

# Work together, learn together, achieve together.

# Breakwater Academy Newsletter



## Message from Mrs Franceschi

I am very pleased to announce, that this week Breakwater Academy was awarded the Race Charter Marker Bronze Certificate. Please see below, the press release, in relation to the award, and what it represents for our school and our community. We are very proud of the way we are developing our curriculum and our ethos, to provide all of our children with the knowledge and cultural capital, to enable them be successful 'global citizens'. If any parents or carers are interested in becoming involved in our Race Charter Mark work in the future, then please get in touch. This morning we had our celebration events for the King's Coronation, the children participated in a whole school assembly, which focused on the life of the King and the Coronation ceremony. This afternoon, children wore crowns, gifted to them by the PTFA and had coronation cupcakes and enjoyed coronation activities, to further celebrate this momentous occasion.



**Date: Friday 5<sup>TH</sup> May 2023**



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## Dates for your diary –

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
King's Coronation Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Y6 SATs begin

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 SATs end

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
End of term 5

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Start of term 6

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y6 swimming am every Tuesday until 11/07 – excluding 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 3 trip to Brighton Museum

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 Residential starts

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Year 6 Residential returns

## Attendance and Punctuality

This week, the class with the highest attendance was Turtles, with 98.8%. Well done! The class with the most improved attendance was also Turtles!

We have noticed that the number of children arriving after the register has been taken has increased recently. Please remember that the school gates open at 8.35am, so that the children can be in their classrooms by 8.40am, which is the start of the school day. Registers are taken at 8.45am. If your child arrives in class after this time, they will receive a late mark.

As the weather improves, you may be thinking about taking a holiday. Before booking a holiday, either to take place this academic year or next academic year, we would ask that you take account of term dates, by looking at the school website or by contacting the school office. Please be mindful, that any holidays, which are taken during term-time, will not be authorised and could result in a penalty notice being issued, or a fine.

If you know in advance that your child is not going to be in school, please talk to your child's class teacher and complete, and return, a withdrawal from learning form (available from the school office.)

Please remember that if your child is extremely ill and unable to attend school, parents/carers should contact the school to provide details regarding the absence, before the start of the day, **on each day** that your child is absent.

## RACE Charter Mark – Bronze Award

**Breakwater Academy recognised for their commitment to action and improvement in relation to race equality.**

Congratulations to Breakwater Academy who have been recognised nationally for their commitment to improving race equality and prioritising an inclusive culture where staff, students, parents and partners of all ethnicities are equally valued, by being awarded the bronze level RACE Charter Mark.

Developed by SSAT (the Schools, Students and Teachers network) and Fig Tree International, the Race and Conscious Equality (RACE) Charter Mark is for schools, academies and colleges, both in the state and private sectors, in the UK who wish to demonstrate their commitment to action and improvement in relation to race equality in all aspects of their work as educators, employers and community leaders.

To achieve the charter mark Breakwater Academy completed a comprehensive package of training for governors, senior leaders and middle leaders, and submitted an evaluation detailing their work towards equality so far and an action plan pledging their commitment to ongoing development in this area.

Angelina Idun, Director of Education, SSAT said:

“I am delighted that Breakwater Academy has been awarded the bronze RACE Charter mark. Their application and action plan clearly show a positive ethos and culture which champions and strives for conscious equality and inclusivity throughout the school community. We look forward to continuing to work with the school to see their strategic vision fully realised”

Ann Palmer, CEO, Fig Tree International said:

“I am absolutely delighted that Breakwater Academy is receiving this recognition. This recognises their determination to make a difference, not only in their own school, but also in the local community. Breakwater Academy has joined a great group of schools and colleges who are part of the RACE Charter Mark community. We applaud them for their work and aspirations to build a more inclusive society.”



