

# NEWSLETTER

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## RETURN TO SCHOOL THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach the end of 2021, I never imagined that we would still be in this very unique and turbulent position! It has proved to be a very challenging term consisting of much uncertainty and anxiety. Despite the unprecedented circumstances we have yet again found ourselves in, there are many positive experiences that we can celebrate. There definitely is much for us to be proud of! We are continuously amazed at our determined young learners who prove to us on a daily basis just how resilient, responsible and respectful they are. They have achieved an incredible amount over this short term and each and every one of them should feel so proud of their achievement and progress. I feel exceptionally proud to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school where every single member of our school community works incredibly hard to be the best that they can be!

We have accomplished a vast amount this term, including our success with the 'Intergenerational Project' where we partnered with a local care home and the children created a day in the life of our school video for our care home friends, including voiceovers in Turkish and Italian for those older residents who do not speak English. We had another very successful and unforgettable Black History Month, visits from Rudolph Walker and Jermaine Jenas who truly inspired our children, a heart-warming panto of Snow White, Years 5 and 6 watched a captivating performance of Macbeth from the Young Shakespeare Company, a virtual church service from Reverend Mark Meatcher and not forgetting all the wonderful activities and fundraising events organised by FOBHPs, in particular our magical Santa's Grotto!

We were successful in retaining our Flagship Status for the Inclusion Quality Mark and were yet again recognised for the high-quality provision that we have here at Bush Hill Park Primary School and the unwavering inclusion for all!

Congratulations to you all on reaching the end of a challenging year! Sending wishes of good health, joy and tranquillity over the Christmas break. My thanks to you as parents and carers for your continued understanding and support – we couldn't have done it without you!

**Anna Theodosiou**

### Diary Dates

#### 2022

#### **INSET DAYS**

4th & 5th January 2022

#### **First day back**

Thursday 6th January 2022

#### **Last day of term**

11th February

#### **Half Term**

14th to 18th February

#### **First day back**

Monday 21st February

#### INSET DAYS 2022

#### SCHOOL CLOSED

**4th & 5th JANUARY**

**24th JUNE**

#### SCHOOL DINNERS

The total cost of school dinners for the period 6th January to 11th February will be **£63.99**. Please inform the office if your child would like to change from school dinners to a home packed lunch. New menus for the Spring term can be found further on in this newsletter.

### Message from the Governors

This has been a much better term and for governors as we have been able to come in to visit and see the school in action and hold our meetings in school. I was lucky enough to be able to come in at the end of Black History Week to see the children, and lots of the parents, dance. It was an excellent occasion and thanks to all who organised. Your children are so talented! It also gave me the opportunity to talk to a few parents, something I've missed during the pandemic. All the parents I spoke to were very positive about and happy with the school. That was nice to hear, but sadly I only had the chance to speak to a few parents so it was great to read the results of the parents' survey and see that most parents are happy and some of you wrote comments that matched what I think about the school. My favourite was a comment that ended "Bush Hill Park is a safe, warm welcoming school". Exactly! There were some comments where parents have suggested ways the school can improve and the governors will be following those up. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. It was very helpful.

I was lucky to be able to come in and do a learning walk around the maths classes in Years 1, 2, 5, and 6. It was interesting to see how the teaching of maths has changed and developed over the recent months. The focus on encouraging and helping pupils talk and write about the maths they are doing has really helped their understanding. The pupils I spoke to could all explain to me what they were doing and why and showed that they have a good understanding of how to use maths to solve problems. So good to see!

I had hopes not to have to mention Covid this term but, in just the last two weeks, we've had to send pupils home following cases in school. The Omicron variant does seem to be spreading fast so please keep safe while you are enjoying the holiday so we can all return in January and, hopefully have an uninterrupted 2022. Happy Christmas.

**Roger Kingsnorth (Chair of Governors)**

### DIARY DATES—SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 5th January	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 6th January	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Thursday 13th January	YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS BEGIN (details to follow)
Friday 11th February	LAST DAY OF TERM—SCHOOL FINISHES 3.15PM
14th-18th February	HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 21st February	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Friday 1st April	LAST DAY OF TERM—SCHOOL FINISHES 1.30PM
4th—18th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 19th April	RETURN TO SCHOOL



During Road Safety week several Year 5 pupils who are Junior Travel Ambassadors took part in the whole school assembly. Taijah, Zyana, Zela, Layla R and Ledya (from Amethyst and Purple class) presented an assembly with posters they had made to remind everyone to stay safe on the roads. They did incredibly well and helped everyone to remember the safety messages.

