



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 1ST OCTOBER 2021

DEAR PARENTS, HEAD'S VISIT TO BROADHURST

I was very pleased to welcome Stephanie Piper, Head of Devonshire House School, to School earlier this week. Mrs Piper was most impressed with what she saw on her tour around the school; she particularly noted how well presented our classrooms are and how settled the children seemed to be. Devonshire House is a popular co-ed option for parents and if you are interested in learning more about the school, I would encourage you to make contact with them to arrange a visit.



MATHS WORKSHOP

Miss Buckler delivered an inspiring talk to parents on Wednesday giving a very thorough and detailed explanation of our approach to maths teaching and learning within the school. Miss Buckler also shared some very helpful tips on how to support your child's developing understanding of maths at home. If you were unable to attend the workshop, a recording has been made and we would be very happy to share this with you. Please contact the school office to request the link.

PARENT REPS MEETING

We held our first meeting of the academic year yesterday and it was a pleasure to welcome our new group of parent reps to the meeting. We enthusiastically discussed some of the events we are planning for this term and the reps will keep in touch with how these plans develop over the coming weeks. If you are unsure who your rep is, please ask your class teacher who will be happy to tell you.

LUCY SPARKLES MUSIC

Your child may well come home today telling you about their music lesson with Leah Sparkles. Leah is our new music teacher and today she has very much enjoyed meeting all the children and getting to know them. We are looking forward to a music filled term ahead and will share some further details of what the children will be learning in next week's newsletter.



CREATIVE WIZ KIDS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Thinking ahead to the half term holiday, you may be interested in the following holiday clubs running in October and December.



Mrs Sylvester

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PACIFIERS (DUMMIES) AND SPEECH DEVELOPMENT

BY MISS BELZER

Many parents use a pacifier to help soothe their child. This is understandable as most babies have a strong sucking reflex and, for this reason, a pacifier can help settle a new born.

However, prolonged use beyond twelve months, may cause potential risks to the development of speech and language.

Overuse of a pacifier can have an impact on:

- The development of babbling, an important early stage in learning to talk.
- Development of the full range of tongue movements, important for sounds including t, d and l.
- Tongue position and pattern of tongue movements making speech sounds unclear, such as, the sounds s and sh.
- Gaps between the upper and lower front teeth which may lead to a lisp, making sounds like s, and z difficult.
- A reduced desire to communicate as with a pacifier in the mouth, some young children may become less likely to seek out talking activities.



- Increased dribbling – some children may find it difficult to get good lip closure because of the pacifier and may have more saliva dribbles and slushy sounding speech.

Whilst many children wean themselves off the use of a pacifier, for others it is not easy. Begin by using the pacifier less and less for comforting during the day.

One way to do this is to put the pacifier away in a special place, then get it out only as part of their sleep routine. Next, gradually use the pacifier less and less when re-settling during the night.

For example, give the pacifier every second time they cry in the night on day two, then every third time on day three, and so on.

Once a child is coping for longer periods without their pacifier, set a time and date to stop using a pacifier, including the child in the process.

For example, mark the occasion by the child giving the pacifier away to their favourite character or someone in need and celebrate with a special reward.

CLASS 2 NEWS

BY MISS ANDREA

"The wheels on the bus go round and round" can be heard from Class 2's wonderful singing this week. Class 2 have been learning about land transport and talking about what vehicles are driven on the road. We have also made some lovely crafts such as cars made out of paper plates and decorated with tissue paper. We have also used marbles to dip into paint and create our very own marble paintings.



IN MATHS...

we have been playing lots of games relating to shapes. On Tuesday, the children had to help little pigs to find their missing shape snouts and on Thursday we parked our cars into the correct car shaped spot. Some children were even able to name the shapes and one child was able to recognise trapezium.



IN PHONICS...

we have been listening to different sounds in the classroom and on Wednesday we went on a listening walk in the garden. We wore our 'big ears' and heard some birds tweeting, leaves rustling in the wind and we even heard an aeroplane up in the sky. The children really enjoyed listening to different sounds and the 'big ears' definitely helped.

We also made our own playdough this week, which was so much fun, as the children each had a turn to put and mix the ingredients together. They were very excited to add some blue food colouring to make our playdough extra special. I'm sure we will be making lots of pretend cakes and cookies in Class 2 in the forthcoming week.

Class 2 wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to more learning next week!