

# Y6 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 8th September

**Welcome to your child's Y6 class.**

**This evening we will be talking about:**

- How to help your child succeed in Year 6
- The Y6 Curriculum
- Secondary transfer
- Important forthcoming events and dates
- Please feel free to ask any questions at the end.

# Year 6 Teachers and Staff

**The Y6 teachers are:**

- **Miss. Jen Fearn**
- **Mrs. Annie Judge**
- **Mr. Chad Pheasant with Mrs. Helen Pickering and Mrs. Raju Jagtiani.**
- **Our teaching assistant is Mrs. Pinky Panjabi.**
- **Our phase group leader is Ms. Susan Chung.**

## *How to help your child become more independent in Year Six. Good preparation for next year!!*

- **Establish good communications with the school and the class teacher, via: home - school diary, telephone, the school secretary and e-mail.**
- **Encourage your child to be independent.**
- **Make sure your child knows how to contact you in an emergency. Do they know their home address? Work contacts, mobile phone numbers, etc.**
- **Make sure that they look after their belongings and that they are labelled.**

## Support your child at home.



- Talk and take an interest in their school lives. Help them to be confident and become more independent.
- Encourage them to use a computer sensibly, to support our units of inquiry.
- Encourage children to develop interests outside the academic curriculum.
- Support homework (will mention later) by encouraging good work habits and establishing a homework routine.
- Children require some special stationery items for Y6.



# The Y6 Curriculum



- We are now an IB world school which means we follow the PYP. The children will work through six Units of Inquiry throughout the year, one of which will be the Exhibition. A meeting will follow later in the term with more information about the Exhibition.
- The following subjects are taught by specialist teachers: Music, Mandarin and PE.
- P.E. (incl. Dance and Drama) is also taught by all Year 6 teachers. All students will take part in 4 swimming lessons this term.

# The Y6 Curriculum

## MATHS



The main components:

Number

Pattern and Function

Shape and Space

Measurement

Data Handling

The children will have the opportunity to work in smaller class groups for 2 sessions per week which are designed to be flexible and to meet the individual needs of the child.



## Assessment

- Your child's progress in all subjects is continually monitored and assessed by the teacher. This information is given to parents during parents' evenings and in the end of year reports. At the end of terms 1 and 2, UOI comments will be available for parents on The Gateway. More details to follow.
- Children will take INCAS and ISAs (writing) tests. These are assessed externally and feedback is sent to the school and then passed onto parents accordingly. There will be a parent workshop to help you understand the results (date TBC).

# Special Educational Needs at Beacon Hill School

- ❑ Inclusive school - All students are encouraged to participate in all school related activities to their best ability
- ❑ 3 students in our year group who are supported by the Learning Support Team
- ❑ SEN department works with each year level in identifying students and providing support structures for children with learning, cognitive and/or behavioural challenges
- ❑ Any questions please contact Head of Special Educational Needs: Belinda McLaughlin  
**[belinda.mclaughlin@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:belinda.mclaughlin@bhs.edu.hk)**

# Home Reading

- **The aim of Home Reading** at BHS is to provide an opportunity to practise essential reading skills. We believe that success in reading results from partnerships between students, parents and teachers. The Home Reading Programme has been carefully devised to enable students to succeed in reading.
- **The Home Reading Diary** - to be completed at least once a week. This will be a reflection about an aspect of their home reading. This can be their school reading book, books linked to the UOI, books from the public libraries etc.
- **Target Setting** - pupils will be given targets based on reading assessments and work completed in lesson times.
- **Children will be encouraged to take responsibility to change books when they need to and to read a variety of different types.**

# Learning Centre

- **Library and Reading Books.**
- **Please make sure your child uses a red book bag for all their reading and library books. Children can take up to four per week from the library. These can be changed or renewed on any school day.**
- **No bag, no book!**

## ▣ Homework

- Children will be expected to practise reading and spelling each night.
- Maths homework is set on Thursday and returned the following Tuesday.
- English/PYP – once a week or an ‘on going’ project.
- Check in the diaries and emailed weekly update for special instructions and when homework has to be returned.
- 45 – 60 minutes per night.



# Medical Information

- ▣ BHS is a NUT FREE ZONE
- ▣ Please keep the school nurse informed of any allergies or medical conditions that your child has.
- ▣ Medication must only be sent to school if **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!** If this is the case, you should provide:

Doctors' notes and written requests from parents about medication must be clearly labelled (type, dosage, doctor's details) and must be brought in by a parent or parent representative and handed to the school nurse.

# Secondary Transfer Arrangements

- Your child will get a place at an ESF Secondary School, usually either KGV, Island School or Sha Tin College (STC) as long as the application is submitted by the due date.
- At the moment the secondary school is determined by catchment zones, dependent on your postal address.
- The application form is accessible via the Gateway:  
[bhs.tg.esf.edu.hk](http://bhs.tg.esf.edu.hk) – Admin > Change Request > Transfer Application Form for Year 7
- Later in the year your child will visit and attend introductory days at their prospective secondary school. You will receive information packs in due course.

# Important forthcoming events and dates

- **12<sup>th</sup> September – CPD Day. School Closed**
- **13<sup>th</sup> September – Public Holiday. School closed.**
- **16<sup>th</sup> September – PTA BBQ at KCC**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> September – Deadline for Transfer Application for Year 7**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> September - International Day**
- **30<sup>th</sup> September - CPD Day (School closed for children)**
- **1<sup>st</sup> October – Public Holiday. School closed.**
- **7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> September & 26<sup>th</sup> October- swimming**
- **6<sup>th</sup> October– Y6 Camp Information Meeting 7pm**
- **12<sup>th</sup> October – Sports Day**
- **17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October - Half term Holiday.**
- **27<sup>th</sup> October – PTA AGM.**
- **28<sup>th</sup> October – Diwali Assembly.**
- **7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November - Y6 Camp.**
- **25<sup>th</sup> November - 6P Class Assembly**
- **8<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum visit for children attending Island School**
- **14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Concert**
- **16<sup>th</sup> December - End of term (Noon).**

# Camp Information

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November

- We are currently planning the Outward Bound camp with the staff in Sai Kung. As a guideline the price will be as follows:
- Approximately, HK\$ 3,700 for the camp, transportation to camp and insurance. There is a presentation ceremony at the end of the camp on the Friday afternoon, which is a great opportunity to see what we've been doing and the facilities that the site offers. The children will go home with you after this ceremony.

# Parent Volunteers

- If you have any area of expertise which may link to our units of inquiry then please e-mail the relevant teacher nearer the time.
- If you are able to help please contact your child's teacher.

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