Well done to them! Mrs Williams, School Active Travel Champion



Capel Manor Gardens are hosting a "Winter Wander in the Gardens" event and invite you to wrap up warm and join them for some festive fun this Christmas.

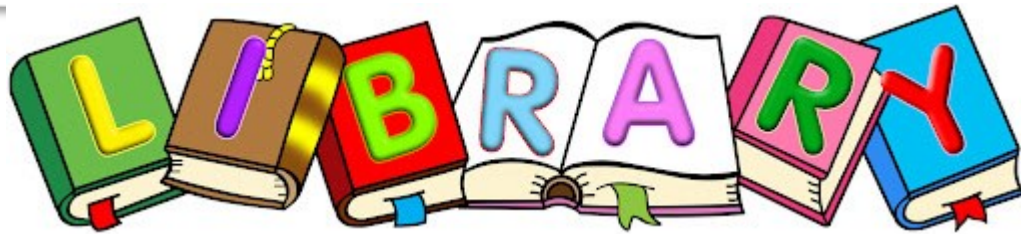
Explore the beauty of winter as you wander through Capel Manor Gardens. Suitable for all ages, children can enjoy the mischievous Elf hunt through the gardens, take part in Christmas crafts, visit the mini zoo with daily animal talks and visit Santa in his Grotto for a special interactive experience!



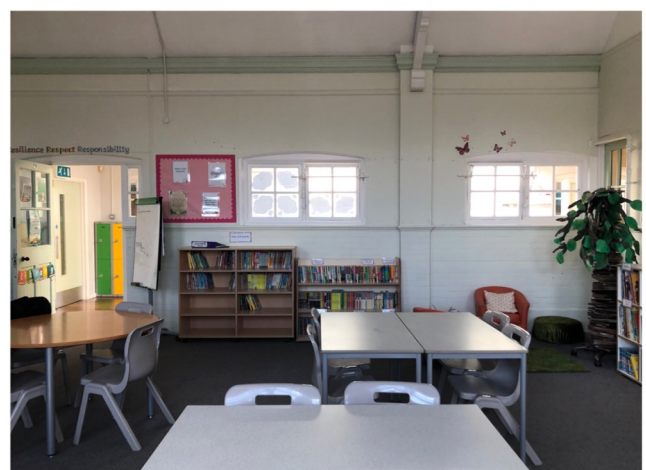
After a fantastic year of Travel awareness activities and lots of hard work, we are excited to tell you that we have been awarded Gold accreditation in the TfL Stars

scheme. STARS is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries. STARS inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. Well done Bush Hill Park. We need to keep walking and scooting and cycling to school to make sure we keep the accreditation.





Children in KS1 and KS2 are really enjoying using the new libraries, which have been created since September 2021. If you have any second hand books that would be suitable for children between the ages of 4 and 11, please send them into school for us to expand the reading material we have on offer for all children across the school. This will go a huge way in developing childrens' enjoyment of reading, something that Bush Hill Park Primary School is passionate about. Thank you so much!



### YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

#### TO START JANUARY 2022

Next term Year 5 children will be taking part in the London Borough of Enfield School Swimming Programme which is part of the National Curriculum. Children will attend a programme for 10 weeks with weekly 45 minutes in the water and will be taught by fully-qualified professional swim instructors. Your child has been given a letter with information regarding what is required and further details will follow when we return to school.

### **PE DAYS—SPRING TERM 2022**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Mondays and Wednesdays</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Mondays and Tuesdays</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Wednesdays and Fridays</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Wednesdays and Thursdays</b>



# BHP SPORTING NEWS



The boys football team have participated in a number of matches including cluster fixtures, borough tournaments and the Fursman Cup. They have been improving with every match and are showing great potential. We are super excited to see what 2022 brings!



Last week our talented gymnasts at BHP participated in the Enfield Borough Gymnastics Festival. The children have been working incredibly hard learning and perfecting their routine to perform to the judges. Well done to the following children:

**KS1 Team-** Alicia, Kannada, Tomasa, Jaheim, Kaia - 4th  
**KS2 Team** - Chidi, Denae, Siteta, Aisha, Gaethan - 4th  
**SEN Team** - Lucas, Amir, Kayden, Danny and Max - 2nd



Our girls football team have been very busy with cluster matches and tournaments. We recently participated in the Enfield Borough Football Tournament where the girls won 1 match, drew 2 and lost 2. Each game was very tight and the result could have gone either way but the girls showed incredible teamwork. When returning in 2022 the team will be straight into their first match again St Andrew's Southgate.

