

Friday 18 September 2020

Dear Parents

Assessment Talk

I would like to thank the full day parents who joined me yesterday for the assessment talk I presented. I hope you found it useful. For any parents that missed the meeting or had trouble with the connection, we have a recording of it, which we would be happy to share. Please email the School office to arrange.

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One question asked at my talk was whether we would be organising any Heads talks this year. In the current situation, face to face meetings are unfortunately not an option but I am very pleased to say that Caroline Gerstein, Deputy Head at NLCS, has offered to host a Zoom meeting with any potential prospective parents who would be interested to attend. The talk will take place on Tuesday 29 September at 4:30pm. Invitations will be sent nearer the time.

Parent Reps

I would like to thank the parents who have come forward, to take on the role of class rep this year. We have made a start and are still looking to fill the following classes: Class 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 4PM, 8
If you would be interested, please do let us know. We are looking to have our initial meeting for the term on Thursday 1 October at 11:00am.

Staff with Additional Responsibilities

As we start this academic year and continue to improve our offering at Broadhurst, we are developing certain areas of our provision and, in turn, building on the knowledge, experience and skills of our wonderful team of teachers. This year, our focus areas are as follows:
Outdoor Education and Physical Development- Miss Andrea
Observations and Assessment- Miss Buckler
Personal, Social, Emotional Development and Staff Wellbeing- Miss Trollope
Extra-Curricular Activities including trips and visitors- Miss Wigmore.
I look forward to sharing more news on this as the year progresses.

Nanny share

If any parents are looking for a part time nanny, until 2:00 or 3:00pm, one of our parents would be interested to connect as their nanny has some time available. Please contact the School office to be put in touch.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to another busy week ahead.

Best wishes

Mrs Sylvester

Curriculum News

It has been wonderful to see all the children settle so well into their new classes. The classrooms have had many creative and inspiring activities planned and the children have been thoroughly engaged in exploring all areas. As children play, explore and apply their knowledge they are learning key skills and effective practices for learning. These are known as The Characteristics of Effective Learning.

These characteristics define the way children learn. Each characteristic determines the way children respond to and engage in learning. There are three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

- **Playing and Exploring** – how children investigate, experience things and ‘have a go’
- **Active Learning** – the way children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and show enjoyment and pride in their achievements
- **Creating and Thinking Critically** – the way children develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things

Nurturing children’s creativity, curiosity and perseverance in learning enables individual talents to be developed. When children are engaged and motivated they become effective learners.

You can support your child’s play at home by:

showing your own interest in discovering new things

joining in your child’s play and support their ideas
supporting your child to try new activities and solve problems

talking with your child about what they are doing, how they plan to do it, what worked well and what they would change next time.

Miss Belzer

Diary Dates:

Phonics Workshop led by Miss Belzer on Wednesday 23 September at 4:30pm

NLCS 4+ Talk- led by Caroline Gerstein on Tuesday 29 September at 4:30pm

Parent Rep Meeting- Thurs 1 October at 11:00am

TERM DATES

Term Starts:

Thursday 3 September

Term Ends:

Thursday 10 December

Half Term:

Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October



Class 8 News

Class 8 have had a fun week. Some of our favourite activities have been building our houses out of Lego and Duplo and talking about where we live.

We have been learning to follow instructions such as, "Feed the elephant a banana and the teddy an orange." The children are becoming very good at using their listening ears!

In phonics this week we have been developing our knowledge of the sounds s,a,t and writing the letters correctly. We read the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' for the sound 't' and made snake threading cards for 'ssss ...snake.'

In maths, we explored one to one correspondence and matched the correct amount to the given number by feeding the Tiger food. The children said he was very hungry, so we needed to feed him lots.

"Rhyming we will go" is our new rhyming song we have learnt. We found rhyming pairs and we listened out for rhymes in stories. We moved around to the song 'Rhyme and Freeze' and we were very good at 'freezing' when the pairs did not rhyme.

In P.E we practised jumping from lily pad to lily pad like a frog and we found we can even jump like a kangaroo! Outside, we enjoyed jumping in the hoops and jumping off the stepping stones.

We also made apple prints for the Jewish Celebration of Rosh Hashanah and wish everyone health and happiness for the New Year L' Shanah Tovah!

We look forward to discovering lots more next week.

Miss Wigmore

Class 8 Photo Gallery

