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# R W S

Friday 22nd March  
2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest edition of the RWS News. I am sure students, parents and carers are looking forward to the Easter Break for a well earned rest. Students in Years 11 and 13 have been invited to Easter school revision sessions to provide as much support as possible before the summer exam season. Thank you to staff who are running these sessions during the break and we hope our students really make the most of this additional support.

I would like to offer a huge congratulations to all students who participated in our annual school production of 'Alice.' It was a fantastic production and we are so proud of each and every cast member. We are also grateful to staff and students who worked behind the scenes, and of course the Drama department and IT technicians who helped make this all happen. Well done everyone, we hope our audiences enjoyed it too.

Last week we also celebrated Science Week; there is more information on all the different activities that were on offer on Page 5.

For anyone looking for activities over the Easter break, there is some information within this newsletter that has been shared with us by Bromley Borough, detailing their Holiday and Food Activities (HAF) - we hope you find this useful.

Next week our PE department are taking over 80 students to Valencia for the annual football tour. We hope students are looking forward to this trip. They really do create lasting memories for our students. A great deal of planning and organising goes into these visits so thanks again to all those involved.

I wrote to all families this week outlining the arrangements for the Easter break, including an early finish on our last day, Thursday 28th March, followed by a late start when we return on Monday 15th April. We return to a Week A timetable. The letter also includes some useful information about safeguarding over the Easter break, and key dates in the summer term, so please do save this for reference.

Have a wonderful Easter.

Ms M. Lester  
Headteacher





Last week we participated in the school's production of "Alice" on Wednesday the 13th and Thursday the 14th March. It was a brilliant experience and brought together a lot of people from different year groups. We are grateful to the audiences on both nights, the feedback was very positive and we hope you all enjoyed the production as much as we did. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped in the production of the play, and a special thank you to the Drama department who committed their time into organising this since October. We are very proud of what we have achieved and hope you will all come and watch our production again next year.

*Lizzie and Eleanor, Cast Members*

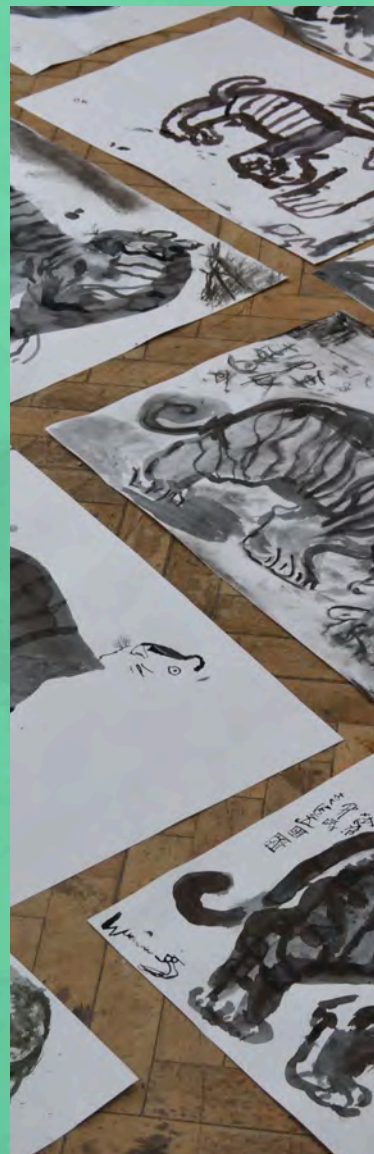




# Year 10 Drawing Workshop

On Friday, 15th March, we welcomed Paul Brandford, art tutor from 'We Explore Drawing' into the Art department. Paul was leading a workshop which introduced expressive drawing techniques, using ink and stick mark making and charcoal. Year 10 GCSE art students enjoyed the workshop and will include this work in their Non Examination coursework and current project entitled 'Fantastic Beasts'.

Mrs Hemming, Head of Art





## Art Trip

On Tuesday the 19th of March, Year 12 and Year 13 Art & Photography students travelled to Middlesex University with Miss Abbott to partake in bespoke Photographic workshops. Students had the opportunity to use the advanced facilities to produce work for their coursework projects; they produced Chemigrams using photographic chemicals and used old-school 5x4 medium format cameras to produce beautiful portraits; students also took advantage of the amazing photography studios, by producing light tracing photographs using colour gels and light torches!



