

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 18TH MARCH 2022

DEAR PARENTS HATCHING EGGS

As has become somewhat of a Broadhurst tradition, we are expecting a very special delivery next week, in the form of a brood of chicks. The children have enjoyed visiting the 'chick room' this week and observing the eggs in their incubator. We are most excited for next week and the teachers are all keeping their fingers crossed for a successful hatch rate.

Bringing learning to life in this way is fantastic way for children to begin to understand about the cycle of life. We are supporting the children's learning with stories and associated activities within the classrooms. We hope to share some photos with you next week.

SCHOOL VISIT

I was warmly welcomed to St Christina's School earlier this week. Mr Alistair Hoag, the Headmaster, was delighted to share with me his vision for the school including an ambitious and soon to be completed, extensive building project to allow for the schools future growth and expansion. The school is co-educational and non-selective.

If you would be interested to find out more, Mr Hoag and his team would be more than happy to open their doors to you for a visit.



PERFORM

Full Day classes walked on the wild side by going on an adventure into the African Jungle in our Perform drama session on Tuesday. Using acting, dance and singing, the children used their imaginations to be different animals and move to music.

Having completed some rigorous jungle training, the children got on their elephants and set off into the bush to help rescue Snow, the last remaining White Lion, with a little help from a cheeky monkey called Boo! They learnt to speak banana language which they found very funny and scared away a crocodile.

We thank Perform for their visit. Please see their website for more information on what the company has to offer performforschools.org.uk

I wish you all a warm, sunny and spring like weekend ahead.

Mrs Sylvester

CRAWLING

BY MISS BELZER

Crawling is a motor milestone and an important and exciting step in a baby's independence. It helps to develop muscles and joints around the tummy, back, hips and shoulders. It is one of the first whole body activities that develops strength, balance and coordination.

Additionally, crawling promotes several other areas of development including: Sensory Processing as different surfaces provide diverse sensory experiences including balance (the vestibular sense) and greater body awareness (proprioception).

Crawling also helps with visual tracking and depth perception. By actively crawling through their environment, babies are building more efficient binocular vision. Their eyes are working as a team as they spot their favourite toy across the room and crawl towards it.

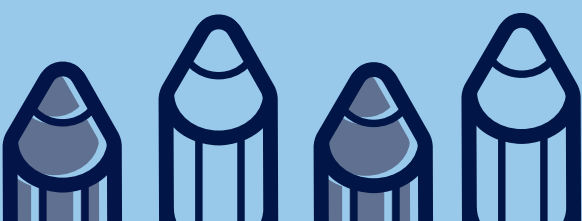
Executive Function, such as, problem solving and working memory, is developed by problem solving how to get from one place to another or how to reach a toy they want. Moving around also exercises a baby's working memory because they are learning how to map out an area while moving independently in a space.



Fine Motor Skills develop as the crawling position helps to build hand strength, shoulder stability and stretches the fingers. This muscle development helps with fine motor functions such as feeding themselves, manipulating toys and eventually using a pencil.

Brain Development as crawling is a skill that involves both sides of the brain working together. Our brains are separated into two halves, the left and right hemispheres, and are connected by a neural 'roadway', the corpus callosum.

As a baby crawls, the left leg moves in sync with the right arm. This reciprocal movement activates and coordinates both sides of the brain and body. This bilateral coordination is necessary for a lot of life skills such as buttoning a shirt, riding a bike or tying shoe laces





CLASS 4 NEWS

BY MISS YASMIN

Class 4 have had a fun-filled week from travelling on our aeroplane in our role play airport to investigating the different minibeast in our small world. We've also learnt about St Patrick's Day and Holi festival.

This week we took a close look at the cress we planted last week, after reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We watched it grow in cotton wool and have been watering it every other day.

In maths, we have been practising counting. The children have been working hard to count the number of spots on a ladybird and match the quantity to numerals. We had lots of fun creating our own ladybirds and painting a different number of spots on their back.

IN PHONICS...

we learnt a new sound 'n' and started to think about all the different objects we see and use in our daily life that start with 'n'. We learnt the Jolly Phonics song and action for the letter 'n' and have enjoyed playing silly soup with objects that start with the letter 'n'.



NEXT WEEK...

I know Class 4 are going to be very excited for next week after going down to look at the eggs that are incubating at school, and after having watched some videos about eggs hatching, we are very much looking forward to meeting some of our fluffy little chicks when they crack out of their eggs.



We look forward to another week filled with fun and excitement and of course lots of cuteness from our soon-to-be new fluffy friends for the week.