

Year 6 Update WK 9

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 16th October - last day today, have a lovely half term break

Friday 30th October - UOI 1 Reports go live on The Gateway....please log on to The Gateway to review your child's report from our first Unit of Inquiry.

Friday 6th November - Diwali Assembly, please wear colourful clothing

Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November - Year 6 Outward Bound Camp

Monday 16th November - Mandarin Parent/Teacher Consultations.....please sign up via the Gateway. This is the chance to discuss the progress of your child before they take their Mandarin Benchmarking tests for Secondary School in January!!!!

Monday 16th November - Year 6 Theatre Workshop 'Blood Brothers'

Wednesday 18th November - Mandarin Parent/Teacher Consultations.....please sign up via the Gateway. This is the chance to discuss the progress of your child before they take their Mandarin Benchmarking tests for Secondary School in January!!!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Camp Equipment

We all need to start getting ready for camp, here's the list of items needed so can you please make sure you have the essentials ready for camp week. I have included a photo of my 'wet shoes' for reference. These came from H&M this time last year, but I believe you can get them from most markets. Why don't you

get your child to decorate them so they are easily recognizable from the other 89 pairs that will be lying around the dorms? It could be a good holiday project for you all!



Camp Packing List - your clothes for the 4 days which needs to include (but not limited to)....hat, long sleeved top, pants/trousers (no jeans!!!) t-shirts, underwear, nightwear, shorts, light rainproof jacket, swimming costume, socks, trainers or suitable footwear (no new shoes), wet shoes - these will be worn for all water activities and will get wet (no Crocs, sandals or flip flops), warm long sleeved shirt, sunscreen, after-sun lotion, insect repellent, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, any other toiletries that they need, towel (it's good to have 2 towels - not too big), small pencil case with some small items of stationery, torch or headlamp, large and small plastic bags, goggles (optional). A full list in the camp information pack.

Please make sure that everything is named.

DO NOT BRING... jeans, razors, knives, games and toys, food or snacks, expensive items or electronics - mobile phones, MP3 players (*a camera not connected to a phone is fine*) and you do not need a day bag as you did in Year 5. The children should not bring money - there is a souvenir shop that is only open on the Friday when parents arrive, there will not be opportunity to spend money throughout the week.

Collection from Camp - All children must be collected from Outward Bound Camp on the Friday by an adult. You can either provide your own transport or come/return on the buses provided by BHS - please fill in the relevant forms from the camp information pack and return them to school as soon as possible so the office can book the buses.

Medication for Camp - please complete the relevant ESF and Outward Bound forms regarding medication. All medication will be given to your child's camp leader on arrival to be distributed throughout the week. Medication will not be given out if the correct permission and instruction forms are not completed before leaving for camp. Please do not send the medication in to the school nurse.

3-Way Conferences - Last week we held our 3-Way Conferences here at school

on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some forms were sent home to be completed collaboratively between you and your child. These need to be brought back to school as soon as possible. We will be storing them here as we will need to reflect on the targets and goals when we prepare for our Student Led Conferences later in the year.

Parent Evening with Marie Marchand - coming up here at BHS we are very lucky to have Marie Marchand coming to host a parent workshop for any interested parents. The topic this year is... **'Bringing a family routine that works to your home'** and it will be focusing on *developing routines in the morning, at meal time, for household chores, for homework and for bedtime that work for the whole family*. This might be a good workshop for our Year 6 parents to help assist in the transition from primary to secondary school. There is more information in our school newsletter today but if you have any more queries please contact our school office. It will be held on Tuesday November 17th from 6.30 - 8.00pm in the BHS school hall.

Stationery - Most children are equipped with the stationery they need, however some are missing some essentials. Please make sure that your child has all of the stationery that they need and that items such as **glue sticks** get replenished.

Deodorant - although the weather is slowly cooling down please we still offer a gentle reminder about each child wearing and re-applying deodorant at school. The classrooms get very smelly after the children being out in the playground during breaks and PE times.

