



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 8TH OCTOBER 2021

DEAR PARENTS

PARENTS EVENING

We hope that you have found your parents evening appointments valuable this week. The option of face to face or Zoom appointments seems to work well. As you are aware, we place a very strong emphasis on building strong lines of communication between parents and teachers as we understand the positive impact this has on the children's development and progress. We are also very proud to share with you some of your children's achievements so far this term.

We look forward to meeting with you again for the next parents evening in the spring term. In the meantime, please do remember that teachers are available after school on Tuesdays for appointments and will always be more than happy to see you either face to face or over Zoom. Appointments can be made through the school office.

MEETINGS WITH THE HEADMISTRESS

In addition to the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, I am also available by appointment if there is anything you would like to discuss. You are more than welcome to contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.

HALF TERM

Please be reminded that our half term holiday is approaching and school will be closed from **Monday 18th to Friday 29th October**. We look forward to welcoming the children back, well rested, on Monday 1st November.

COLDS



There have been a large number of children and Broadhurst staff suffering from coughs and colds over the last couple of weeks. It is common knowledge that since coronavirus restrictions have been lifted and social contact has increased, colds and flu are on the increase.

Our immune systems have weakened and we are now more susceptible. Symptoms of Covid can often be similar to other illnesses such as the common cold. We are continuing to conduct twice weekly lateral flow tests for staff at school and we urge all parents to please have your children tested if they show any symptoms at all. We also ask that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home to help protect themselves and others.

SCHOOL VISITS

I am aware that many parents have had the opportunity recently to attend various open events at the local schools. I hope that you have found these visits informative; it is an extremely valuable part of the process as you navigate yourselves through the 4+ admissions process.

I would be interested to hear how you have got on. I am, myself, visiting South Hampstead and St Anthony's next week to catch up with the respective Headteachers which I am very much looking forward to.

Mrs Sylvester

LUCY SPARKLES AND FRIENDS

BY MISS BELZER



'Lucy Sparkles & Friends' provides our exciting music classes at Broadhurst each Friday. All of the lessons are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. The children engage in fun, meaningful and age appropriate lessons and learning is enhanced through developing physical, emotional and intellectual skills.

The sessions are stimulating and interactive, creating a love of singing, percussion and music. A thoughtful and tested structure to each weekly session establishes a comfortable and friendly environment for children.

Children respond and follow along with live guitar or ukulele, action songs, rhymes and play along with percussion instruments.

There are countless benefits to exposing children to music in their early years, including:

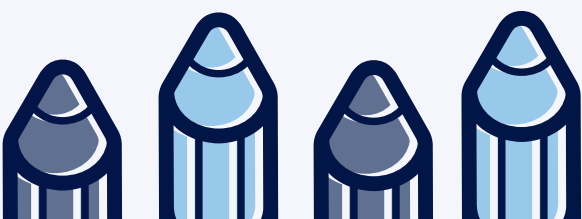
- Development of social skills
- Development of musicality
- An increase in sensory awareness and processing
- Development of memory
- Improved listening and concentration
- Introduction to beat and rhythm

Each lesson develops several musical skills including musical memory, sense of rhythm and moving in time with the beat. In addition, each season has its own musical focus.

This term children will practise skills in singing, for example, beginning to develop pitch awareness and the ability to keep in time with the rhythm.

Children will learn songs that teach children skills in alternating between loud and soft voice tones, to feel musical pulse through actions and singing in tune by echoing a melody.

We are delighted to be welcoming the return of our Friday sessions with 'Lucy Sparkles'.





CLASS 3 NEWS

BY MISS MONIQUE

This week Class 3 have been learning about different types of transport including rail, land, air and sea. We have enjoyed sensory play with play dough, cars in gel and a train station in sand. We have loved being creative and decorating various transport pictures including a car and a space rocket.

We have also been role playing in our beauty salon, pretending to wash and blow dry each other's hair. We have been getting closer to nature by watering our classroom plants and looking after a lady bird we found in the garden.

In maths we have been comparing quantities of cubes and identifying which group has more. During circle time we played, "What's in the bucket?" and found some wiggly worms which we were able to count.

IN PHONICS THIS WEEK...

we have been investigating instrumental sounds by listening to hidden instruments and guessing which instrument was played. We have been exploring different ways we can play instruments and identifying loud and soft sounds. In literacy we have been drawing pictures and writing cards to strengthen our fine motor skills and pencil grip. We then discussed what we have drawn.



OUR STORY OF THE WEEK WAS...

I like it when. We discussed what we like to do with our families. Some children said, "I like it when Mummy plays with me" and "I like it when Mummy gives me a cuddle."