The school netball team played their first match of the cluster and showed vast improvement by the end of the match. Although BHP lost the match it was the first game the Team had ever played. We shall certainly look forward to lots more fixtures against local schools on our return in January.



This term children in KS2 went to Bush Hill Park to participate in the Inter-class Cross Country tournament. Everyone completed the 1 mile run around the park and all showed great resilience. Well done to Apricot and Bronze class who were our class winners!!



- **PAYMENT PLANS**
- **BUDGETING**
- **SIGNPOSTING**

**Enfield  
Debt  
Centre** CMA



A year on from our first national lockdown, we understand that many families may be facing financial difficulty, either due to historic debts or that they may be accumulating debts.

Understanding that this is a continued area of concern in our local community, we would like to remind you of the **free debt advice** we offer - supported by Community Money Advice, as well as being authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

**Enfield Debt Centre** is run in conjunction with North Enfield Foodbank. The centre is conveniently located at the same premises as our Foodbank, at **Jubilee Central, 2 Lumina Way, Enfield EN1 1FS**.

Open on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Saturdays** from **11am-3pm** (the same times as our Foodbank), the centre offers support and advice, helping people to arrange payment plans with creditors and to manage their personal finances through budgeting. People can also be signposted to relevant organisations.

If you know of anyone who may need these services they can contact Fana, the Debt Centre Manager, by **phone on 07596 735789** or by **email [info@enfielddebt.org](mailto:info@enfielddebt.org)**.

Face-to-face meetings can also be arranged during open hours either by Zoom or in person, by contacting Enfield Debt Centre in advance.

**BUSH HILL PARK FOOD BANK**



REMEMBER...if you require any support **AT ANY TIME** or if you know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Smart on **[s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk)**



# Young Shakespeare Company

*Touring inspirational educational theatre since 1988*



We were privileged to have the Young Shakespeare Company visit our school last week along with a small team of professional actors and storytellers bringing Shakespeare's play, Macbeth, to life. Pupils in years 5 & 6 loved being actively involved in the performance and were mesmerized throughout. They never took their eyes off the wonderful actors who involved them and included them in the great works of Shakespeare.

The Joe Morris Boxing Club offers a range of support giving young people an outlay through boxing. We have been very lucky to welcome Andrew & Phillip from the Club who have been coming into school for the last 6 weeks mentoring some of our Year 6 children who have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We look forward to Andrew & Phillip returning in January.

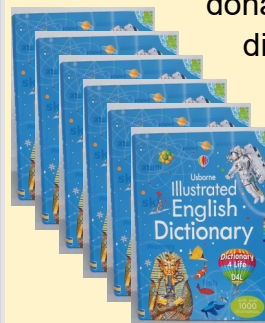


## BIG SHOUT OUT TO BUSH HILL PARK ROTARY CLUB Thank you so much!



Children in Year 6 were thrilled to receive beautifully illustrated dictionaries from Bush Hill Park Rotary Club.

Each year the Rotary Club kindly donate special edition dictionaries to every child in Year 6 before they begin their final year in primary school. It is very much appreciated.





## **After School French & Spanish Sessions at Bush Hill Park Primary School**

Come and have fun learning French and Spanish!

Here at Lingotot, we are very excited to be offering our award-winning French and Spanish language sessions at Bush Hill Park Primary School. From January 2022, we will have classes available as follows:

**French, Mondays 3.20pm to 4.20pm**

**Spanish, Thursdays 3.20pm to 4.20pm**

Lingotot makes language learning fun through play, singing, storytelling. Following our carefully tried and tested methodology, your child will leave the very first class responding to the language they hear.

Our after-school sessions are available to all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.  
Payment is for a term in advance at £8.00 per child per session.

We operate a system of 100% online booking. **To reserve your child's place on the course, please visit:**

**For French club:**      <https://www.lingotot.com/classes/6797>

**For Spanish club:**    <https://www.lingotot.com/classes/6798>

If you would like some more information about Lingotot, or if you have any questions about our after-school clubs, please visit our website [www.lingotot.com](http://www.lingotot.com) email [southgate@lingotot.com](mailto:southgate@lingotot.com) or telephone 0845 680 8148 and ask for Priya Purryag.

We look forward to meeting your child very soon!





