

# Newsletter #19

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## PRINCIPAL'S WORDS

Dear Parents,

This morning we were treated to a fantastic assembly from 4F about Explorers.

The children used their research into Famous explorers to develop a TV show showcasing their knowledge. We also saw some fantastic dance and song performances. Well done to all the students in 4F and the adults who supported them.

For parents of Year 4-6, you should receive an email today regarding access to your child's results from their ISA assessments which they took in October. If you have any questions, please contact [susan.chung@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:susan.chung@bhs.edu.hk)

### **Health & Safety**

We are entering flu season again in Hong Kong and you will have heard of the rise in cases in some schools across Hong Kong. In order to be extra vigilant we are asking all Year 1 & 2 parents or carers to record their child's temperature prior to coming to school each day. Please keep a special eye on the health of your children and if they show any signs of a high temperature or feeling unwell, please keep on the side of caution and keep them off school. We will do all we can to ensure clean, safe and healthy conditions at school, but we need your help to

minimize the spread of the virus.

## Student Achievement

**January 6** - Yi Wing Chan (6D), Hena Yang (6D) and Sera Yang (6Y) participated in the SportsScene Inter-School Gymnastics Competition.

Yi Wing got the 3rd place in individual all around and 1st place in vault.

Hena got the 4th place in individual all around and 2nd place in vault.

Fantastic effort girls!



**January 13** - Jeremy Yin (1W) won the Silver Prize (age 6 and below) at the first "The Hope Cup" Mandarin speech contest, Hong Kong district. This was the first time he attended a speech contest and he practiced lots at home. Well done Jeremy!



**January 13** - Leighton Chu (2K) and Aiden Chu (1L) took part in The 45th Newtons Challenge Cup for Math Elites [STEM Competition Series] at The Hong Kong Cultural Center. They both won the 2nd Runner up for Primary 1 and K3. They were both rewarded with a trophy. What a great start to the year boys!



At BHS we value the importance of developing the 'whole' child and this means valuing their achievement and interests outside of school. If your child has achieved something special, we would be happy to share that with the BHS community through this newsletter. Please email details and a photograph to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk)

## **Action in the Community**

Thank you to everyone who have shared with me the wonderful action you and your family are involved in. I will be sharing different examples each week. To start with we have Cameron and Ava's family. Below is an email from their parents.

### **January 6 -**

Cameron and Ava have always wanted a pet dog, and they've always known that we would adopt because there are so many unfortunate dogs that deserve a home. 6-year-old Holly is one of many ex-breeder dogs that have spent years in the dark and crowded cages with no human interaction or proper healthcare.

It's been a week having Holly with us, Cameron has been really patient in helping Holly settle in, while Ava has work tirelessly to cheer up Holly with toys and games. We understand that Holly will need lots of time and patience to adjust to her new family and surrounding. We are fortunate to have her and look forward to many games, cuddles and long walks.

Adopt Don't Shop!

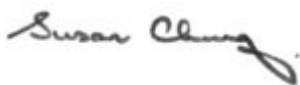


## **Important Dates**



<b>WB 21 January</b>	<b>Tuesday 22nd</b> - KGV Taster Day <b>Tuesday 22nd</b> - Popcorn Day for Years 1 & 4 <b>Wednesday 23rd</b> - Popcorn Day for Years 2 & 5 <b>Thursday 24th</b> - Popcorn Day for Years 3 & 6 <b>Friday 25th</b> - Year 2 Sharing Unit <b>Friday 25th</b> - Japanese Mother Tongue Language Group 2.15pm <b>Saturday 26th</b> - ESF HK Fun Run 2019
<b>WB 28 January</b>	<b>Tuesday 29th</b> - Year 3 Pizza Lunch <b>Wednesday 30th</b> - Year 1 Chinese New Year Dim Sum Trip <b>Thursday 31st</b> - Year 2 Chinese New Year Dim Sum Trip <b>Thursday 31st 6pm</b> - Chinese New Year Performance for Parents of Participating students <b>Friday 1st February</b> - Chinese Cultural Activities Day & Chinese New Year Assembly for Students
<b>Chinese New Year</b>	<b>Monday 4th - Friday 8th February</b> - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>WB 11 February</b>	<b>Monday 11th</b> - Year 6 Island School Science <b>Tuesday 12th</b> - Year 1 & 2 Sports Day (Still pending confirmation from Kings Park) <b>Tuesday 12th</b> - Year 5 Pizza Lunch <b>Thursday 14th</b> - Island School Taster Day <b>Friday 15th</b> - <b>Inclusivity</b> House Day (Children in <b>Inclusivity</b> House can wear <b>BLUE</b> casual clothes and bring a small donation \$10-20 for their House Charity) <b>Friday 15th</b> - Japanese Mother Tongue Language Group 2.15pm

