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| **Dear Parents****Upcoming Events**We are looking forward to our Head’s Talks next week. If you have not already registered your interest, please email the school office as we would love to see you. All talks will start at 4.30pm.**The Hall- Kevin Dobson on 2nd October** **NLCS- Caroline Gerstein on 3rd October** **SHHS- Gabrielle Solti on 4th October** **Parent Reps**We have now set up our first parent reps meeting of the year, which will take place on 18th October. For your information, here are the names of the class reps we have for this year. **Class 1pm**- Mrs Omer (Aydin)**Class 2am**- Mrs Good (Daphne)**Class 2pm**- Mrs Otamiri (Benjamin)**Class 3am**- Mrs Khiani (Uma)**Class 3pm**- Mrs Morris (Isabella)**Class 4am**- Mrs Isaac (Alexander)**Class 4pm**- Mrs Wahid (Nicholas & Sebastian)**Class 5am**- Mrs Salehjee (Rayna)**Class 5pm**- Mrs Kotecha (Niam)**Class 6**- Mrs Gilbert-Ross (Oscar)**Class 7**- Ms Mustafa (Emel)**Class 8**- Mrs Ur Rehman (Habib)Diagraphs – double letter sounds, then triple letter sounds. Consonant diagraphs are taught first e.g. th, sh, ch as they can be found at the start and end of a word. To further support progress in reading, children learn ‘Tricky Words’ - words that are difficult or impossible to blend and therefore require repeated revision to learn by sight. Practise with your child regularly as this will aid their reading and writing skills. Try to make this as fun as possible!We want children to develop a love of reading and to develop their understanding of stories. Keep reading to your child and enjoying bedtime stories. Talk about the characters and events and make reading fun and enjoyable.Help at HomePractise letter sounds – say the sound as purely as possible and avoid making an ‘uh’ sound at the end of the letter sound.http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-HnxNqziuOCw/Tjm4PMtAYMI/AAAAAAAAAxY/3CN4ZF8SQbM/s1600/bounce_and_stretch_posters.pngChallenge the children to find objects that begin with a certain sound.Play ‘I Spy’ with phonemes, not letter names.Play rhyming bingo and extend rhyming strings.Work at your child’s pace and give lots of encouragement!You might like to view the following website to watch and hear the phonetic sounds:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>**Class 8 News**This week Class 8 have been learning the phonic sounds s, a, t and participating in a number of fun activities to reinforce our phonetic knowledge. In Maths, we practised counting to 10 and reciting numbers in order. We counted out 10 objects to put in a hoop and counted how many coins we could put in the pirate’s treasure box. Finally, we were inspired by our first ever lesson with Yoga Bugs and the opportunity to get active through a fun story. | **Curriculum News from Miss Belzer**Phonics Talk OverviewThank you to all the parents who attended the phonics talks this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope the session was informative and helpful. The purpose of the afternoon was to give an overview of how we teach phonics and introduce reading at Broadhurst. For those of you who were unable to attend, below is a summary of what was presented.Broadhurst School follows a unique programme primarily adapted from ‘Jolly Phonics’ where each sound is supported by an action, visual cards, story and song. The first step to phonics is awareness - listening to sounds, hearing and saying letter sounds. This involves speaking and listening games, rhymes and alliteration.Next children are introduced to the Alphabet sounds - recognising, saying and hearing letter sounds.Then two and three letter sounds are taught: ‘Friendly Letters’ – double letter sounds e.g. ss – kiss, ll- hill, zz- jazz. Children are taught that when they see two letters that are the same you only say the sound once.**Travel Award**We are delighted to announce that we have officially been awarded our Gold accreditation from Transport for London. We are among the top 10% of London schools, setting the standard to inspire others to transform travel habits, fully engage the wider community to promote best practices, and see a measurable reduction in the number of journeys made by car every day.We would like to thank you for your support with this initiative.**Creative Movements**Creative Movements are a group that is well known to Broadhurst as many children have attended their various workshops and we have also welcomed them in to school to present to the children. In case of interest, they are currently offering the following classes.**St Mary's Primrose Hill**Tuesday, 09.30 to 10.15 - 18 mths to 3 years oldTuesday, 15.30 to 16.15 - 3 to 5 years old **3 House Club, St Johns Wood**Thursday, 10.45 to 11.25 - 18 mths to 3 years old **Pangbourne House Nursery Hall, Notting Hill**Thursday, 14.30 to 15.00 - 18 mths to 3 years oldThursday, 15.30 to 16.00 - 3 to 4 years old Contact details [www.creativemovements.co.uk](http://www.creativemovements.co.uk)harriet@creativemovements.co.uk  |

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

With best wishes



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