# ALBANIAN LANGUAGE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**SPRING TERM 2022**

**3:15pm-4:15pm**

**BUSH HILL PARK PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

**ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION CLASS**

**UP TO AND INCLUDING YEAR 6**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN**



**CONTACT US:**

**07393835993**

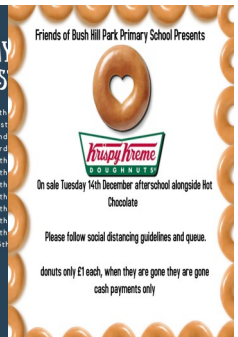
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**QUALIFIED TEACHERS, DBS CHECKED**

# FRIENDS OF BUSH HILL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thank you SO MUCH to our wonderful FoBHPS Team for all their amazing hard work raising funds and making the 12 days of Christmas so joyful for our pupils, staff and families in these difficult times. We appreciate all that you do and for our school.



Thank you so much to all the volunteers for giving up their time to be Santa for the day. You all did amazing jobs!

And..what a close call...but it was Miss Bosati who won the most votes to 'dress up the teacher for ONE DAY only' Well done Miss Bosati for being such a good sport. You certainly made a fantastic snowman!



You can follow **FOBHPS** on their **Facebook Page** for up to date school information and events.



Today we received over 70 gifts for pupils and their families from a local charity called 'Hearts and Helpers'

Adrian White, founder of 'Hearts and Helpers' was joined by Santa Claus and Buzz Lightyear, as they delivered wrapped gifts to be given to pupils whose families are in need this Christmas.

Adrian was joined by Joseph McCann, a School Governor at Bush Hill Park Primary School.

Huge heartfelt thanks to 'Hearts and Helpers!'







SALAD BAR AND BREAD  
SERVED EVERYDAY!

Our new menu has been developed to celebrate the winter season with hearty meals full of healthy ingredients. Firm favourites, regional dishes and fruit-based desserts will excite young diners as well as deliver high levels of nutrition and flavour.

Happy 60th Birthday Pauline



## WEEK 1

### MENU FOR SPRING TERM

#### MONDAY

Veggie Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans. (V)	Campfire Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans. (VG)	Pasta Twists with Tomato & Basil Sauce. (VG)
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Yoghurt Pot (V) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### TUESDAY

Chicken and Vegetable Pie, Carrots.	Creamy Garden Vegetable Pie, Carrots. (VG)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Apple and Cinnamon Cake (V) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### WEDNESDAY

Macaroni Cheese, Broccoli. (V)	Pepper & Red Onion Spanish Omelette Broccoli. (V)	Pasta Bows with Tomato & Basil Sauce. (VG)
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Sticky Banana Cake (V) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### THURSDAY

Chilli Con Carne, Rice, Sweetcorn.	Veggie Chilli, Rice, Sweetcorn. (VG)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Oaty Apple Crumble (VG) with Custard or Fresh Fruit. (VG) (DF)

#### FRIDAY

Battered Pollock Fillet, Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Homemade Ketchup.	Vegetable Burger, Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Homemade Ketchup. (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Vegan Chocolate Cake (VG) or Fresh Fruit. (VG)

(V) Vegetarian (VG) Vegan





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Our lovely kitchen staff



## WEEK 2

### MENU FOR SPRING TERM

#### MONDAY

Vegetable Pizza Margherita, Herby Potato Cubes, Coleslaw (V)	Veggie Sausage Roll, Herby Potato Cubes Coleslaw (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Yoghurt Pot (V) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### TUESDAY

Roast Chicken, Potatoes, Winter Veg and Gravy	Vegetable Roast, Potatoes, Winter Veg and Gravy. (VG)	Pasta Twists with Tomato & Basil Sauce (VG)
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Zesty Carrot Cake (VG) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### WEDNESDAY

Beef Bolognese, Pasta Shells & Greens Beans	Meatless Bolognese, Pasta Shells & Greens Beans. (VG)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Coconut & Lime Biscuit (VG) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

#### THURSDAY

Caribbean Chicken Curry Rice & Sweetcorn	Caribbean Vegetable Curry Rice & Sweetcorn. (VG)	Pasta Twists with Tomato & Basil Sauce (VG)
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Ginger Cake (VG) or Fresh Fruit. (VG) (DF)

#### FRIDAY

Battered Pollock Fillet, Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Homemade Ketchup.	Vegetable Finger, Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Homemade Ketchup. (VG)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V) or Baked Beans. (VG)
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Chocolate and Banana Cake (VG) or Fresh Fruit (VG)

(V) Vegetarian (VG) Vegan



## Term Dates for 2021 - 2022

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2021</b>
INSET DAY
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
School starts
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>HALF TERM</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET DAY
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
Term ends
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

<b>SPRING TERM 2022</b>
INSET DAYS
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January &amp; Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
School starts
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Term ends
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April

<b>SUMMER TERM 2022</b>
School starts
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
May Bank Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Whole School Sports Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
INSET DAY
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Term ends
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July