Kind regards,



**Susan Chung**

**Acting Principal**



## **Mandarin Mondays**

Chinese New Year - Spring Festival is coming! It is the biggest Festival for Chinese people. During this time the Mandarin Club will present a story about the origins of Spring Festival Eve (Chu Xi 除夕) and the relevant culture. The story of "Chu Xi 除夕" tells how our brave ancestors defeated a monster called "Xi 夕". Where did the monster come from? How does it affect the Spring Festival? You will find out the interesting background during the story time. Come to join us, let's learn the Chinese culture together! Wish you a Happy Spring Festival!"

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## **Action in the PYP at BHS**

# TAKE ACTION

It has been great celebrating the talents and achievements of our students through the 'Student Achievement' section in the newsletter. We would like to do something similar with Student Action. Action in the PYP is when students are inspired through their learning and their experiences to make a difference to their lives or the community connected to real life issues and opportunities. We would like to celebrate our students taking action outside of school.

Please could you email examples to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk) and they will be shared through our newsletter.

There are different types of Action. We would like to start with a focus on Participation. See below for a definition and examples

<b>Type of Action</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<p data-bbox="295 1413 536 1451"><b>Participation</b></p> <p data-bbox="156 1467 679 1615">Being actively involved in their learning and contributing as an individual or a group</p>	<p data-bbox="746 1198 1299 1290">Getting involved with community projects</p> <p data-bbox="751 1305 1291 1453">Making appropriate choices and taking responsibility to help people</p> <p data-bbox="767 1469 1267 1668">Taking on different roles e.g. being a leader, completing my chores, working in a group, looking after my pet</p> <p data-bbox="730 1684 1311 1776">Taking part in any decision making process</p> <p data-bbox="863 1792 1174 1830">Joining a new club</p>

**Andy Thompson**

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# Book Drive



Brody, Ryan and Muchan in Year 6 are organising a Book Drive to help spread our love of reading. The Sony Corporation will collect books to create mobile libraries in South Africa for schools that do not have enough books for children to read. If

1. Written in english language
2. Suitable for 6-12 years old
3. Pages should not be yellow or brown(due to aging)
4. No missing or torn pages
5. No scribbling on the pages
6. No textbooks
7. No magazines
8. No encyclopedias

you have books that are:

Please send them to school. There will be a collection box in the school foyer from Monday 21st January. Any books you can donate will help spread the enjoyment of reading.

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## Wanted: Old Electronics



We are hoping to collect old electronic or battery operated items and toys that have moving parts that are no longer needed as part of our Makers stock. If you have anything you can donate please send it to school and put it in the collection box in the foyer labelled Old Electronics.

Many thanks.

**Stu Lowe and Haymen Mak**

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## **Community Choir**

This is open to all parents of BHS students and to BHS Staff. The choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7pm. Our next performance will be at the CNY assemblies. No auditions or previous singing experience - just lots of enthusiasm needed!

If you are interested in joining, come to the music room on Thursdays at 7pm.

For existing members, click [HERE](#) for the audio files.

