



# Newsletter

Summer Term - 14th June 2024

## A Message from the Head



**Happy Friday everyone!**

We've had lots of excitement over the past couple of weeks. Reception visited the i360, we've had Brighton and Hove Albion's Gully in to talk about health and nutrition and year 6 have been busy film making with Silverbox. It has been wonderful!

A few parents have asked when children will find out their class teachers for the next academic year and I can confirm this will be on Friday 5th July which is the citywide transition day.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Relationships and Sex Education workshops. We have had such great feedback on the sessions and appreciated the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

As we hurtle towards the end of the school year, the shops are full of school uniform. Please do visit our website if you need a reminder of our expectations. We will ensure that our eco shop is out every Wednesday between now and the end of term - please take some uniform as we have so much!

Whatever the weekend holds for you all, I hope you have a great time with your family.

See you all on Monday.

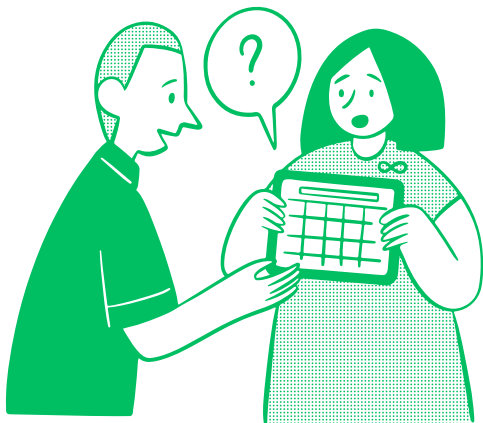
*Mrs. E. Gale*

# WE ARE IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Issues with attendance can be challenging to manage and can quickly escalate, but we're here to help! Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success, with studies showing that regular attendance can improve grades and social skills. Here are some updates on our new strategies and programs to support better attendance.

## MEET OUR NEW ATTENDANCE TEAM

We are delighted to tell you about our new attendance team. This includes Emma Gale, our Headteacher, Tom Banks, Family Champion, Candy and Kelly from our school office team. Together, we are keen to support our community to improve and achieve. If you or your children find attending school hard, please get in touch!



## ASSESS, PLAN, DO, REVIEW

Work with us to Assess, Plan, Do and review, to improve attendance together. We can implement support measures in school and assist you at home by collaborating with local agencies, providing guidance, and sharing valuable resources. Let's ensure every child thrives through consistent attendance and a strong support network.

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## THE ATTEND FRAMEWORK

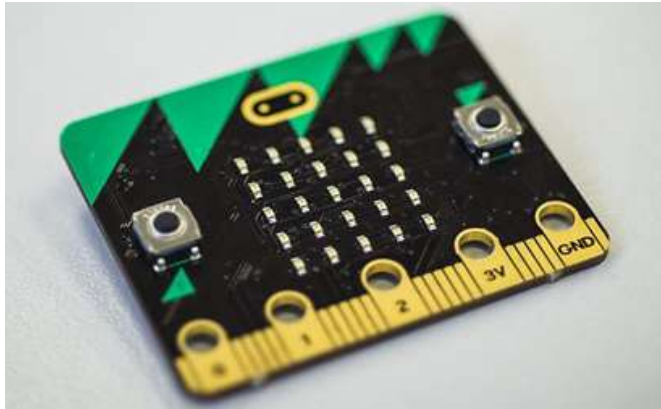
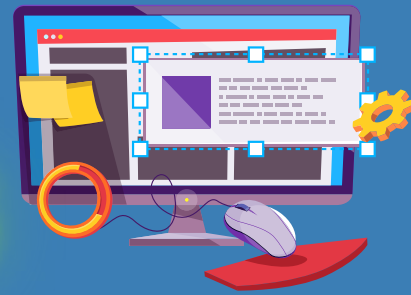
The ATTEND Framework was developed within BHCC as an early intervention programme for school-aged pupils. It aims to identify all of the contributing factors when attendance is low. The ATTEND Framework is not intended as an open checklist but a way to frame a conversation, or series of conversations, with a family within a trusting and collaborative relationship.

# 02

# 03



# What's happening in... COMPUTERS



At Queen's Park Primary, children learn how to program digital devices from Reception onwards. Our youngest learners use amazing tools like Code-a-pillars to explore how to direct a programmable toy. Throughout KS1 and KS2, children will learn how to write code using programmes like Scratch Jr and Scratch to animate characters, build quizzes and construct interactive games. By the time they get to Years 5 and 6, the children experience programming mini computers like the BBC micro:bit and the Crumble controller.



