

# Headteacher Newsletter

June 2022

## MOVING ON

### *Transition Information*

The final term of school is always a busy one and one of the tasks teachers undertake is organising the classes for the next academic year.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> July the children will be informed who their teacher(s) will be next year and will have the opportunity to spend some time with them and their new class. Please be aware that every year, hours are spent by the current teachers, new teachers and the Inclusion Manager to ensure each class is the most effective it can be and there are many factors involved in this process, most importantly the needs of each individual child. These classes are therefore final and so I kindly suggest that requests are not made to change the decisions made.

#### Early Years

Mrs Hemsley (EY Lead)

Mrs Bale & Mrs Austen

#### Year 1/2

Mrs Brown (KS1 Lead)

Mrs Wibroe

Mrs Mason

#### Year 3/4

Mrs Gordon

Mr Wheatley

Mrs Bowers & Miss Phillips

#### Year 5/6

Mrs Martin (KS2 Lead/Assistant Headteacher) & Mrs Wilson

Mrs Quantick

Mrs Rees-Porter & Mrs Lewis

**Throughout Term 6, Year 6 children will be visited by a member of staff from their secondary school and they will have at least one transition day where they attend their new school. This is all part of ensuring a smooth transition from primary to secondary.**



## Sports Day

### *Updated Format*

#### Early Years and KS1

30<sup>th</sup> June – Go straight to the meadow after drop off in the morning.

#### KS2

6<sup>th</sup> July – Arrival 1pm

This year, we are asking parents to bring a chair or blanket as benches will not be provided.

All the staff and children are very excited about the new format. The thrill of competition is still key with each House trying to get as many points as they can but this year, every child takes part in every activity.

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# STEAM WEEK

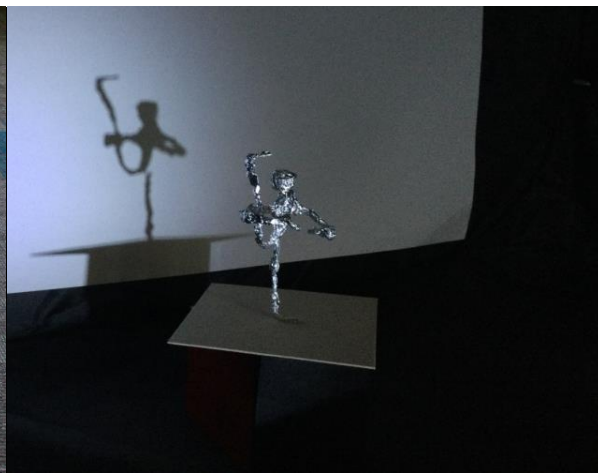
## *BGPS Exhibition – 30<sup>th</sup> June*

At regular points in the year, we organise a whole school experience and this term it was our 'STEAM' week. The children have been taking part in activities based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. On Friday, we had a hint of some of the work that has been created and you are certainly in for a treat!

The children have been making: Motte and Bailey Castles; Giacometti inspired sculptures; stained glass windows and pictures with moving parts. They have had: a visit from an artist; have studied portraits and aging; have written some wonderful poetry based on Jenny Joseph's 'Warning' and have studied light and shadow.

The exhibition will be set out in the hall, with every child exhibiting.

After school, once you have collected your children, please make your way to the school hall, there may be a queue! Please take the time to view their amazing work and ask them about it: the process, the skills they have learnt, the knowledge they have gained, the fun they had.



## Staffing Update

You will notice from the staffing list that we have some new staff joining us in September. Sadly, we have one member of staff leaving us. Miss Wood, who has taught at BGPS for many years, will be moving to teach at a school in Maidstone. Miss Wood will be very much missed by staff, children and parents but we wish her all the best for this new adventure.