

# Newsletter #19

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## A MESSAGE FROM BRENDA

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

As we get closer to Chinese New Year I can feel the excitement brewing in the school. The children are busily practising their performances for assembly and the school is decorated with lovely artwork and of course our beautiful blossom tree. Please refer to the email sent last week with all of the CNY organisation.

### **Lost Property**

Our lost property basket is overflowing with winter jackets and jerseys and the cooler weather has only just begun! Please ensure all clothing is labelled so if children do leave it in the playground, it can be returned to them.



### **Government Education Grant**

An email was sent this evening with details of how to claim this grant. Please refer to the procedures outlined in the email. Signed forms are to be handed into our school office. Please do not send to ESFC or to the Education Bureau.

### **Dress in Traditional Chinese Clothing**

We are encouraging all students and staff to wear Chinese clothing to celebrate CNY on Thursday 23 January. This will be a fun day where the children will be involved in cultural activities and will also get to see the Lion Dance performance to bring in the year of the Rat.

Kind regards,

**Brenda Cook**

**Principal**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please find below important dates for your diary. These dates are more school-based rather than individual year group dates. More specific dates pertaining to your year group will be shared by your child's teacher as part of fortnightly updates.

**Week beginning Monday 20 January** – Chinese New Year Celebrations (Details have been sent last week via email)

**Thursday 23 January** – School closes at 3pm for CNY holiday

**Monday 3 February** – School closed for CPD (staff training)

**Tuesday 4 February** – School resumes for students

## USEFUL FORMS

### Medical Authorisation Form

Please click [HERE](#)

### Student Withdrawal Form

Please click [HERE](#).

### PTA Winter Uniform Order Form

Please click [HERE](#).

## PTA NEWS

### Y2 Bake Sale



Thank you to the Y2 students & families for your home-made Bake Sale goodies. Y2 helped to raise \$4110 for the BHS PTA to help support BHS.

### IFF Grand Raffle

Our annual raffle is approaching again and we once again ask for your generous support towards the prizes. All proceeds raised will go towards improvements to school facilities.

We appreciate any donation of prizes (valued at \$500 or more) or any cash donation which will be used to purchase prizes. We appreciate if any donated prizes are dropped off to the PTA office by 17 January 2020. A donation form has been attached to your child's school diary and also attached below. Once again we thank you for your generosity.

## **Hot Lunches**

Lunch order for February will open from **10-19 January**. If you wish to order please login to your child's account at [DCK Lunch](#). DCK will not accept any orders after this date so please place order within the time slot.

Sports days have just been confirmed:

**February 11** - Y1&2 10:00am-2:00pm

**February 20** - Y3-6 10:00am-2:00pm

Snack & lunch will take place at King's Park so DCK lunch shall automatically be cancelled on the respective day. Orders will still have to be taken but DCK will arrange credit at a future date.

A reminder that lunch cancellations can only be made through email and must be sent out before 8:30am on the day required. Please email [mealbox@deliciousck.com](mailto:mealbox@deliciousck.com) stating school name, student name, class and cancellation date(s).

## **Uniforms**

If you wish to place an order please click on the link, fill in the form and hand in a cheque with you child's name, class, contact number and uniform written on the back. We shall send the order straight to classroom as soon as the cheque is received.

**[Uniform Order Form \(Winter\) - CLICK HERE](#)**

**Upcoming Events:**

**January 10-19** - DCK February Lunch Ordering

**January 21** - Y3 Pizza Lunch

**February 11** - Y5 Pizza Lunch

**February 25** - Y1 Bake Sale

**BHS PTA**

## **AROUND BHS**

### **Tag Rugby Training January Sessions**

**Thursday 23rd January** - No Training (start of the Chinese New Year holiday)

**Thursday 30th January** - No Training - Chinese New Year holiday

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### **Calling All Gymnasts**

The school is looking to enter the Hong Kong Inter School Primary gymnastics competition which will be held in April/May. If your child is currently doing gymnastics and their coach recommends they join this competition can you please email me at [timothy.teahan@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:timothy.teahan@bhs.edu.hk)

The categories are:

A Grade: must be born on or after 1 Jan 2007.

B Grade: must be born on or after 1 Jan 2009.

C Grade: must be born on or after 1 Jan 2010.

**Tim Teahan**

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## **Graphic Novel Writing Competition**

Congratulations to all those students who entered our Graphic Novel Writing Competition. This ran last term and we received stories from children in all year groups some of whom worked independently and some in small groups. The entries were varied and many showed the mix of great drawing, interesting plotline, snappy speech and humour that make graphic novels so popular with our readers at BHS. Originally the prize for our First Place winners was to listen to Dav Pilkey, the creator of Captain Underpants and Dogman, talk about his writing. Unfortunately, his plans to visit Hong Kong changed but his publishers Scholastic here in Hong Kong very kindly donated some goodies for our winners. Here is a list of the winning authors and photos of some of them!

First place	Runners up
Alexis 1G	Sheldon 1G
Casey 4A	King 4F
Virginia 4A	Martin 4F
Cassy 5Y	Marcus 4J
Aidan 6C	Yik Wa 4J
Aaron 6P	Nicole 5H
Jeremy 6C	Julian 5H
Mason 6C	Shaun 5H
Coen 6D	Saadat 5Y
Hao Sen 6P	Rakin 6D
	Harry 6D
	Edward 6D
	Johnny 6D





**Emily Jeves**

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## **LEAP Fundraising**

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### **Community Choir**

Our BHS Community Choir has begun again! This is open to all parents of BHS students, BHS staff, and alumni students and parents of BHS. The choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7pm. We would hope to perform at the Chinese New Year Assembly. No auditions or previous singing experience - just

lots of enthusiasm needed!

If you are interested in joining, please click [HERE](#).

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

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## Box of Hope

### 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. If your child has taken any action, we would be happy to share that with the BHS community through this newsletter and through our Facebook page. Please email details and a photograph to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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 and through our Facebook page. Please email details and a photograph to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk)

**January 9** - Emma Wong (2F) participated in a jazz dance performance at AIA Carnival. Well done Emma!





**January 12** - Glamour Poon (3H) had been selected by her dancing school to perform for Humanity Parade cum Charity Carnival organized by HK Red Cross. Glamour performed with confidence and joy on the day. Well done Glamour!





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