

# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 19 March 2021

#### Dear Parents

#### **Destination Schools**

We are very pleased to tell you that the 4+ results this year have been excellent. Despite the challenges, changes and uncertainty of the whole process in the midst of a pandemic, the outcomes for the children have been very positive.

**SCHOOL** 

Full Day parents will have received a letter from Arpuna this week asking you to confirm your final destination school as most families had some choices to make. We would be grateful to have this confirmed for our records as soon as you are able.

I have enjoyed talking to many parents this term about the schools and the admissions process and hope very much that I have been able to support you in the journey.

I am looking forward to working closely with our Half Day parents over the coming year as we work towards the assessments with you. This process will start after the Easter holidays, when we will invite you to have a one-to-one meeting with me to open up the discussion and answer any questions you might have at the present time.

### Hatching Eggs

The children may well have told you about visiting the chicks or incubator this week. The baby chicks are due to hatch next week.



We are very excited (and hopeful for succuess) about their arrival and are taking the opportunity for the children to learn about life cycles and caring for living things alonside many chick related art and craft activities and sharing stories on this theme.

We look forward to sharing further news about the chicks next week.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Sylvester





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### **Curriculum News from Miss Belzer**

### **Multi Language Learners**

We have a wealth of family backgrounds and home languages within our Broadhurst School community and we embrace each and every one. We aim to ensure that children's language skills grow, along with their connections to family, community and culture. Every multi language learner is different and may speak or understand more of one language than another. To become truly bilingual, children benefit from immersive, consistent exposure to each language. As English is used in school, additional language skills can be nurtured at home. Continuing to learn and use home language also supports children's English because they have the advantage of rich, cultural vocabulary. Our roots are wrapped up in language. Words that are sung, stories told and jokes shared all offer children the opportunity to develop deeper, stronger language roots. This truly is a gift that has benefits across the lifespan. We hope to work with you to help to build the rich language environment your child needs to develop strong language skills. In school we thoroughly enjoy celebrating cultural celebrations and sharing other languages, such as, children greeting their teacher's in other languages.



# **Diary Dates:**

### Term Dates:

End of Term: Wednesday 31 March

Summer Term Starts: Tuesday 20 April



### **Miss Belzer**

### **Class 4 News**

Class 4 have had a fun-filled week from cooking up feasts in our role play pizza oven to acting out The Three Little Pigs story in our small world. We have also learnt about St Patrick's Day and listened to some very catchy songs with leprechauns. We made our own lucky Shamrock to take home and practised our counting with our balance monkey.

In phonics, we learnt a new sound 'h' and started to think about all the different objects we see and use in our daily life that start with 'h'. Miss Kerry taught us a funny song about hats which has helped us practise our 'h' too.

In maths, we have been searching our classroom to find all different kinds of shapes and realising that shapes really are everywhere. We had fun going on a shape hunt in the classroom and even noticed all the different shapes that we have during snack time.

This week we also managed to take home our beanstalk that we planted a couple of weeks ago after reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We watched them grow in cotton wool and on Monday we transferred them into a pot with soil. Time will tell whether a giant's castle appears at the top of the beanstalk! We have also been busy collaging our shamrocks, painting our little pig and building and crafting three little houses made of straw, sticks and bricks which hopefully will stay safe from any cheeky wolves.

I know Class 4 are going to be very excited for next week after going down to look at the eggs that are incubating at school. After having watched some videos about eggs hatching, we are very much looking forward to meeting some of our fluffy little chicks when they crack out of their eggs.

I look forward to another week filled with fun and excitement and of course lots of cuteness from our soon-to-be new fluffy friends for the week.

### **Miss Harriet**

# Class 4 Photo Gallery