In Year 2, we have recently been using another programmable toy, the Bee-Bot. The children have learned to how program them to navigate a grid system using forward and back movements as well as turns. The children created their own playground grids, complete with obstacles, and directed the Bee-Bots to arrive safely at their favorite piece of equipment.



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We have now signed up our new playground buddies, lunch time team and lunch bunch team. Thank you and well done to all those children who have taken on these responsibilities.

We have also started our new 'Club Bud' area. This is where children who would like to run their own small club, can sign up and do so. For the next few weeks we have a diabolo club (where the Bud Club leaders, Esme and Meta, had to use saws and drills to make some diabolo sticks as the school's own ones had broken) and we have a 'How to Draw – Thunder Clan Club' run by Harriet and Millie.

If your child is in KS2 and would like to start up a simple club, please ask them to speak to Mrs Peacock who will explain how they will need a 'staff sponsor' to support the set up and then they can be added to the Bud Club timetable.



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**QUEENS PARK SCHOOL**

**SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 29 JUNE**

**12-2PM**

Lots of fun and games  
for all including:

Food / Drink / Circus Skills / Yucky Dip /  
Dance Performances / Toys / Face-painting  
/ Games / Ice-cream / Lego Masters / Crafts  
Bake-Off / Zine Making / Soak The Teacher /  
Bubble Tea / Sports / Raffle

And Much More!

**All  
Welcome**

**Adults £1  
Kids Free**

**Cash  
Only**



# KSI & KS2

## SPORTS DAY

# START

**Date:** Monday 24th June

**Venue:** Brighton College Campus main field – Sutherland Rd entrance

Families are invited to attend and should enter the college at the side entrance on Sutherland Rd.

Children should come to school in the morning at the normal time, wearing PE kit including a t-shirt of their team colour.

The children will leave school at 9:15am and walk to the venue for 9:30am, starting the activities at around 9.45am. Families are invited to watch their children from the allocated areas within the ground.

All children in all year groups 1-6 will take part in a carousel of activities, which will be followed by some relay races. At around 12.30, the races will finish and staff will walk the children back to school for lunch and the afternoon learning.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

To ensure the smooth running of the afternoon, during the carousel of activities and relay races, all children will remain in the activity area. We kindly request that all parents and carers remain in the allocated viewing areas around the outside of the field, from where you can view all the activities and races.

Toilets are available next to the pitch. All the classes will be walking to the venue under the supervision of their teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers.

Please ensure your child has a sun hat, sun cream as appropriate, water bottle and some healthy snacks.

# FINISH



# V.I.M Holiday Club

Summer Holiday Club - 2024

## Queen's Park Primary School

Park Street, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 0BN

Open to all children age 4 -11

### Activities Include:

Art & Crafts • Team Games • Nerf Fun •  
Making Dream Catchers • Parachute  
Games • Outdoor Fun

### Plus:

Stick Carving • Den Building • Movies  
& Popcorn • Smoothie Making •  
Discos • And More!!

Click here for  
more info

# Dates for your Diary



**11, 18, 25, June & 2, 9, 16 July** - Grasshoppers swimming

**Friday 14th June** - Love your School Day

**Tuesday 18th June** - Coffee at the gate - Attendance

**Wednesday 19th June** - Reception Sports Day

**17, 18, 19, 27, 28 June & 4 July** - Silverbox filming with Y6

**Thursday 20th June** – Withdean Athletics Meet (Y4-6)

**Monday 24th June** - Sports Day

**Wednesday 26th June** - Y6 Air Raid Shelter Trip

**Saturday 29th June** - Summer Fair

**Monday 1st July** - Y1 Class Assembly 14:45 to 15:10

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Coffee at the gate - Inclusive Teaching

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Y3 Class Assembly 14:45 to 15:10

**Wednesday 3rd July** – Swimming Gala (Y4-6)

**Thursday 4th July** - Y2 Class Assembly 14:45 to 15:10

**Thursday 11th July** - Y4 Class Assembly 14:45 to 15:10

**10, 11 & 12th July** - Y6 Lewes Railway & Sussex University

**Tuesday 16th July** - Y6 Yellowwave & picnic on beach

**Wednesday 17th July** - Coffee at the Gate - Reading and Phonics

**Friday 19th July** - Y6 Odeon for Silverbox Screening

**Tuesday 23rd July** - Last day of term

**Wednesday 4th September** - First day of the new term, see you at 8.40am







# HAPPY EID MUBARAK

Families and communities come together to celebrate Eid al-Fitr with feasting, prayers, and acts of charity.





