



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Half Term

We finish today for the half term break. I wish everyone a restful break. School resumes on Monday 4th November.

Children In Need



We will be supporting Children in Need this year and invite the children to dress in their pyjamas on Friday 15th November. We will be asking for a donation of a minimum of £2 to support this worthwhile charity which the children can bring on the day. We shall also be selling Pudsey Ears!

Head's Talks

We were very pleased to welcome Pascal Evans from Hereward House and Kevin Dobson and Janine O'Higgins from The Hall, to School this week. I hope parents who attended found the sessions informative. I am very grateful to these very busy people for making the time to visit us, to give such a great insight into their individual schools and their assessment processes. It is clear that the schools are looking for engaging, focused and enthusiastic children who are able to demonstrate a readiness for learning.

Visit to Falkner House Boys School

I visited Falkner House Boys School, in Earls Court, on Thursday this week. Mrs Dixon, the headteacher, offered me a warm welcome and tour of the school. There is a distinct family feel with Mrs Dixon's sister heading up the closely linked Girls' school and Mrs Griggs, their mother, as principal of both schools. One would be forgiven for forgetting you are in a school as you walk around the understated and freshly decorated stairways and corridors. Once in the classrooms, it was lovely to see the children engaged in their lessons and eager to explain to me what they were currently learning about. Despite its relative distance from Broadhurst, if any parent would like to discuss the school with me in more detail, I am available.



Curriculum News from Miss Belzer

We have had a wonderful first half term full of stories and fairy tales. The Half Day classes have explored such traditional tales as Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. These stories play an important part in early literacy and help develop comprehension skills. Fairy tales also teach children about facing fears and learning about consequences. They offer a make-believe context to explore the concept that sometimes things go wrong but the right behaviours are rewarded, reinforcing positively the importance of being kind, thoughtful and honest. Full Day classes have been exploring aspects of books including the title, blurb, author, illustrator, characters and settings. Inspiring a love of books is one of the best ways to prepare children for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment through reading. Being read to early on helps children to understand language, making it easier for them to learn to read themselves. Reading together at home and enjoying books as a family will inspire them to enjoy and value reading and all the benefits it brings. At home, talking about the events in a story, asking why, how or what questions and making predictions of what will happen next will support your child's comprehension.

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Perform Visit

This week the children had the opportunity to take part in a drama workshop run by Perform. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Castles, Knights and Princesses and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Castles, Knights and Princesses*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Please go to <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/magicians-chamber/id1008823470> to download it free or <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/weekly-drama-classes-4-7s/themes/the-magicians-chamber> to find out more about the *Castles, Knights and Princesses* theme. You may like to explore these links.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Broadhurst School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 4th November.



Toys in School

Now that the children are settled into school life, please discourage your child from bringing in toys or personal items from home. We can not take responsibility for them, they can cause a distraction for children in class and are at risk of getting broken or lost.

Class 3 News

This week in Class 3 we have been exploring the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We explored the sounds of each obstacle faced by the family in the story and created movements to accompany the sounds. This aspect of our learning was linked to the environmental sounds which have been our focus for phonics this term. The creative movements we made were linked to our Expressive Arts and Design as well as the development of the children's gross motor skills and their interpretation of the stories. The children then went on a 'Bear Hunt' of their own where they role played the story using the repeated refrains and movements from the story. We had a great time hunting for our bear!

Photos from Class 3's 'Bear Hunt' this week

Through the forest- Stumble Trip!



Through the river- Splash Splosh!



Through the snowstorm- Hoo Woo!



Through the mud- squelch squerch!



I wish you all a lovely and relaxing half term. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on 4th November.

With best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

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