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Dear Parents

It seems incredible that we have already come to the end of the first half of the summer term. The children and staff have worked very hard to fit everything into a busy schedule; looking at the folders of work and the displays around the school certainly show how much they achieved in a short period of time.

The weather this week has been splendid, and the children have spent extended time in the garden, making the most of the learning opportunities outside. As a team, we have been focusing on making the most of our outside space and thinking creatively about the resources we offer the children. Class 6, 7 and Reception have also enjoyed trips out from school this week, to Belmont Farm and The Natural History Museum.

I would like to extend my thanks to the team for their hard work and efforts this half term.

Diary Dates

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May- Half Term
Wed 3rd June-9.30am- Assessment talk for parents of girls
Thurs 4th June-9.30am- Assessment talk for parents of boys
Fri 7th June- 9.00am- Parent reps meeting

ISA Conference

I attended a very interesting Heads conference in Eastbourne at the end of last week, organised by the Independent Schools Association. It was a good opportunity to meet with other Headteachers and share ideas and good practice. We also received a variety of very interesting presentations from speakers ranging from the Chief Inspector of the Independent Schools Inspectorate to Brian Blessed OBE.

School Visits

Somewhat closer to home, this week, I have had the opportunity to visit both The American School and Arnold House School.

It was very inspiring to see the approach that The American School take to teaching in the Early Years, following the Emilio Reggio approach. The principles of this approach are: 1)Children are capable to construct their own learning. ...

2)Children are collaborators and learn through interaction within their communities. ...

3)Children are natural communicators and should be encouraged to express themselves however they feel they can.

Sports Day

We will be holding this year's sports day and family picnic on Tuesday 3rd July, 10.30am-1.00pm. The event will take place at Paddington Recreation Ground and further details will be issued after half term.

Concert Times

We are very much looking forward to our full day concerts next month. Please make a note of the dates below. You will see that each class will have two performances. Arrangements for tickets will be available nearer the time. Due to our restrictions on space, each family will be allocated three seats and we would ask that these are split across the two days.

Monday 17th June

9.30 Class 7

11.00 Class 6

Tuesday 18th June

9.30 Class 6

11.00 Class 7

Wednesday 19th June

9.30 Class 8

11.00 Reception (in Class 7 classroom)

Thursday 20th June

9.30 Reception (in Class 7 classroom)

11.00 Class 8

Class 2 News

Class 2 children had lots of fun practising their cutting skills. We have been learning how to hold scissors properly and discussing what can happen if you are not careful with them.

We have been practising name sequencing, tracing letters in our names, with finger paint, and attempting to independently write our own names.

For our Maths learning, we discussed the concept of long, short, longest and shortest and the children had lots of fun sorting the dinosaurs, caterpillars and ribbons in order of their length.

We continue to develop our links with Arnold House. Miss Wigmore and I had the chance to meet with Viv Thomas, Susie Dart and Penny Williams to discuss the school and the admissions process. We also had a tour with two ex-Broadhurst pupils who were passionate, informative and entertaining.

Early Years Gathering at The Hall

Early Years staff at surrounding independent schools regularly meet in order to share good practice. This term, the gathering was held at The Hall school and a group of Broadhurst staff had the pleasure of attending. The meeting was a moderation session about the EYFS area, Writing. It involved informative discussions about writing and making judgements about writing levels. The need for children to have high quality opportunities for free writing was highlighted. In addition, the impact that imaginative role play plays for developing children's ideas and imagination was expressed. Inspiring role play areas encourage independent writing and mark making for a purpose. Children's creative writing also thrives in later years. Finally, children's 'have a go' attitude to spelling and writing should be encouraged and supported.

Curriculum News – Role Play

Role play, or imaginative play, is a very important part of a child's education. The imagination is a powerful tool which is, in part, innate in children but also requires inspiring and stimulating. In order to accomplish this, spaces need to equip children with scenarios, props and the support they need to explore their real life or imaginary worlds. Imaginative play not only aids intellectual development but also improves children's social skills and their creativity. In addition, it gives children a chance to play out events that they have observed or experienced in real life. Opportunities for maths, literacy and writing in role play contexts also enable children to apply their academic learning and understand

We have been revising the different life cycles we have learnt so far. Firstly, we started with the life cycle of the sunflower and planted our very own sunflowers. Then we moved onto the life cycle of a butterfly and observed live caterpillars turning into a chrysalis. We are very excited for them to come out as beautiful butterflies. The children have also learnt a new song about the fuzzy caterpillar with some actions.

Finally, we enjoyed learning about the life cycle of frog and the children made a beautiful display which is in the corridor downstairs. Please do come and see it.

Happy Birthday to Ali and Mia who celebrated their birthday with us this week. And thank you to their parents for bringing some very yummy treats for all of us to enjoy!



the purpose of their learning in the world around them.

School Photographs

Please return any further photo orders to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Digital photos, on CD, may be added to your order at a cost of £50.

Stop and Drop Volunteers for week of 3rd June

Thank you for the volunteers that have helped this week. I would like to remind you that if you are unable to do your slot, we would ask for you to find someone to swap with.

The rota is as follows:

Date	First Name	Last Name
03/06/2019	Auden	Bound-Snow
03/06/2019	Ava	Lee
04/06/2019	Avyukt	Bharadhwaj
04/06/2019	Banu	Pasha
05/06/2019	Benjamin	Hiseman
05/06/2019	Camran	Alaghband
06/06/2019	Cara	Stern
06/06/2019	Chloe	Wood
07/06/2019	Christopher	Payne
07/06/2019	Clara & Hannah	Joseph



I wish everyone a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

With best wishes

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