



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

DEAR PARENTS,

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are very excited to be supporting Children in Need next Friday 19 November and are looking forward, with your help, to an exciting fun filled day for everyone.

Children are invited to dress in their pyjamas for the day. Please ensure they are still wearing shoes suitable for moving around school and playing in the garden.

We shall be completing Pudsey Bear activities in class and at the end of your child's session, we invite you to come to the bake sale in Class 1 on the lower ground floor.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 from the children which they can drop into our collection jars which will be outside school on arrival and at the bake sale. We shall also be selling Pudsey Bears and Ears. We will also be taking credit, debit and contactless payments if this is more convenient.

Our parent reps have been in touch with you all regarding donations for the bake sale. I would like to please remind everyone that we cannot accept any bakes that contain nuts and we would request a full list of ingredients on any contributions that are home made.

I would like to thank everyone, in advance, for their contributions and to those who have volunteered to help on the day. We are very much looking forward to the day which I am sure will be a huge success.



FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

We hope that you will be able to join us for our upcoming parties on 30 November for Full Day parents and 1 December for Half Day parents.

Please remember to RSVP to your reps, ideally by 19 November, to aid us with our organisation. Please note these parties are for parents only. A highlight of the parties, in previous years, has been the raffle organised by our lovely parent reps.

We would be delighted to receive donations for this, please speak to your reps for more information and ideas. Raffle tickets will be on sale the week before the events and also on the night and will be £2 each. All money raised will go The Alzheimer's Society in memory of our founder Mary Berkery.





ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL

I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit St Christopher's School and personally meet with Sandrine Pailasse, the Headteacher, on Thursday this week.

One thing that always strikes me, when I see the girls at St Christopher's, is how relaxed and happy they appear. They move around the school with a spring in their step but also with a sense of purpose.

The older girls were thoroughly engrossed in problem solving in a workshop run by The Happy Puzzle Company and it was lovely to see some of our ex Broadhurst girls settled into their new schools.

Further to Sandrine's talk to parents, we do have copies of the school's strategy plan and school magazine in the office, if you would be interested to have a copy.

Mrs Sylvester



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOWS

The children are beginning to learn some of the songs for our upcoming Christmas Shows. You will be receiving the dates and times of the shows from the school office very shortly and we hope that you will be able to join us. We will be limiting the number of parents to a maximum of two per child.

PERFORM

This week we were delighted to invite 'Perform' to teach a drama lesson to our Full Day classes. The children had a wonderful time exploring creative movements and expressing themselves through dance. We went on a magical journey through space, met some aliens and flew in a rocket, all whilst listening to music and using our imagination! Thank you 'Perform'!



SCREEN-FREE GAMES

BY MISS BELZER

Looking at screens for extended periods of time impact on children's intelligence, sleep, mental health, diet, behaviour and vision. Interventions to reduce screen time have a better chance if introduced early.

Simple board and card games are a great tool for spending quality family time together. They provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships and the sense of belonging. This chance to interact as a family in a positive way strengthens communication, cooperation and social skills.

Simple games can help your child learn colours, shapes, counting skills, letters, orientation and direction. Simple games support your child to develop:

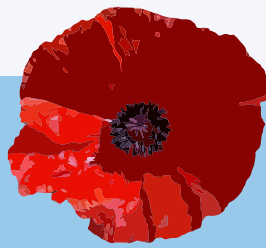
- hand-eye coordination and dexterity
- language and communication skills
- an increased attention span
- team work and an understanding of taking turns
- resilience when things do not go their way
- problem solving and decision making skills
- concentration and memory
- patience and determination

Board games help to develop many visual, perceptual, cognitive and thinking skills. For example, moving counters teaches spatial awareness. This helps to train the higher functions of the brain. Fine motor skills and good hand-eye coordination are key to handwriting and other areas that require dexterity and precision, including typing. Games also involve clear rules, supporting your child's ability to follow instructions.



CLASS 6 NEWS

BY MISS CLARKSON



Class 6 have had a wonderful week. We had a fantastic drama session with Perform where we pretended to be aliens flying around the different planets.

In phonics we have been learning the sounds d, g and o and we did really well identifying lots of words beginning with these sounds, such as dog, girl and octopus. We practised our letter formation by drawing the sounds in sparkly glitter.

In maths we have been rolling dice and we have had great fun quickly saying what number is shown. We have also been arranging objects as they are shown on the dice.

We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a rhyme and draw where we listened to the rhyme and followed the instructions to draw a dog. We have also enjoyed singing along to some songs and reading some excellent books.



IN PE...



we have been playing the traffic light game showing how we can stop safely with control and avoid obstacles in the garden.

For Remembrance Sunday, we made poppies using paint and glitter. We also discussed why we celebrate this special day and talked about the people we love.



This week our small world tray has contained construction vehicles. We have really enjoyed using the diggers and the cement mixer to scoop up the cereal. Our role play area is an ice cream café. The children have really loved selling ice creams to each other and making rainbow flavours.

Class 6 are very excited to continue our learning next week!