**SPORTS**





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## **Touch and Tag Rugby Schedule**

**Thursday 24th January** \*cancelled\*

**Thursday 31st January** - to be confirmed

**Thursday 7th February** - no training (Chinese New Year)

**Thursday 14th February** - Morse Park 4.45pm pick up from school

**Thursday 21st February** - no training

**Thursday 28th February** - Morse Park 4.45pm pick up from school

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Popcorn Day**

We're having a special fundraiser to help fund the triathlon suits for Aquathon Club. Popcorn will be sold for \$20 a portion during break time. Year groups will be split as follows in order to manage demand :

**Tuesday 22 January** Y1 & 4 Popcorn Day

**Wednesday 23 January** Y2 & 5 Popcorn Day

**Thursday 24 January** Y3 & 6 Popcorn Day

In line with our drive to reduce waste, please ask your child to bring their own container.

We appreciate your support for this event.

### **Y5 Bake Sale**



Thank you to the Y5 students & families for your home-made Bake Sale goodies. Y5 helped to raise \$3915 for the BHS PTA to help support BHS.

## **Hot Lunches**

**Deadline for February ordering is today Friday 18 January.** Please note DCK will not accept any orders beyond this date.

## **Pizza Lunch**

**Year 3 Pizza Lunch** is on **Tuesday 29 January**. For those who have ordered, please remember to bring a reusable plate / container to eat off.

## **Uniforms**

If you wish to place an order, the winter form can be downloaded from BHS website as per the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1Sf7CyHPuSuU3MJ9H4F83V4Tm60m7v0oFMMR6wd2oGEHmGQ/viewform>

## **Upcoming Events :**

**Friday 18 January** Deadline for Hot Lunch Order

**Tuesday 22 January** Y1 & 4 Popcorn Day

**Wednesday 23 January** Y2 & 5 Popcorn Day

**Thursday 24 January** Y3 & 6 Popcorn Day

**Tuesday 29 January Y3 Pizza Lunch**

Regards,

**BHS PTA**

**Email : [pta@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@bhs.edu.hk)**



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**Message from ESF**

Our websites have been running for a few years since the last revamp. We are now conducting a survey so as to understand how our websites should be improved to help parents in their information search and decision making.

It would be great if you could help by filling out a simple questionnaire at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/qjDRSqRvXDqKp7jW2> (deadline: 17 January).

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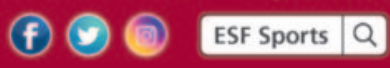
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## OTHER NEWS

# HEALTH

## INFLUENZA SEASON

We would like to inform you of the fact that a **few** students from Primary One are on sick leave diagnosed with Flu A. The children are resting at home and will resume school when fully recovered (as per doctor's advice).

Signs and symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, fatigue and headache; also may have vomiting and diarrhoea.

When infected people cough, sneeze or talk, Influenza viruses mainly spread through droplets and / or by direct contact with the secretions of infected persons.

### Prevention

- The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) remind the public, in particular, children, the elderly and those with underlying illnesses to receive Influenza Vaccination as early as possible to prevent Seasonal Influenza; it takes about two weeks for antibodies to develop in the body after vaccination.
- To maintain good personal hygiene: Always Keep Hands Clean.
- To maintain good environmental hygiene.

### Reminder from CHP

“To prevent outbreaks of influenza and other respiratory infections, it is of prime importance that children with fever (oral temperature higher than 37.5°C, or ear temperature higher than 38°C), regardless of the presence of respiratory symptoms, should not be allowed to attend school. They should be advised to seek medical advice and should avoid school till 48 hours after the fever has subsided.”

Also, children who develop skin rash, diarrhoea or vomiting are strongly advised not to attend school.

### Scarlet Fever (SF)

We would also like to inform you of the fact that **one** student was on sick leave diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. The child took rest at home, recovered and



returned to school as advised by the doctor.

It is a bacterial infection caused by Group A Streptococcus.

The child may experience fever, sore throat, a rash (usually the upper trunk and neck which spreads to the limbs).

If you suspect that the child has SF, please consult the doctor for confirmation of diagnosis.

**Always Keep Hands Clean.**

Thank you.

**Rosalind Chen**

**School Nurse**

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