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Dev	1.5 mins	3 mins
Stop	30 sec	1 min
Fix	5 mins	5 mins
Wash	10 mins	15 mins





# SCIENCE WEEK



This year the STEM Academy have again been busy building CanSats as part of the European Space Agency competition. A CanSat is a fully functioning satellite contained within the volume of a normal soft drink can. It is launched in a rocket to an altitude of approx 1000m and then records telemetry data during its return to Earth, also carrying out additional scientific investigations. The teams recently took their CanSats to a regional launch event to carry out a test rocket launch. All three CanSats were successfully launched, allowing vital testing of the internal scientific instruments, internal electronic components and parachute recovery systems. The data collected during the test launches will now be used to improve the design and construction of the CanSats ahead of any future launches.

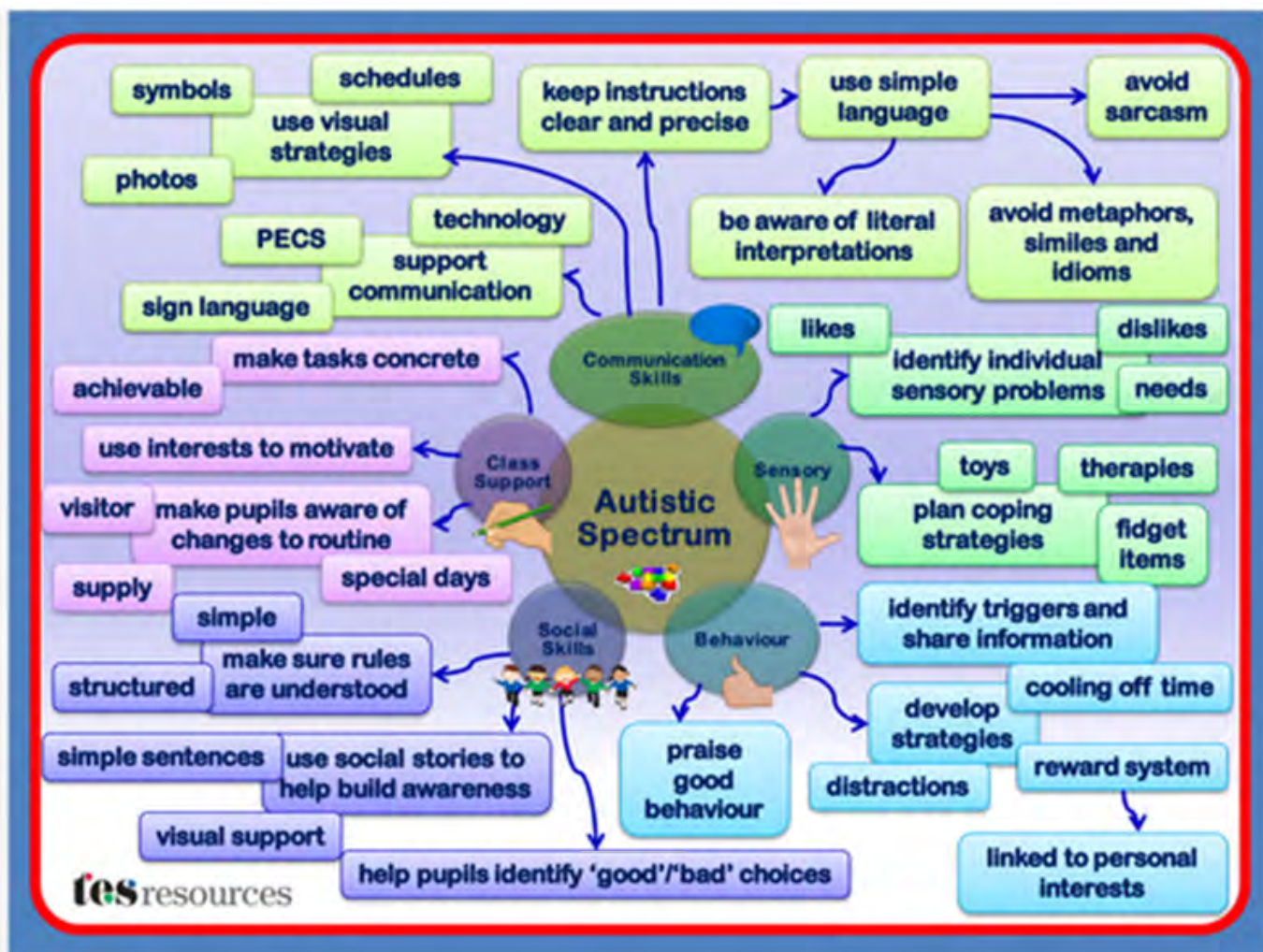
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Years 7-10 celebrated British Science Week in style with an array of practical lessons and new opportunities for learning. The theme of this year's Science Week was 'Time', and so the Science department created new and engaging activities that capture the importance of Time in our universe, with awe and wonder at the heart of these lessons. Our first task was to make marble timers – a challenging and creative engineering task. The aim was to make the marble reach the end exactly 10 seconds after letting go at the start. (Big thank you to those that donated resources for this activity.)

