



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 15TH OCTOBER 2021

DEAR PARENTS,

It seems incredible that we have already come to the end of our first half term of the academic year. The children have made such an excellent start and I have been particularly pleased to see how settled the children have become.

Prospective parents who have been taken on tours over the last few weeks have, on numerous occasions, commented on how calm the school feels and how engaged and comfortable the children seem to be. They are pleased to see the children look so happy.

I hope you are all looking forward to the half term break. The children are ready for a rest, particularly those that have been fighting the usual seasonal coughs and colds. The next two weeks will give everyone an opportunity to recharge their batteries and set themselves up for the next half term at School which will be as busy as ever.

VISIT TO SOUTH HAMPSTEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL

I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit SHHS again after what feels like a very long time, due to Covid restrictions. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet with Caroline Spencer (Head of Junior School), Lucy Szemerényi (Deputy Head) and Deborah Wilkins (Head of Admissions) and to have a tour of the Junior School once more.

South Hampstead is certainly a top choice for many parents and the team are very much looking forward to meeting many of your girls at the first round 4+ assessments taking place after half term.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL HEADS TALK

Further to Arpuna's recent emails, I would like to remind you that Miss Pailasse will be speaking to Broadhurst parents on Monday 1st November at 9:30am on Zoom. If you are interested to hear her speak and have the opportunity to ask any questions, please do join us.

ASSESSMENT DATES

As assessment dates are beginning to come through, I would like to remind you to please inform the school office once you have a visit confirmed. It is important that we know when the children are going on their school visit so that we may best help prepare them.

OPEN DOOR FRIDAY FROM FRIDAY 5TH NOV

Half Day parents will be receiving an email shortly regarding arrangements for visiting your child's classroom on Fridays from after half term.

We look forward to welcoming you to come and share some time with your child at either 8:30am for morning children or 12:30pm or afternoon children. Full Day parents continue to be welcomed in the already established groups set.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Plans are taking shape for our first charity event of the academic year.

Children in Need takes place on Friday 19th November this year and we are looking forward to a day of fun in school including children wearing their pyjamas and a bake sale.

Our parent reps are helping with the organisation of the bake sale which I am sure will be a success and a fantastic way to raise money for this worthwhile charity. Further details will be shared after half term.

Mrs Sylvester



SORTING

BY MISS BELZER

Matching and sorting are best learned when they are part of a child's everyday life. It enables children to see and experience mathematics in the real world.

When children put a puzzle together, they are matching shapes. When they are putting on their shoes and socks, they are matching objects. While helping to clean up their toys or helping with laundry, children are sorting objects.

Common activities that children experience during play and daily tasks provide many opportunities for them to learn maths concepts.

THE PROCESS OF SORTING INVOLVES THREE STEPS:

Deciding by which characteristic to sort

Physically sorting the objects

Describing their rationale for sorting



Describing their rationale encourages children to think about other characteristics to sort.

Children typically begin sorting by one characteristic at a time, for example, putting all the blue blocks together. They will then progress to two or more attributes, such as round and blue blocks.

Matching and sorting are best learned when they are part of a child's everyday life.

Helping with household tasks such as putting away cutlery, groceries or laundry will encourage their sorting skills and will help them better understand the sorting process.





CLASS 4 NEWS

BY MISS CANDICE

This week in Class 4 we have been learning about the jungle. The children have had fun playing in our role play area and getting their hands busy in our jungle themed sensory bins.

We have enjoyed stories about giraffes who can dance and we've put on our walking boots to walk through the jungle looking and listening for animals.



IN MATHS THIS WEEK...

we have been comparing quantities and saying which had more. We've compared groups of jungle animals and jars.



IN PHONICS THIS WEEK...

we made our own shakers and made loud and soft sounds. We also sang along to some jungle songs and shook our shakers to the beat. We've been learning about emotions and how we feel. We can pull our faces to show we are happy, sad and angry. We're beginning to learn empathy for our friends.



Class 4 wishes you a wonderful, relaxing weekend!

