

Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you find it informative and interesting, giving you an overview of recent events and details of future activities. If you have any comments or suggestions for the content of this newsletter please let us know.

Primary Schools Christmas Concert

Congratulations on a wonderful performance from our massed Primary Christmas Choir at the Brighton Centre. Many thanks also to all colleagues in schools who gave their time to help make the event a success. The schools involved were:

Balfour Junior School, Benfield Junior School, Bevendean Primary School, Carden Primary School, Carlton Hill Primary School, Coldean Primary School, Cottesmore St Mary's Primary School, Downs Junior School, Elm Grove Primary School, Fairlight Primary School, Goldstone Primary School, Hertford Junior School, Middle Street Primary School, Mile Oak Primary School, Moulsecomb Primary School, Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, Patcham Junior School, Peter Gladwin Primary School, Queens Park Primary School, Rudyard Kipling Primary School, Saltdean Primary School, Somerhill Junior School, St Andrew's CE Primary School, St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, St Bernadette's RC Primary School, St John the Baptist RC School, St Lukes Junior School, St Margarets CE Primary School, St Mark's CE Primary School, St Martins CE Primary School, St Mary Magdalen RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Nicolas' CE Junior School, St Paul's CE Primary School, Stanford Junior School, West Blatchington Junior School, West Hove Junior School, Westdene Primary School, Whitehawk Primary School, Woodingdean Primary School

BYO String Ensemble with Bob Hoskins in London



You will see in this photo the familiar face of Bob Hoskins (star of "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and many other roles) posing with "the band" as he called the BYO String Ensemble. The occasion was a celebratory concert in London in aid of Afasic (for children with communication difficulties). The illustrious list of guests also included John Bercow, the speaker of the house of Commons.

Bob Hoskins was really excited after the concert to get a chance to conduct for a few moments. He was very flattering in his praise of the musicians and wants to be invited to hear "the band" again in the near future.

Cancellation of Instrumental Lessons and Music Centre classes

We apologise that due to the adverse weather conditions in early January a number of lessons and music centre sessions were cancelled. We aim to re-schedule these for later in the year and anticipate that all sessions will be offered in line with our tuition agreement. Please contact us at the end of the academic year if you feel that there has been a shortfall and your account will be credited or refunded.



Photo courtesy of the Brighton Argus

Playing for Success Graduation

The Seagulls Learning Centre recently held their final graduation ceremony of 2009. Over 80 students from Moulsecomb, Fairlight, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Pauls, St. Bartholomew's, Coldean and Aldrington Primary schools and Portslade Community College attended with one or more members of their family.

The graduation marked the end of a 10 week course where students had been working hard on developing their Literacy, Numeracy and ICT skills through the environment and medium of football at the Playing for Success centre based at the Withdean stadium.

Two first team players; Tommy Elphick and Glenn Murray from Brighton and Hove Albion FC attended the ceremony, lending their support to the scheme and enhancing the evening for the students. All students received certificates of achievement from the players, as well as a few extra students being chosen for special awards.

The Seagulls Learning Centre Manager said, "The evening went really well, capping off a fantastic term. It has been a real pleasure working with all the students. I'm also glad they got to meet two of the Club's excellent professionals."



3 new Double Clubs launched in 2010

Playing for Success staff have also been working with Falmer High School this term on an initiative that is new to the City, called the Double Club. Double Club involves the delivery of football related Literacy and Numeracy activities designed to complement the National Curriculum and raise standards. Incorporated into the programme is an hour of football coaching offered as a reward for working hard in the sessions.

The sessions have gone very well and both the school and the PfS staff have been pleased with the outcomes. Falmer have committed themselves to two more terms of Double Club for this academic year and Portslade Community College and Blatchington Mill Schools are starting the initiative in the New Year. Students have been very positive about the scheme and have been rewarded with Brighton and Hove Albion FC shirts and tickets to games. They have also attended the Withdean stadium to carry out some activities and the new Community stadium at Falmer for a presentation and visit to the viewing area.

All schools are welcome to attend the new Community stadium for a free presentation and visit to the viewing area. Please contact Anthony.Faulkner@brighthon-hove.gov.uk for more information.

Brighton & Hove Apple Training Centre



Brighton and Hove Music, Arts and Study Support have become an Apple Regional Training Centre. The new facility will offer free training for teachers and ICT technicians. It will be an informal environment where teachers and technicians can explore Apple technologies regardless of experience or expertise. We will be hosting regular hands on workshops where teachers can learn to use technologies to enhance creativity in the classroom, right across the curriculum.

Partnerships with Solutions Inc and Apple have enabled this facility to be launched with equipment and software donations.

Please visit our website www.brighton-hovertc.co.uk for more information about training courses and contact details.



Brighton Early Music festival concert - "A Homage to Henry"

Back in July we were asked by Deborah Roberts, one of the Early Music Festival's founders and director of the Brighton Consort, to form a Brass Ensemble with the express intention of providing the outer movements of Purcell's Funeral Music for Queen Mary in this year's festival. This we did from the organ balcony at St Bartholomew's Church, as well as providing Brass music from other early English composers. We formed an Advanced Brass Ensemble of 22 players specifically for this concert which was very well received and gave the players a chance to experience a period and style of music we don't often explore. Well done to all that took part – a memorable evening!