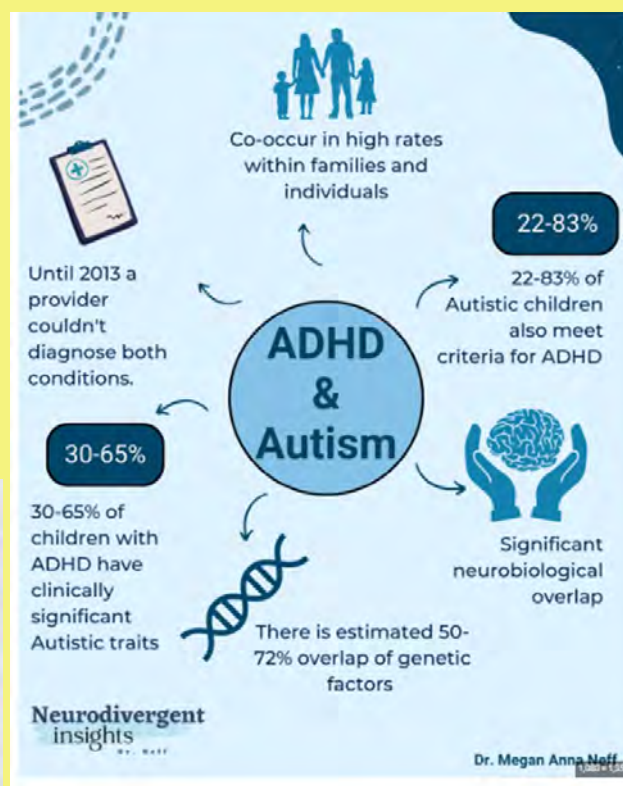


We learned about the biological importance of time for seed dispersal of plants. Students made and modified their own seeds and learnt that successful dispersal gives plants a competitive advantage and time in the air is essential for this. We also tested our own nervous systems by measuring our reaction times using only a ruler. This practical required close attention to the control variables to ensure our results were valid.





**WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT IS WHAT MAKES YOU BEAUTIFUL**





# German Exchange



Following on from the success of the German exchange for KS3 and KS4, the following week our A Level German students welcomed their exchange partners back for their trip to the UK. The RWS A Level class did their work experience in Leer in Northern Germany last December at the same time as the lower school exchange with Ms Hemetsberger and Mr Tysall. Similar to their German partners, the RWS Sixth Form students worked in kindergartens as well as shops.

The highlight of the trip for many of us was the trip to see Hamilton!



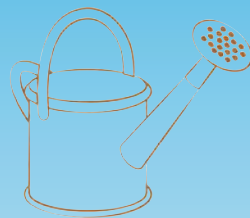
## STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

The careers department, in conjunction with our MFL department, arranged placements for five German exchange students last week. The students were placed at two of our Trust Primary Schools, Hawes Down and Langley Park Primary School, as well as Burnt Ash Primary School in Bromley.

