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Dear Parents

School Visits

I had the opportunity of visiting The Avenue Pre-Prep and Nursery School this week. The school, like ours, is proprietary owned and I was delighted to spend time with Mary Fysh, founder and Principal, and Sarah Tapp the current Headmistress. The Avenue is a small school with an impressive spacious garden taking children from rising 3 to 7 years old.

Visitors this week

I was very happy to welcome Mrs Peck and Miss Patel from Haberdasher's Boys' Pre- Prep, to school yesterday. Mrs Peck is the Pre-Prep Head and Miss Patel is one of the Year 1 teachers at the school. They were both very impressed with Broadhurst and felt that the children were so well engaged and seemed so happy. They were also delighted to meet one of the children that will be starting at Haberdasher's Boys School next term.

Walk to School Week

I hope that some of you had the opportunity to walk to school this week. Miss Belzer was merrily giving children stickers this morning to congratulate them on walking.

Hatching Eggs

The chicks have grown enormously in the last week and are now definitely ready to move to their new home. The children have really enjoyed having them in school and it has provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with topics such as spring and life cycles.

Mosaic Wall

As part of the celebrations of our **60th birthday**, children this week have spent time on producing our landscape piece for the garden. Mrs Alaghband, mother of Kimia and Kamran, has very kindly and generously given both her time and skills to mastermind this artwork. We are hoping that it will be finished in time for our party on **30th June** for all to admire.

The children have all had an opportunity to contribute to the piece and I am confident that the overall piece will be a beautiful and long-lasting attraction in the garden.

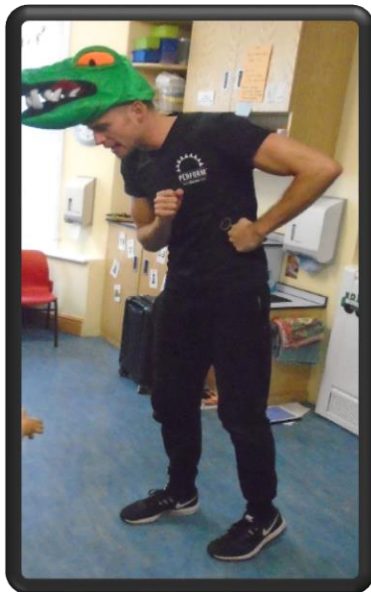


Perform

The children enjoyed a visit from Perform on Wednesday this week. Perform are regular visitors to Broadhurst who spend the day with us taking all the classes for a drama workshop. On this occasion the theme was 'The Jungle' and Carl, the leader, took the children on a magical adventure in to the jungle to rescue Blaze, the golden cat.

It was enchanting to see the children transported into another world pretending to be different animals, learning to freeze on the command of "camouflage".

The session included the opportunity for children to sing, dance and keep themselves safe from 'Chompy the Crocodile.' I was impressed as I watched the session with Class 1 and 2 in the afternoon, that the children were so attentive and were able to follow Carl's instructions so well.



Class News

Class 7 children have been looking at the topic 'My Body'. Focusing this week on healthy and unhealthy foods or, as we like to call them, 'always' and 'sometimes' foods. We were very excited to celebrate the Royal Wedding by having a very royal tea party.

Dressing up as Kings and Queens, creating our own crowns and baking delicious cupcakes decorated with red, white and blue icing. On this occasion, we agreed that we would enjoy some 'sometimes' foods like crisps, cupcakes and biscuits!



Thank you to Mr Kalra for reading a story to us this week and talking about the importance of sharing.



We hope you have a wonderful half term.

Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

The curriculum area Expressive Arts and Design involves two aspects:

- Exploring and Using Media and Materials
- Being Imaginative

Exploring and Using Media and Materials

This is focused on how children experiment with media and materials by modifying and manipulating them. It includes exploring sounds, patterns, movement and experimenting with different tools and techniques.

Being Imaginative

This is about children's explorations into the world of pretence, building on their experiences of the real world and transforming them into something new – whether through role play, music, pretend play, block play, small world play or a range of other ways.

Helping children to be creative encourages curiosity and questioning. Encouraging children to use materials and resources in an open-ended way helps them to make choices and to have confidence in their own ideas. Expressing an interest in the process or asking open questions helps children hold onto their remarkable creativity.



Stop and Drop

Please see below the rota for 'stop and drop' the week after half term week. If you are unable to do the slot you have been assigned, we would appreciate it if you could endeavour to swap with another parent.

04/06/2018 Rayan Naheta

04/06/2018 Rayyan Masri

04/06/2018 Riyan Datwani

04/06/2018 Saarim Khan

05/06/2018 Sam Rahgozar

05/06/2018 Samson Lavy

05/06/2018 Selena & Roman Keller

05/06/2018 Sena & Zail Patel

06/06/2018 Shiv Singhal

06/06/2018 Sofia Bernard

06/06/2018 Sukie Dell

06/06/2018 Taara Puri Sharma

07/06/2018 Vedant Sharma

07/06/2018 Vivienne Church

07/06/2018 William El-Adm

07/06/2018 Zachary Sheikh

08/06/2018 Zavier Zare

08/06/2018 Aarna Handa-Mathur

08/06/2018 Abbas Bukhari

08/06/2018 Alana Tulsiani

I wish you all a lovely extended weekend and half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 4th June.

With best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

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