burnet News hub to find out more!



Year 6 BNC performing their Hong Kong in Crisis rap

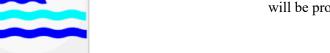
# Sports News

Here you will find out all the latest news relating to the sports we play at Brompton Westbrook

### Swimming

Year 6 have begun swimming this term and are off to a great start, with many children already able to swim 25 metres - the target for all children by the time they leave Year 6. As well as learning the front crawl, children have also been learning the breast stroke. For those children who have mastered both, they have had the chance to learn synchronised swimming, where they carry out a range of challenging movements in the water at the same time as each other. Melissa in Year 6 commented: "I like learning new things and wearing nose clips, but I don't like the cold water."





#### lunchlime Coaches

We are lucky enough to have PE coaches from Brompton Academy lead games on the field, two lunchtimes every week. Several children have been supporting the coaches, showing themselves to be super role models.

# Sporting achievements

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If you have achieved something in a club outside of school, please let the Brompton Bugle journalists know so that we can report it in our next issue!



# Upcoming Event

Brompton Westbrook will be taking part in the Mini Youth Games hockey tournament. Children have been working on their skills of dribbling, passing and shooting. Updates on the tournament will be provided in the next issue.

#### Clubs

The new basketball club has been launched for Year 6 and some Year 5 children. This takes place on Wednesdays after school with a coach from outside school. The children have been developing their skills and having lots of fun.

This week, Mrs Stewart took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to a cross-country running event - the first time we have competed in a such an event. In our next issue we will be interviewing some of the children who took part to find out what they thought of the race.

Rugby club is as popular as ever, running every Thursday night, with Mr Fright and Mr MacDonald. We are looking forward to hearing about any upcoming tournaments.