Thank you to those schools for hosting the students and for providing an experience in a UK education setting. A huge thank you as well to our Year 12 students and their families for hosting the students and for exposing the German students to new cultures, languages and international awareness. We look forward to another successful exchange programme next year.



# Year 8 Outdoor Club



We're delighted to announce the fantastic achievement of our Year 8 Outdoor Club this week! After school, our enthusiastic students rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty planting a total of 25 saplings. This green initiative, made possible by the generous donation from the Woodland Trust, marks a significant step forward in our school's commitment to environmental stewardship.

Among the varieties planted are Rowan, Silver Birch, and Wild Cherry trees, carefully selected to thrive in our local ecosystem. These trees will not only enhance the beauty of our school grounds but also provide vital habitat and sustenance for local wildlife.

We extend our sincerest thanks to the Woodland Trust for their donations and partnership in this endeavour. Their contribution shows the power of community collaboration in nurturing our natural environment.

- Mr Eydmann  
Teacher in charge of Outdoor  
Education





# RWS Sixth Form News



## Bromley Rotary Club School's Day

Rene and Billy, two of our Year 13 students attended the Bromley Rotary Club School's day this week. The event brought together students from three local schools for a lunch and then to talk briefly about their current studies and their aspirations for the future. The meeting took place at The Warren, Metropolitan Police Sports Club. Rene discussed his involvement with our student leadership team in his role as Deputy Head Student as well as his current subjects and his passion for music enrichment. Both boys gave a fantastic account of themselves and represented Ravens Wood School exceptionally well. They have truly role modelled our school ethos of Learn, Lead and Excel. A big thank you to Mrs Sims who accompanied the young men on the day. #LearnLeadExcel



## UCAS Discovery Event

Many of our Year 12 students attended the UCAS Discovery Event at the London Excel on Monday 18th January. The purpose of the event was to allow students to explore all of their next steps options under one roof. There were a large number of universities, apprenticeship providers, employers and more. #NextStepsSupport



## The Brilliant Club | Scholars Programme

The Scholars Programme, delivered by the Brilliant Club send their trained PHD students to work with partner schools to share their subject knowledge and passion for learning with small groups of students. The programme helps them to develop students knowledge, skills and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university. It is structured around seven tutorials, and pupils also attend a Graduation Event at a partner university to speak with current undergraduates and learn about university life. Our students attended their first tutorial today and engaged with this with a sense of purpose and maturity. #CreatingOpportunities



# RWS Sixth Form News



## Daisy 'Jumping for Joy'

### Current club

Blackheath and Bromley

Train at Sutcliffe Park (Kilburn) Lee Valley (North London)



### Current achievements/placings 2024

**Silver** - U20 EA (England Athletics - Nationals) - Sheffield - Long Jump - February 2024

**Gold** - U20 SEAA (Southern champions) - Lee Valley - Long Jump - February 2024

### International medal achievements

**U20 Europeans, C&A Club Championships - Day 1 + 2<sup>nd</sup> & Day 3 + 1<sup>st</sup>** (This competition was based on points gathered from placings for your club) - Held in Aieti (Italy) - Long Jump - September 2023

**Silver** - U20 Welsh International held in Cardiff (Wales) - (Competing as an U18) - Long Jump - August 2023

**Gold** - U17 SIAB (Schools International Athletics Board) held in Grangemouth (Scotland) - Long Jump - July 2023

**International Bronze & 11<sup>th</sup> for Gold** (Breaking the Championship record) U16 SIAB (Schools International Athletics Board) Indoor Pentathlon held in Glasgow (Scotland) - December 2021

### Favourite athletes

Jarmin Swayers - a British long jumper

Nana Spasovitch - a Serbian long jumper

Tara Davis - an American long jumper

### A Level subjects

Physical Education, Psychology, Geography

### Brief background of your career so far - where/when did you start/how did you get into athletics?

Before athletics I was a gymnast from age 4 to 11. I tried out at a development day at Herman Park, where I took part in a mixture of events. I was then spotted by a coach who said I had a talent in jumping. I joined Blackheath and Bromley at the age of 10 and I have been a member ever since. I am incredibly grateful to be a part of the top and most successful athletics clubs in the UK.

