



# The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 26TH NOVEMBER 2021

## DEAR PARENTS,

### FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our festive celebrations taking place next Tuesday for Full Day parents and next Wednesday for Half Day parents, from 6:30-8:00pm.

We are particularly looking forward to drawing the raffles and having the opportunity to chat over a glass or two. Raffle tickets are on sale from the school office and will also be available on the night. I would like to remind you that this event is for parents only and not suitable for children. We hope to see many of you there.

### MOCK INSPECTION

We were very pleased to welcome an extremely experienced Ex Head, School Governor and Early Years School Inspector to Broadhurst, on Wednesday, to share with us her experience and give us her opinion and guidance on our readiness and preparation for our next school inspection. We were given some most helpful feedback.

One of the aspects that she was most impressed by was the level of language and the communication skills the children demonstrated in her presence. She was also very pleased to see how engaged the children were in their learning and she commented on the very high levels of self-confidence and self-esteem that were being promoted through the interactions between the teachers and children she observed.

## VISIT TO ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS

I was most warmly welcomed to St Anthony's on Monday this week, by Richard Berlie, the Headmaster. Due to the pandemic, it has been quite some time since I have been able to visit the school, so it was lovely to reacquaint myself, spend some time with Richard and have another tour.

The Reception teachers were finishing off their 'getting to know you' sessions with a group of prospective pupils. What a fantastic welcome they had received and a wonderful opportunity for the children to visit before the assessments taking place next term.

I am sure some of your boys may have already had their visit; I hope they enjoyed themselves and were made to feel as welcome as I was.

*Mrs Sylvester*

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 30 November- 6:30pm to 8:00pm Christmas Drinks Party for Full Day parents

Wednesday 1 December- 6:30pm to 8:00pm Christmas Drinks Party for Half Day parents

Tuesday 7 December - Class 2 & 3 Christmas Show

Wednesday 8 December - Class 4 & 5 Christmas Show Christmas parties for Full Day children

Thursday 9 December - Class 6,7 & 8 Christmas Show Christmas parties for Half Day children



## FINE MOTOR SKILLS

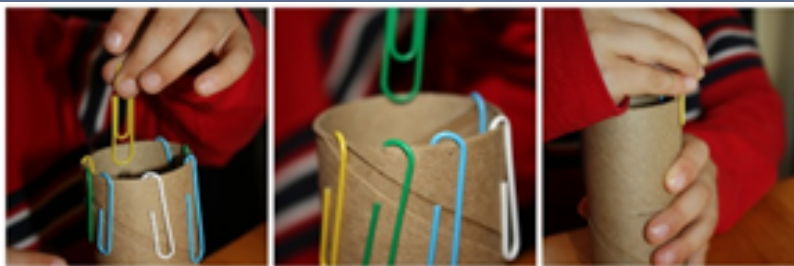
### BY MISS BELZER

Fine Motor activities continue to be a high priority in our provision at Broadhurst and the children have been exploring a range of activities including cutting cooked spaghetti, mark making in coloured rice, manipulating play dough, transferring water with pipettes and collecting pom poms with tweezers.

As children strengthen the muscles in their hands, fingers and wrists they develop the dexterity for writing and drawing.

You may like to try these activities at home:

Threading straws through a colander.



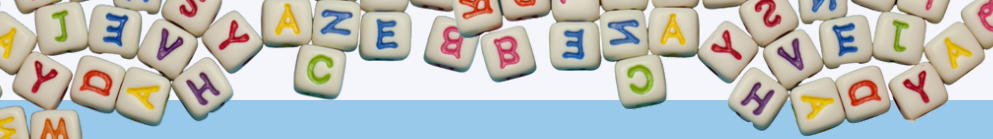
Attaching paper clips on a paper towel roll.



Pouring activities – encourage your child to pour from left to right in order to train their eye from left to right which will assist your child's ability to track letters and words when learning to read.



Pegging supports children's development of their pincer grip (forefinger and thumb).



# CLASS 8 NEWS

BY MISS WIGMORE

Class 8 have had a busy week learning lots of new things. In Phonics we learnt about the sounds f and b and wrote the letters in

shaving foam. We have been learning to make words with three letters and practising our blending skills. .



*In maths we have been exploring patterns and working as group to make them collaboratively and making them individually with the penguins and iceberg toys.*



## IN P.E...

we have been learning to play a quick-change game moving with different actions such as skipping or hopping. The children thought of their own ways to move such as being a statue or being a tall tower. We could also move like dinosaurs and stand on one leg like a flamingo. We have also been practising the tricky task of running and avoiding obstacles and learning to think about the space around us.



We have discussed our feelings and talked about what makes us angry and how to feel calm and use our words to express our feelings. We have been listening to relaxing music and using puppets to talk about sharing.



*We have made lots of winter crafts to decorate our classroom ready for the parents parties next week; we hope you think it looks beautiful.*

Class 8 wish you a wonderful weekend and we look forward to continuing our learning next week!