



## Make the Future Better for All

November 2018

### Filming in Yr 6

On Tuesday 12th November, Adam Pepper from Silver Screen Film Education came in to film some scenes using scripts based on WW1 that we had written, researched and rehearsed. We filmed the scenes in and around the school grounds using props from home that we had made and borrowed. We did filming because we're remembering the First World War and the fifteen men from Bramcote who lost their lives fighting for King and country. We have had a preview of the film so far and can't wait to go and see it at the Broadway Cinema, Nottingham. Bramcote Hills first premiere in remembrance of WW1. By Jessica and Zac Y6

### Opportunities from Mrs Magner – our Home Liaison Worker The Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Starts Saturday 1st December 2018 and ends 11 January 2019.

The challenge is to read any 3 books and to rate and review them online to unlock a limited edition virtual badge for your profile and a special certificate 'There's a Yeti in the Playground'.

[www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk)

#WinterMiniChallenge

**The Wicked Young Writer Award 2019** to win tickets to see 'Wicked' show in London, books for school and a chance to have your work published.

Open to 5 to 25 year olds. Open now, closing date 18th March 2019.

Competitors can write about anything either fictional or non-fiction and can be a story, poem, play or an essay, letter, report etc..

[www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com](http://www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com)

### Big Sleep Out

Some BHPS pupils are supporting the 'Big Sleep out' in support of the framework homeless charity. If you are interested in this or donating, please see this link [www.frameworkha.org/bigsleepout](http://www.frameworkha.org/bigsleepout)

### On Line Payments September 19

For some time now we have been wanting to move to a system when we can manage all payments to school without handling cash. We therefore want to give parents and carers plenty of notice that from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 we will only be accepting online payments for dinner money, trips and contributions to things like Foundation cooking activities. We hope this will give everyone plenty of time to register to make payments in this way. This will help to make our systems in school far more efficient and we are hoping it should also make it easier for parents and carers to check what they have paid for. We are looking into the possibilities of having a chip and pin machine but will have to consider whether the cost of this is affordable.

### Parents Forum

We would like to give you advance notice of a parents forum meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm and 6.00pm (to cater for different working commitments). This is open to all and is intended to give you an opportunity to find out more about the running of the school, give us feedback on what we are doing well and ideas for how we might improve further. Our summer parents survey was very positive – the results can be seen on our website – but it is always nice to explore some of the detail behind the answers.

### Photographs

We understand that some parents were disappointed with the recent school photographs. In light of this and, having tried to point out our concerns to the recent provider, we will be changing our photographer in the future.

### Thursday Mornings

Parents/Carers should be aware that on Thursday mornings we hold a whole staff briefing between 8:20 and 8:40am. It is important that all staff are present and, therefore, there will be no-one at reception at those times. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### Remembrance

As many of you know, we have been marking the centenary of the end of World War 1 in school with a range of activities. Every child has made a poppy and all classes took part in age appropriate lessons on the subject. There has been a lovely 'buzz' of interest around school at this time and it has been wonderful to also have so much support from home. Many children brought in artefacts, stories and family memories which were often very moving. Thank you for your support and we feel that we have encouraged the next generation to be aware of what has gone before them.

### Playground Leaders

The school has started an initiative for 16 children to become playground leaders in school. They are made up of members from the Sports Crew or the Job Squad and have been tasked with supporting and leading activities for younger pupils and peers. Their 1 ½ hours training involved: the role of a playground leader, qualities of a good leader, how to communicate positively with others and being taught 5 games to play on the playground. We look forward to seeing them in action.

### Defibrillator

At BHPS, we place great importance on the safety and well-being of children. In the new year, we will be holding a sponsored event that will require them to be active, with supporting education on how to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We will be promoting the idea of a healthy heart and it is therefore appropriate that the first money raised will fund a defibrillator for the school. We will be interested to hear from any parents/carers who have a specialism in this area and can support us in making the correct purchase.

### Photographs and Videos at Concerts

As we approach the Christmas season and get ready for end of term plays and concerts, may we emphasise our approach to the taking of photographs and videos at concerts. At present, we allow parents/carers to take photos and videos of plays but we must emphasise that this is for your own personal albums and memories. Please do not post photos or videos on social media or send them across the internet. If parents do not adhere to this policy, then we will have to remove the opportunity for videos/photos to be taken. Please contact Mr Taylor or Mrs Hewes if you have concern about this approach.