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## Year 6 SATs Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

We would like to wish all of the year 6 children the best of luck in their upcoming SATs which are taking place next week. Not that they need luck, of course, as they have worked consistently hard throughout their time at Breakwater, and we know that they will do their absolute best! To support them during this important week, Year 6 children will be given a free place to attend Breakfast Club, from 7.30am (their siblings can come too at no cost). At 8.30am, all Year 6 children will be provided with a breakfast prior to going to their classroom to complete their early morning work.

We would like to thank parents in advance, for ensuring that their child arrives at school on time every day, to ensure that the children have as smooth an experience as possible next week.

## Class News

Message from Mrs Sarjeant

Year 4 donned their aprons and chef's hats for their second session of the Adopt a School programme. Chef John, taught them the bridge and claw method for chopping fruit and vegetables. The children proceeded to use this method to chop up vegetables for a salad, which they were able to eat at break time!



Message from Miss Jones

This week Starfish class have been learning about the different parts of a plant. They went onto the school field and used magnifying glasses to observe the plants and to identify each part of the plant. The pupils drew and labelled the parts they saw.



**WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS  
SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
WITH THEIR  
MENTAL HEALTH**



16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

FREE TO ANY  
PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

5 WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE COVERING:

- > Anxiety
- > Sleep
- > Managing self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- > Autism and challenging behaviour
- > Eating disorders

Workshops will be delivered on  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 9:30AM, 12:30PM AND 7PM  
Workshops last 90 minutes and have a 15 minute  
Q&A session (pre-sent questions only)

**WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?**

Scan here:

Or visit:



<https://bit.ly/3LvABw5>

**FREE** DIGITAL GOODY  
BAG OF RESOURCES  
AND INFORMATION FOR  
EACH ATTENDEE

**NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?**

If you have any questions, please email: [Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:Melissa.Baitmansour@spft.nhs.uk)

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**Does your child  
suffer with  
sleep issues?**

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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## STEP Vacancies

STEP Academy Trust is currently seeking to recruit a passionate and committed Kitchen Assistant. Join us in our journey to improving the life chances of children – where we have the capacity to make a difference we are morally bound to do so.

If you have the commitment to transform children's lives then take a look at our latest vacancies which includes adverts, job descriptions and application forms at: <https://www.stepacademytrust.org/working-for-step/>

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## Newhaven Uniform Bank

The Newhaven Uniform Bank needs some help, just 1 hour a week would be fantastic. Clothes need to be picked and sorted into bags for families to collect. Uniform Bank's help the environment and the cost of living so it's a win win for everyone, if you can contribute a little time whenever suits you, it would be very much appreciated. Contact [nff@sussexcommunity.org.uk](mailto:nff@sussexcommunity.org.uk) if you can help out. Thank you  
<https://www.newhavenfamilies.com/newhaven-uniform-bank>

## Free Bike and Walking Sessions from SCDA at the Active Travel Hub



# Active Travel Hub 2023 May Events and Activities

Course	Age	Dates	Time	Venue	Booking
Bikes 4 Beginners	5-12	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> April Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> May Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm-4.30	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	<a href="https://eequ.org/experience/3278">https://eequ.org/experience/3278</a>
Gentle Walk	18+	Every Thursday from 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	Email to reserve
Bikeability Level 1	5+	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	12pm-2pm	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	<a href="https://eequ.org/experience/3409">https://eequ.org/experience/3409</a>
Bikeability Level 2	10+	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	12pm-4pm	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	<a href="https://eequ.org/experience/3411">https://eequ.org/experience/3411</a>
Mountain Bike Club	11-16yrs	Every Wednesday from 17 <sup>th</sup> May	4pm-6pm	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	<a href="https://eequ.org/experience/3412">https://eequ.org/experience/3412</a>
Family Bike Day	Adults with children aged 5+	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	11am-4pm	Active Travel Hub Newhaven	<a href="https://eequ.org/experience/1864">https://eequ.org/experience/1864</a>

To make a reservation please click on the booking link for the activity you would like to attend.

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