# Queens Park School is going cash less



We sent a ping previously informing you about an important change that will be taking place in our school starting from September.

We are pleased to announce that we will be moving to a cashless system for all school payments to make payments as easy as possible for our families.

This means that from September onward's, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments for any school-related activities, including trips, events, and meals. Instead, we will be utilising our two electronic payment platforms, Parent Pay and Arbor to facilitate all payments.

Parent Pay is a secure online payment system that allows you to easily view and pay for school items, such as meals, trips, and uniform.

<https://www.parentpay.com>

Arbor, on the other hand, is our school's management system which allows you to make payments for our wrap around breakfast and afterschool clubs as well as our extra curricular afterschool clubs.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Parent-App#what-is-the-arbor-app--0-1>

If you do not have a login or you have lost your details for either of these systems please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will help to get you started with Parent Pay and Arbor.

We encourage you to familiarise yourself with these platforms and ensure that you have access to them before September. Should you encounter any difficulties or have any further questions, our school office team will be more than happy to assist you.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in embracing this new cashless system.

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# CONGRATULATIONS

STARS OF  
THE WEEK



Reception - Jewel & Kira

Year 1 - Ivy & Gus

Year 2 - Rwal & Joshua

Year 3 - Kumba & Daria

Year 4 - Beryl & Hazal

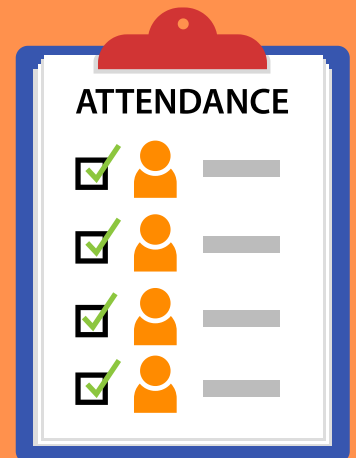
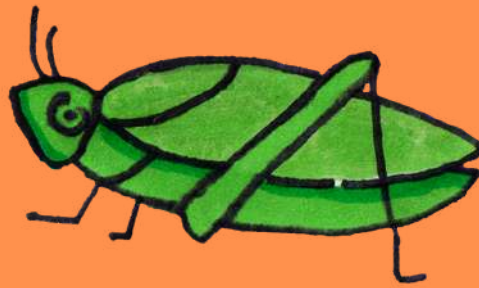
Year 5 - Liliana & Grace

Year 6 - Harry & Freddie

Attendance Fred has  
been awarded to:

**Cricketts**

Well done for good  
attendance



*Well done Hot Chocolaters!*

Sadie, Rudi, Soloman,  
Zaid, Chloe, Eliza,  
Chace, Tiana, Lema & Jack



BRIGHTON COLLEGE



May 2024

**Brighton College Pelican Primary Club 2024-25 Recruitment (Years 5 & 6) – Free of Charge Enrichment Offering**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the past year we have welcomed a total of 7 pupils from Queens Park Primary School and we have the great pleasure of also inviting you to sign up for our **free Pelican Primary Club at Brighton College**. These clubs will run **on Wednesday afternoons (4:00pm - 4:45pm), starting on Wednesday 9th October 2024**. This offers the opportunity for your children to undertake some enjoyable and academically stretching activities which we hope will benefit their learning and engagement with several different subjects.

Within the Pelican Primary Club your children will participate in a course of **3 subjects via 3 rotations** each consisting of blocks of **5 sessions**. At present we boast a range of **12 different subjects**. We encourage children to try something new to them - perhaps Mandarin, Coding or French - as well as selecting some subjects more familiar that they already enjoy and want to learn more about. During the application you will be asked to rank subjects by preference.