### Christmas Extravaganza

May I remind all parents and carers that we will be holding our PTA Christmas Extravaganza on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00-8.00pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls and fun for all the family. Watch out for the letters from the PTA and, if you can, volunteer to help – even for just a short period of time.



## Focus on... China

### Did you know...

As many of you know, I recently had the opportunity to represent the school on a delegation of teachers going to Ningbo in China. This visit was facilitated by a company called Access China UK, the Confucius Institute and the Education Bureau in Ningbo. I linked up with 9 other teachers, Head Teachers, Advisors and the Director of Education from Nottingham City as we visited the Ningbo University and our own individual sister schools with whom we are establishing links. We flew to Shanghai before travelling onto Ningbo. Naturally, the Chinese education system is different to the English system and our sister school has nearly 2000 pupils. It also has a range of resources that are different to ours. We have entered into a partnership agreement with the *Gao Qiao Centre Primary School* in Ningbo – see picture of the signing of our agreement. Before my trip, I asked the BHPS children for questions regarding what they would like me to find out for them and I have enjoyed sharing some of the answers with them on my return. The partnership offers an enormous opportunity to share culture and ideas with children from the other side of the world and I have loved discussing what life is like in China with our children.



### Diary Dates for 2018 ~2019 (also on the school website at [www.bramcotehills.org](http://www.bramcotehills.org))

#### November

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 to Beeston library – WW1 play  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 4 Assembly 10.00am  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform day for Tombola prize for PTA Christmas Extravaganza (both non-uniform and tombola prize are individually optional)  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 6.00 – 8.00pm PTA Christmas Extravaganza

#### December

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady assembly for parents of children involved 9.00am  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 to visit Broadway Cinema in school time  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm KS1 Nativity  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 6.00 approx Yr 4 to Playhouse Panto (oh yes they are!)  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 6.00pm Nativity  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Optional Christmas Jumper Day for optional £1 donation to 'Save the Children'  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Dinner Day  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Foundation & Yr 1 Derby Theatre Trip in school time  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> KS1 party pm (no parents – sorry)  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Foundation Nativity  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> pm Foundation party (no parents – sorry)  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Carols at St Michael's Church  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Foundation messy day  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> am Yrs 3 & 4 party  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 visit to Westbourne court in school time  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> pm Yrs 5 & 6 party  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Thank you assembly  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Invitation afternoon  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

#### Christmas Holiday

#### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> First day of term  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am to 11.00pm Young Voices  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 to Warburtons workshop in school all day  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Parents' Forum 2.00pm and 6.00pm  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> PTA KS1 Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> all day Yr 6 to Holocaust Centre  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> PTA KS2 Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

#### February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.05am Yr 2 Assembly  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.05 Diamonds Assembly  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Local Swimming Gala am at Bramcote Leisure Centre  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
 Half Term Holiday Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Circus Workshops in school  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Residential to York – leaving 8.15am

#### March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 4 Residential Return time tbc but will be well after school  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening Week

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#### March cont.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.05am Yr 1 assembly  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sapphires' assembly 10.05  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Y6 Skellig Theatre Trip 7.00pm

#### April

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 5 cooking at The Bramcote College am  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Yr 4 Show  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2W to Morrisons in school time  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 2R to Morrisons in school time  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

#### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> First day of term

#### May

Yr 2 SATs to be undertaken in this month  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sapphire's Chick afternoon  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Diamond's Chick afternoon  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs times tbc  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 SATs week  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Foundation Trip TBC  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Class Photos  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> South Broxtowe Football and Netball Tournament at BHPS

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term Holiday

#### June

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> School Games Day (Sports Day) a.m.  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Residential to Castleton  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Residential in Castleton  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Back up day for School Games Day (Sports Day)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> PTA Summer Fair 6.00-8.00pm  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Music Concert  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Class Activity 9.00 – 10.00

#### July

##### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Yr 6 Show  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Residential to Ironbridge  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Minibeast hunt Sapphires am parents welcome  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Assembly 10.00  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Residential in Ironbridge Return time tbc  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Minibeast hunt Diamonds am parents welcome  
 Friday Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Superhero Picnic in school time (Parents Welcome)  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm and final day of term