

Newsletter #20

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A MESSAGE FROM BRENDA

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

What a wonderful week of celebrations we have had at BHS to bring in the Year of the Rat. This began with our school hosting the magnificent ESF, CNY concert for colleagues, parents and members of the ESF Board. This was recorded 'live' and you can view the performance on the ESF Facebook page; or you can access the video through our own Facebook page.

On Wednesday we had our very own BHS CNY assemblies which were sensational. Our talented children entertained the audience of students and parents with a variety of different dancing, singing, sword dances, fan dances,

skits, martial arts and even a fashion show. It was a very special occasion and made us all so proud to be part of this wonderful school community. A special thanks to our comperes; Tammy Zhou 6P, Louis Zhang 6P and Monique Wong 6C who led the shows in a professional way, demonstrating how articulate they are in both English and Chinese. Well done! For photos, click [HERE](#).

Today the students spent most of the day in multi-aged groups learning about and experiencing a number of cultural activities. A highlight in the afternoon was the lion dance which was performed to the entire school in the playground. This brought smiles, laughter and joy to all. What a special time of the year! For photos, click [HERE](#).

A HUGE thanks to all of the Mandarin Department, led by Ms Lynn. The team has worked collaboratively and showed absolute dedication to making outstanding CNY memories for all. A big thank you to all of the other staff in the school who also helped in many different ways to make the week such a success.

Government Education Grant

An email was sent last week 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Our receptionist Anna is checking through all of the forms for the Student Grant Scheme. She has noticed that many parents are completing their bank details incorrectly as they are not including the bank code. If this is the case, your form will be sent home for you to repeat. Parents then need to reprint the form and resubmit to school before the closing date. For your reference, these are the most popular bank codes used in HK:

Bank Code	Bank Name
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003	Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited
004	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
012	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
024	Hang Seng Bank Ltd.
025	Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd.
250	Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited

Please find the full list of bank codes [HERE](#).

Continuous Professional Development (Staff Training Day)

As a reminder, the staff have a training day on Monday 3rd February. This will be focussed on Child Protection and Safeguarding. Students will return to school on Tuesday 4th February.

Wishing you all a wonderful Chinese New Year, celebrating with family and friends. Gong xi fa cai.

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.

Monday 3 February - School closed for CPD (staff training)

Tuesday 4 February - School resumes for students

Tuesday 11 February - Year 1 and 2 Sports day

Friday 14 February - Happiness House Assembly

Thursday 20 February - Year 3-6 Sports day

USEFUL FORMS

Medical Authorisation Form

Please click [HERE](#)

Student Withdrawal Form

Please click [HERE](#).

PTA Winter Uniform Order Form

Please click [HERE](#).

MEDICAL UPDATES

Health topics: (Wuhan Novel Infectious Agent)

As Wuhan Coronavirus is spreading around cities, BHS would like to give a kindly reminder to all of you.

The latest information from WHO reports that infections may include human-to-human transmission with an unknown incubation period. Therefore, please maintain good personal hygiene: Hand washing or hand rubbing for 20 seconds, wear a surgical mask when you are in crowded places especially on the plane due.

Travel Advise:

Avoid touching animals (including game), poultry / birds or their droppings, avoid visiting wet markets, live poultry markets or farms. Do not consume game meat. If you present with any respiratory symptoms outside of Hong Kong, wear a surgical mask, and inform hotel staff or tour escort and seek medical advice at once. Consult a doctor promptly after returning to Hong Kong.

Please keep your child/ren home when he/she appears to have any of these symptoms: Fever >37.5 , cough, sneezing, sore throat or malaise. You may let your child/ren return to school after they are fully recovery. BHS wishes to provide a healthy and safety environment for each child, therefore we may request your child/ren to be sent home after a health profession assessment.

Gong hei fat choi and Happy CNY!!

Nurse Crystal

PTA NEWS

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have just been sent home. Please check your child's diary and sign the acknowledgment. If you did not receive these you must notify us soon as possible as the tickets are classified as money and each one needs to be accounted for.

Each student has been given two booklets containing 20 tickets valued at \$400. Please ensure all tickets & money are safe guarded and correct balances returned

to BHS PTA by 13th March as all numbered tickets & money are Audited under requirements of the HK Lottery License.

Note, the approved start date for ticket sales is **Sunday 1 February** but we wanted to distribute so you could start selling to friends & family over the holidays. Please do not start selling until 1st February.

We have some fantastic prizes this year which include iPhone 11, Playstation, iPad, Nintendo Switch, Ocean Park Annual Pass, etc.

All proceeds will go towards school playground refurbishment and your support is much appreciated. The draw will take place during the International Food Fair on Friday 27 March.

Upcoming Events

11 February - Y5 Pizza Lunch

25 February - Y1 Bake Sale

13 March - Raffle Ticket Sales Return

27 March - International Food Fair

Have a wonderful Chinese New Year break with family and friends. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Rat.

BHS PTA

AROUND BHS

Tag Rugby Training January and February Sessions

Thursday 30th January - no training - Chinese New Year holiday

Thursday 6th February - to be confirmed (an email will be sent with the location once booked)

Thursday 13th February - to be confirmed

Thursday 20th February - Morse Park

Thursday 27th February - Morse Park

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

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

LEAP Fundraising

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

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

December 29 - Ian Wong (1P) passed his Takwando examination. He is now a green belt as certified by the Korean Taekwondo Association. He tried his best and did very well during the test. Keep up the good work Ian!





OTHER NEWS

Foundation Academy



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2019 - 2020



Ready, Set, Write!

NOVELIST

Ages 8-11

Dates	Day/Time
Classes Start January 21st, 2020!	Tuesdays, 3:15pm - 5:15pm
	Fee
	HK\$ 3,930

ORATOR

Ages 5-7

Dates	Day/Time
Classes Start February 7th, 2020!	Fridays, 3:15pm - 4:15pm
	Fee
	HK\$ 3,930



Mic Check!

Please make cheque payable to "Foundation Academy Limited".
Bank transfer payment options are also available.

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