<b>Chess</b>	<b>Coding (Computing)</b>	<b>Dance</b>
<b>Debating</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>
<b>*Latin Minimus*</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) French &amp; German</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Science</b>

\*In addition, within the Pelican Primary Club, we run the excellent and successful programme, **Pelican Latin Minimus**. Classical languages such as Latin are rarely available to primary-aged children, but studying this highly organised and logical language, can bring huge benefits to cognitive skills such critical thinking and problem solving. Since about two-thirds of English words are derived from Latin, studying Latin provides invaluable insights into English vocabulary, the structure and meaning of English words, especially of longer and more complicated ones. **The Minimus sessions will run throughout three rotations across the school year, building the children’s knowledge of Latin.**

The sessions run on **Wednesdays at Brighton College**. Both the **Pelican Primary Club** and **Pelican Latin Minimus** will run from **4:00pm – 4:45pm**. Your child will need to be dropped off and picked up from Brighton College at the appropriate times. Further specific details will be sent upon confirmation of your child’s place.

**If your child will be starting Year 5 or Year 6 (from September 2024), you are invited to sign up via the online form using the QR code at the top right corner of this letter, or via <https://forms.office.com/e/sxDDaCq4dx>. You will receive confirmation of your child’s place in the Pelican Primary Club (including Pelican Latin Minimus) as soon as possible after the **form deadline of Sunday 9th June 2024**.**

UNITED KINGDOM SCHOOL OF THE DECADE – THE SUNDAY TIMES



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Following successful application, we will also let you know which subject your child will attend first. Please note that we strive where possible to match pupils with their preferences, however due to demand and class size restrictions this is not always possible, we thank you in advance for your understanding.

The clubs are supervised by our subject-specialist Brighton College teachers and led by our brilliant senior pupils, most of whom will be studying the subject at A-level and will be on hand to inspire and safeguard your child.

A reminder that all clubs are **free of charge, but numbers will be limited**. Therefore, all Pelican Primary Club sessions including Pelican Latin Minimus will run on a **first-come-first-served basis; we have had waiting lists in previous years, so do reply as soon as possible**. As outlined, the best way to do this would be to complete the form on your phone by scanning the QR code below which will open the form on your mobile, or by using the QR code provided or by weblink here: <https://forms.office.com/e/sxDDaCq4dx>



If you are unable to complete the form online, please email me ([abarnes@brightoncollege.net](mailto:abarnes@brightoncollege.net)) to request a hard copy of the sign-up and consent form.

We much look forward to welcoming your child to be part of this exciting programme later this year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AJS'.

Mr Alexander J Barnes

**Deputy to the Assistant Head (Outreach & Partnerships)**  
**Teacher of Mathematics, Boarding Tutor in Head's House**



# PELICAN PRIMARY CLUB

**Wednesdays  
4pm-4.45pm**



**A free after school club at Brighton College for Year 5 and 6 pupils.**

**Pupils will rank all the subjects in order of preference and will then do three of them across the year.**

## CODING



**Learn:** to use a variety of programming tools and core programming principles. Learn to make computer games using Scratch, make a website and even a mobile app! Learn to write short programs in Python.



## MATHS

**Learn:** methods of counting, such as binary and ternary systems, making colourful bracelets encoding your name. In addition, explore Tangrams and Lobster Pots, thrilling games of risk and probability.

## MUSIC



**Play:** many classic pop songs, such as *Riptide*, *Don't Worry Be Happy*, and *Say You Won't Let Go*, on the ukulele, piano and guitar.



## DRAMA

**Play:** confidence-building improvisation games. Learn how to perform creative storytelling and how to create characters.

**Learn:** the numbers, the alphabet and how to introduce yourself in French and German. Learn to talk about your hobbies, families and pets.

## MFL



## MANDARIN

**Learn:** common radicals, how to introduce yourself and family members. Learn numbers, hobbies and your favourite food and drinks.



**Learn:**

## CHESS

to engage in chess games and strategy play, especially game openings.



## SPORT

**Experience:** fun-filled skill sessions in netball, football and basketball. In the sessions the focus is on: skill, movement, fun and participation.



## DEBATING

**Learn:** philosophy and debating principles to encourage public speaking and learn how to develop persuasive arguments.



**Learn:** language, develop grammar, vocabulary and delve into fascinating mythology and Roman History.

## LATIN MINIMUS



**Experience:** fun-filled practicals - such as making bath bombs, exploring tectonic plates (including volcanic eruptions) and Ruben's Tube demonstration.



## SCIENCE



## DANCE

**Engage:** in dance to develop confidence and technique.

Brand new for 2024-25