### How have you found balancing your studies alongside your athletics?

BALANCING studies alongside training and competitions has been working out well.

Back in 2023, the year of GCSE's, I decided to put combined events (heptathlon) to a halt, meaning I was then only focusing on long jump, hurdles, and sprints. My training days went from 6 days a week, down to 4 days a week. This was to ensure I had enough time to complete my work and revision, to be prepared for exams.

I always make sure my work is completed before I head out to training. I plan out my days to make sure I have enough time to finish my work.





## The Bromley Children Project

**REVISED**

Your guide to our FREE parenting courses & online seminars for 2023/24



**SEIZE THE DAY**

### Talking Teens

This is a group to support parents & carers to understand the impact they have on their teenagers aged 11+ yrs & the influence of adolescent brain development & behaviour.

Parents & carers will explore their own feelings as well as their teenagers' & develop approaches to promote positive life skills. Explore conflict, positive boundary setting & problem solving.



### Talking Teens

Duration: 4 weeks  
Age Range: 11+ years  
Creche available at most settings  
Venue: Children & Family Centres

### Course Content

- #1 Teenage behaviour & adolescent development
- #2 Understanding the teenager brain & parenting styles
- #3 Communicating with your teenager
- #4 Managing conflict, handling difficult issues, Rules & Boundaries

Parents & carers will:

- Build on their pre-existing parenting skills & discover new ones to match their developing young people.
- Understanding the impact they have on their teenagers.
- Understanding the influence of the adolescent brain on behaviour.
- Learn how to improve their communication with their young person.

The Bromley Children Project (BCP) is a borough wide service that supports families living in Bromley to create a safe, secure and happy environment for all children, by reaching out to expectant parents, current parents/ carers and young people aged up to 18 years; particularly those who are struggling and are in need of additional help.

The BCP is linked to all Children and Family Centres, and works with private, voluntary and independent Early Years providers in the borough.

The BCP are here to offer you friendly, non-judgemental 1:1 family support, helping you as the parent/ carer to effect positive change in your children.

We aim to:

- Support families with children aged under 18 by offering quality targeted parenting courses and one to one family support.
- Provide impartial information, advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs.
- Provide impartial information and advice for all parents on their child's transition from primary school to secondary school.
- Help all children make the most of their time at school by empowering parents, encouraging them to be enthusiastic and involved in their children's education, and to continue their own education and training.

If you're unsure if we're the right service for you, why not call our parenting hotline 020 8461 7259 and have an informal chat with one of our friendly practitioners?

For any questions call:  
020 8461 7259



Example of a Bromley Children Project course

**Attendance**

**1st Place with 97% - 7A, 7D & 7E**

**2nd Place with 96% - 11G**

**3rd Place with 9% - 9D**



## Dates for your Diary

**RWS13 Raising Achievement Evening - Tuesday 26th March**

**Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Wednesday 27th March**

**Last Day of Term - Thursday 28th March - early finish**



**RWS11 RWS13**

**Easter School for RWS11 & RWS13 will be running revision sessions from Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April.**

Please check the SOCS website for regular updates regarding sporting fixtures  
<https://sport.rws.uk.net>





## LIBRARY CORNER



### "Around the World in 25 Books"

In celebration of World Book Day our newest display "Around the World in 25 Books" aims to take students on an immersive and literary journey across the globe. Intricately crisscrossed string joins together locations on the map to its corresponding book. The aim of this display was to take students out of their reading comfort zone. It's a reminder that libraries are not just a repository of stories but a portal to new cultures, perspectives and experiences to broaden minds and highlight the infinite possibilities of storytelling.



**177**  
books loaned  
out this term!

Top Genre –  
Kid's Comedy  
& Adventure



### Celebrating Women's History Month

In Honor of Women's history month we recognised some pioneering and influential women who helped to shape history with their powerful words and actions. Featuring quotes from renowned female figures across various fields, from literature and activism to science and sports, this display serves as a tribute to their enduring impact and legacy. Through "That's What She Said," we celebrate the voices of females, inspiring our own students to recognise the power of words.