THIS WEEK IN YEAR 6

On Monday we started our lunch time Playground Conflict Monitors. We trained the children up on how to solve conflicts in the playground during our first UOI so they were raring and ready to go! Each child will be given the chance to work for a week with both the upper school (Year4-6) and the lower school (Year1-3) during their lunch play time throughout the next couple of months. After this initial period we will be asking for volunteers to continue to work in teams to help out at lunch times. It's a great chance for the children to actively take some action. The groups that were on this week did a really good job! Well done.



This week we also had our school photo days. Whole school and class photographs were taken as were individual photos and sibling photos today. Order forms and more information will come home shortly.

UNIT OF INQUIRY

Year 6 Unit of Inquiry 2

Transdisciplinary Theme : Where we are in place in time

Central Idea : Past civilisations can be used to make connections to present day societies

Lines of Inquiry - We will inquire into...

- characteristics of past civilisations
- the way present day societies have been influenced by civilisations from the past
- connections between past discoveries and modern day advances

Concepts : form, function, connection

Learner Profile : knowledgeable, thinker



Attitudes : enthusiasm, appreciation

MATHS

Number Maths - Operations

Central Idea : The operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are related to each other and can be modelled in different ways.

Our Operations UOI continued this week - in Number Maths and on Wednesday it was World Maths Day and all the children enjoyed playing their World Maths Day games on the Mathletics website. Thanks to all the children who remembered to bring in their \$10 (or more!) to support UNICEF.



Strand Maths - Data Handling

Central Idea : Data can be presented effectively for valid interpretation and communication.

This week we continued on with our Data Handling UOI and 6F was busy using

frequency tables to collect data on their investigation into boys and girls reaction times. All classes have been working on an assortment of data tasks and investigations and will continue to do so for the next few weeks.



ENGLISH

Historical Fiction is our focus genre for this UOI and we have been looking into good examples of these types of texts and deconstructing and annotating them. We have discussed what makes a good Historical Fiction story and we thought how we can use our trip to the Hong Kong History Museum to inspire our writing. Over the holidays if you're looking for something to do take the kids out to one of Hong Kong's many museums or do a tour of some old Hong Kong streets and buildings. We will be discussing Hong Kong 'then and now' throughout this unit.

As always, buddy spelling tests are up and running and will be held every Friday so Spelling

Journals are an absolute necessity for Fridays. **Spelling Journals** need to be back in to school **everyday** to enable students to work on the spelling investigations in the back of the journal throughout the week and also to add personal spelling words to as they arise during the weekdays.



HOMework

Spelling : Spelling Journal homework – 3 practice spelling tests to be conducted under the supervision of an adult at home, daily spelling practice and any additional journal tasks set by the class teacher.

Reading : Weekly reflections to be completed at least once a week. Children need to ensure they are reading at home each night for at least 20 mins and to write one weekly reflection about their reading in their diaries. Parents are not required to write a comment or to sign the book. However, continued interest and involvement in your child's reading would be appreciated and will assist in their

development.

Number Maths :

- **Mr Hoskins** - Athletics
- **Miss Fearn** - 'At Full Stretch' and 'Snowflakes' decimal revision
- **Miss Fisher** - Estimating areas of shapes
- **Mrs Davis** - Place Value Revision worksheet and game
<http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/placevalue/interactive/underlineddigit6d/underlineddigit6d.htm>

UOI : Ancient Civilisations - can all children please make sure they have added to their classes Google Doc from last week's homework, were are still missing a full 3 entries from some children.

This week the children will be choosing a 101st Object! An important object that they would add to the list and they need to justify their choice. What to do and how to go about this has been explained to all the classes but you may like to check in with them and see how they are going with this. This piece of work is due back to school the first Friday after half term....**Friday 30th October, 2015.**

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Thought of the Week : Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one - Malcolm S. Forbes

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