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Government Visit

Our first Government inspection took place this Thursday. Seven government officials visited the school, with expertise in different areas such as Teaching and Learning, Campus Development, Community and Parent Engagement, School Leadership and Health and Safety.

Within their visit the officials offered us their preliminary verbal feedback. We are delighted to inform you that the results were highly positive, with curriculum and learning, as well as parent communication systems, deemed to be highly effective.

We will have the second phase of our inspection in December and will share more information about the final report with you once it is passed to us.

Dates

- 15/12:** K1 Christmas Show
- 16/12:** K2-G1 Christmas Show
- 16/12:** Christmas holiday begins from 12noon
- 3/1:** Term time recommences



Experiential Learning

At Bromsgrove School Mission Hills, we believe that young children learn best when doing so in real-life contexts. This allows students to create meaning by making personal connections to their learning.

Our G1 class have just begun a challenging new Inquiry Unit into the Big Idea, "Reward Systems play a key role in allowing individuals, communities and organisations to function and grow." As an initial provocation to engage students in the thinking behind this unit, G1 teachers took the students to the Bowling Lanes in Centreville Mall. Here, students were placed in teams, with the initial understanding that the winning team, with the highest score, would be awarded a special treat at the end. The idea behind this was to instigate responses from the students, ask them to reflect on what is fair and unfair about reward systems, and provoke their thinking to move the unit forward.

You will be pleased to hear that, as all students were so well behaved, with bowling lane staff and visitors commenting on the students excellent behaviour, all students were treated to a tasty waffle - with our special winners being given an additional reward of ice cream!

In two weeks, our K2 students will be taking a trip to the Zoo to initiate their thinking about Animal Diversity. It is wonderful to have more experiential learning to look forward to and to promote our curriculum.



Parent Information Sessions

We had a wonderful time at the recent Parent Workshop and Coffee Morning, which focused on Phonics learning. Parents worked in groups to engage in interactive activities to better understand the processes behind phonics learning, as well as to get to know some of the resources we use to enrich our teaching of this important area of the curriculum. Thanks to all who attended.

The next session will be another of our Grade Level Specific Workshops, in response to parent requests. The coming session next Thursday will be run by our K3 teachers and will focus on Language and Literacy Routines within the dual-language K3 setting:

Date: Thursday 24th November

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Atrium

Teachers will be outlining the Guided Reading routines for both English and Chinese with clear ideas about how you can help at home. They will also be touching on other elements of Literacy including Phonics, which has recently been split across the grade based on students' readiness for learning, as well as on handwriting and Cued Articulation.

If you plan to attend, please be sure to return your reply slip feedback to us by Tuesday morning at 9am.

See you there!

ASA Reimbursement

Thank you to our parents for being flexible with this week's ASAs on Thursday. As explained in previous communication, we were required to cancel the ASAs on this day as we had a government inspection that required all staff to be on-hand to support the officials and answer their questions as required, which would have left us short-handed for the after school programme delivery and logistics. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We will be refunding the cost of this ASA session, as there are not enough days in the term for us to offer an additional 'make up' session on a Thursday. Please note that our Finance Team are calculating the refund amounts and will be sending this home to you in a clearly labelled envelope via your child's school bag before the end of November.

Punctuality Procedures

Thank you to all those parents to diligently ensure that their child arrives at school, or to the school bus, on time each morning. When your child arrives on time, they begin the day positively, in-synch with their classmates, greeted by their teachers, starting their learning with their usual routines which are put in place to help your child feel secure and happy. When your child arrives late to school, they are often confused, feel 'left out' and are required to enter learning activities and morning routines at a mid-point, which can be unsettling for our young students. Likewise at the end of the day, being collected on time helps your child to feel valued, loved and safe. Being the last to be picked up can create feelings of loneliness and insecurity.

If you arrive late, from 8:40am onwards, please be sure to collect a Late Pass from Reception and take this to class. Your child's teachers will not allow students to enter the classroom after 8:40am without this Late Pass. We are carefully monitoring morning and afternoon lateness. Recurrent cases will be highlighted to the Head of School.

Congratulations G1 Leaders

Congratulations to Kevin and Rani who are the newly elected G1 Class Leaders. They will take over from Owen and Melody who did a great job in Quarter 1. It was a close run race so well done to all candidates. An election to be proud of!

