



# The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 7TH MAY 2021

## DEAR PARENTS, ADDITION TO THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

I am delighted to share with you the news that Miss Buckler has now joined the management team here at Broadhurst in the role of Assistant Deputy Headmistress.

Miss Buckler will continue to be a full time class teacher but will take the additional responsibility of working with Mr Berkery, Mr Hatcher, Miss Belzer and myself to work on strategic development, defining and developing the vision, values and aims of the school.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Buckler on this achievement. We are very much looking forward to her contribution to the team.



## NEXT STEPS MEETINGS

I have thoroughly enjoyed the meetings I have had with Half Day parents this week to discuss the year ahead, school applications and the assessment process. If you have not yet been in touch with Arpuna to arrange a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact her to set up a convenient time.

## ADMISSIONS

I have also been busy this week meeting prospective parents. It continues to fill me with pride to talk about Broadhurst and all the wonderful things we offer, that make our school so unique. It is naturally challenging, not to be able to physically show parents around the school, but parents are most understanding as we continue to keep the safety of our school community at the forefront of everything we do. We anticipate that by September, we will be able to open the doors once again to current and prospective parents.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Nadia, our registrar, who is working very hard to organise the arrangements for our admissions process. September 2022 intake is now almost full and we look forward to touring parents in the autumn who are due to join us in September 2023.

Mrs Sylvester

Half Day parents may be interested to know of the following Open Morning taking place on Wednesday 23 June at St Margaret's School, Hampstead. Flyer attached. To book a place [click here](#).

# CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

BY MISS BELZER

The classrooms this week have had many creative, inspiring and engaging 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:

## YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S PLAY AT HOME BY:

**Showing your own interest in discovering new things.**

**Join in your child's play and support their ideas.**

**Support your child to try new activities  
and solve problems.**

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



- Playing and Exploring – how children investigate and 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. Open ended activities allow children to explore, experiment and problem solve on their own.

As children explore their classroom independently they will find opportunities to develop their imagination, literacy and phonics, mathematics skills and problem solving, fine motor skills and pencil control, balance and coordination, cooperation and social skills, creativity and much more. These opportunities enable children to acquire mastery of their learning.



## CLASS 9 NEWS

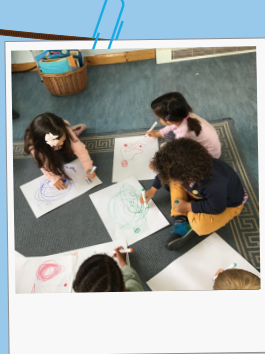
### BY MISS DANIELLE

This term our topic has been animals around the world. Class 9 were fascinated to learn about exotic jungle animals like jaguars, snakes and elephants. We discovered all sorts of interesting animal facts: did you know that giraffes have purple tongues, and that baby elephants are called 'cows'?

This week we transformed into adventurous Jungle Explorers! The class created their very own binoculars and we have spotted some imaginary monkeys swinging in the trees outside. We have used our binoculars to hunt in the garden for parrots, snakes and tropical flowers, too!

## IN MATHS THIS WEEK...

In maths we have been investigating number bonds up to 10. The class have used their addition skills to solve many tricky number problems. When counting out four blocks, Aaradhya said, "I know I need to count 6 more blocks to get to 10." Ferdinand also made some interesting discoveries when making the number 5. He said, "The 3 numicon and the 2 numicon fit a bit like a puzzle."



We were very interested to discover that animals in the jungle like hot weather and Class 9 are very excited to welcome some warm weather into the garden as we move further into the summer term!



## IN PHONICS THIS WEEK...

In phonics, this week we have explored the sound 'th'. We know that there are two letter sounds, but we only say the one letter sound. Class 9 have had fun practising how to put their tongue on top of their teeth to pronounce the sound! We are also starting to read 'th' words. Our sounding out skills are improving and we are learning to build words like 'thin' and 'moth'.





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## *Open Morning*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

Go to the Admissions page at [st-margarets.co.uk](http://st-margarets.co.uk)  
Click on Tours/Open Morning/FAQs for more details on how to book your place

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courses for 4–10 year olds

**The Jungle Book** Half-term

**Alice in Wonderland** Summer

[perform.org.uk/holidays](http://perform.org.uk/holidays)



— Perform teaches children to let  
go of their inhibitions and gives  
them confidence to shine. Lisa Bennett