## Basketball News



**Our Year 8's won a highly competitive game to advance to the Kent Cup final for the second year in a row.**

**The score was close throughout and the boys worked together defensively for a clutch 4th quarter push to get the job done.**

**We look to take on a strong Bullers Wood side next week in the final.**

**Joint MVP (Most Valuable Player) for our leading scorers Orion and Charlie who combined for 33 points.**

**- Mr Richards, Teacher in charge of Basketball**

Reg No: 1162907

### Brands Hatch Charity Day

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We are delighted to say that there have been two candidates for the vacancy of Parent Governor. Thank you to these parents/carers for standing.

This means we must now hold a ballot. The nominations are for the following candidates;

- Michael John Frawley
- Pamela Manfo-Marc

You may vote for one candidate. Please refer to the candidates' statements when making your decision as to whom to vote for, shared in today's letter from Ms Lester, along with your voter code.

Each parent can submit one vote for one candidate, regardless of the number of children you have attending the school. As indicated on the voting form, you should vote by selecting the name of the parent you support.

Online voting;  
To access online voting please use the following link

**<https://forms.office.com/e/znCLXPmFt9>** or scan the QR code



### **Bromley Rotary Club Schools' Day - 19th March 2024**

For the last 20 or more years, The Bromley Rotary Club has invited representatives from three of its local secondary schools to tell them about their hopes and aspirations. On Tuesday a teacher and two sixth-formers from Coopers, Ravens Wood and Hayes Schools joined us for lunch at The Warren, Hayes.

To a packed audience Rene, (from Ravens Wood), Ofure and Steve (from Coopers) and Rose (from Hayes) spoke passionately and articulately about the challenges they have faced and their ambitious aspirations for the future. This was not a competition, but an opportunity for a spot of public speaking for the young people, and for Rotary Club members, many not in the first flush of youth, to hear from them first-hand. And very impressive they were!

After the speeches Mr Jared Nehra, Bromley's Director of Education, gave a brief thank you, congratulating the students and thanking the schools for their participation in this event.

Photographed: Students and teachers from Ravens Wood School, Coopers School, Mr Jared Nehra (Director of Education), and Hayes School (left to right) at Bromley Rotary's Schools Day

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## Bromley holiday activities and food programme

Bromley's Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals outside of term time, for eligible families with children and young people aged between 5 to 16 years old.

Our programme allows children and young people to enjoy fun and enriching activities that will enable them to develop new skills, build confidence and meet new friends. Each session will allow your child to take part in some form of physical activity as well as creative and educational tasks. They will also learn about the nutritional aspect of the food they eat, whilst enjoying a free nutritious meal each day.

Since the initial pilot in 2021 our HAF programmes have been a remarkable success and we look forward to updating you on what we have to offer in the year 2024.

The HAF programme runs during the **Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays only**.

## Eligibility

The programme is free for children and young people who are in receipt of **benefit related free school meals** or in Bromley as a refugee. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the team at [HolidayActivitiesandFood@Bromley.gov.uk](mailto:HolidayActivitiesandFood@Bromley.gov.uk).

Proof of such benefits may be required upon booking.

## Funding

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is funded by the Department for Education. In addition to this programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85 per cent of their childcare costs. Please read the [Universal Credit and childcare guidance](#) on the GOV.UK website to find out more.



**BROMLEY CHILDREN & FAMILIES VOLUNTARY SECTOR FORUM**

# CAMPS

Munchkin Sports

**SPRING**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)**

**MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 • 9.00AM-1.30PM

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- NUTRITIONAL LUNCH

RAW

FOR BOOKING DETAILS PLEASE EMAIL: [HAF@BCSFORUM.ORG](mailto:HAF@BCSFORUM.ORG)

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**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)**

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3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> APR 2024 • 9.00AM-1.00PM

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> APR 2024 • 9.00AM-1.00PM

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- MULTI ACTIVITIES
- NUTRITIONAL LUNCH

GREENGLADE'S FOREST SCHOOL

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**SPRING**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)**

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**Excel** To be the best you can be through effort and endeavour

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