

Message from the Head teacher:

It is the penultimate week of this half term at Lime Academy Hornbeam and our learners deserve a well-earned rest.

Staff have undertaken their first Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) training today and we will be looking forward to launching this after half term. It has been great to see staff already implementing some of the key teaching of the DofE around skills such as:

- First Aid
- Photography
- Agriculture

But I have been more impressed with how the classes have adapted the learning to meet the individualised needs of the learners.

We have also launched our "online safety for parents" poster which can be accessed through the website. Fortnightly, we will be updating this with new information about how to keep your young people safe online. This is especially prominent as we approach half term. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any support in this important area.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to keep an eye out for key dates throughout the academic year that references parental events. We currently have:

Coffee Morning and Awards Celebration for post 16 - During this event, certificates will be given out and opportunities to meet some external providers as your young person journeys through their career.

We also have a "meet the team" meeting starting next week for the parents/carers of our Primary learners at your young person's respective site:

WM - 22/10/2021 @ 9.30am

BH – 03/11/2021 @ 9.30am

Have a nice weekend.

Ben Hawes

Headteacher

SCHOOL CALENDAR



18 October	INSET Day 2 – school closed to pupils
19 October	Pupils return to school
22 October	Last day before half term
25 – 29 October	Autumn Half Term
01 November	Pupils return to school
13 December	INSET Day 3 – school closed to pupils

Vaccination Information

@WM

Covid Vacc (Age 12-15) – Tuesday 9th November 2021

@BH

Flu – Wednesday 20th October 2021

Arbor Parent Portal & App: Update

We are excited to announce that from Monday 1 November we will transition from Parent Mail to Arbor's parent portal and App. Today you will receive the first email about this move and a link to a short film about how you can set your account up. We have also attached a parent information sheet with this newsletter.

On Friday 22 October, the parent portal and Arbor App will go live, and you will receive a second email with your login details, so you can set-up your account over the half term holiday period. We will be transferring your ParentMail account balance to Arbor over the half term holiday.

We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are.

Message from the Trust

As part of this process, the Lime Trust Board reflected on the Trust's strap line of "Putting Children First" and decided to change it to "Putting Learners First" to reflect the education nature of the Trust and the older pupils that attend our schools. Over time, you will see modifications to school correspondence, websites, signage etc to reflect this.

Learning @ BFH – Navy Class

This week Navy class have enjoyed and engaged with activities based on the students' preferred resources. This has linked to our half termly topic of "Incredible Me", and around motivating items.

The drama session led by our drama therapist is a lesson loved by all. All learners have replicated some of the skills and actions undertaken in the drama lesson into other times throughout the day and the week. This includes, movements, communication with staff members, as well as interacting with class peers.



We have also been focusing on personalised methods of communication, allowing us to communicate our needs and wants. This includes some students using the method of Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). This promotes pupil voice for our students.

We have been exploring various fruits with many colours, allowing us to use all our senses. It is great fun.

Well done Navy class!

Harvest Festival

Last week at BH campus, we had a great time celebrating harvest festival. Two representatives came from Food Bank and led an interactive assembly. Students were handling various tinned, packaged and fresh foods, such as vegetables and fruit. Students had some opportunities to explore these foods. Students were very excited and engaged with adults and activities. They liked matching fruit and vegetables.



Food Bank are very appreciative of your generous contributions. Thank you so much for sending in all the food and hygiene items yesterday. This will definitely help those in need.

Learning @ WM – Watson

People who help us



In our PSHE lessons we have been looking at people who can help us, and what they use to help us with. We started with the emergency service people, and then looked at others who will help us. We did incredibly well signing the names of the people, along with saying how they help us.

Making Autumn Lanterns



We have been making autumn lanterns in class to hang up and decorate our classroom. We looked at how light shines through the lantern windows when held to the sun.

Free Adult Learning Courses – Parents

Please see opportunities from BCE Creative Careers that might be of interest.

BCE specialises in creative education, vocational pathways, traineeships and apprenticeships for the creative industries. Please click on below links.

[Soundtrack for Creative Media](#)

[Web Design](#)

[2D Animation](#)

[Creative Apprenticeship Masterclass](#)

In order to be eligible for the free course you must:

Be aged 19+ as of 31st August 2021, Reside in a London postcode.

Have been a resident in the UK or EU for the past 3 years

Be unemployed (must not be furloughed or receiving payment from a previous employer. If you are on a zero hour contract, you are eligible)

Must have a National Insurance number. Not be in full-time education.