



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

DEAR PARENTS, SOUTH HAMPSTEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL VISIT

I took the short trip up to visit South Hampstead Junior School on Monday this week. It was an opportunity to see many of the girls that have moved to the school from Broadhurst, over the last few years, and so heart-warming to be greeted and waved to as they recognised me on my tour. It was helpful to hear from Caroline Spencer, once again, how the assessments will operate this year and I can safely say that there is no significant changes to report. The school is certainly very popular with many applications for the 24 places they have to offer, however, we have a good understanding of what the school is looking for in the girls and will be working to prepare the girls for their upcoming visits.



PHONICS TALK

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend Mrs Robert's phonics talk on Wednesday this week. We hope that you found the session informative and that you have learnt some things to help you support your children as they move forward on their journey to reading.

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

We commenced our tours on Wednesday this week and welcomed a number of families considering Broadhurst for their children to start in September 2024. It is always exciting to meet future generations of potential Broadhurst pupils and for those that know me well, it was a particular thrill for me to meet and shake hands with some of the 'babes in arms.' When we meet prospective families, I am always filled with pride for our School, the children we have and the teachers that are offering such a unique experience.



FRIDAY OPEN MORNINGS

We were very pleased to welcome our first group of parents to 'Stay and Play' in our Nursery classes today. We hope you enjoyed your visit, if you did come this morning. If not, we look forward to perhaps seeing you next week. Pre-Nursery parents will be welcomed to join us, after the half term break.

Mrs Sylvester

PARENT'S EVENING

You will have received, from the School office, details of how to book your parents evening appointments. The teachers are very much looking forward to meeting you to discuss how your child is settling in week commencing 10 October. Please note appointments are available both face to face and on Zoom.



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

Phonics Activities at Home

Following my phonics talk this week, I would like to share some easy and fun phonics activities that you can do at home with your child.

Sound Baskets

Gather small toys or items together and then assign a basket or container with a letter sound. Can the children decide which basket the item belongs to?

Mark Making and Letter Formation in Rice

Practising letter formation in dry rice is an easy and fun way to develop letter formation and fine motor skills. You will need a tray with edges to help keep the rice inside.

Muffin Tin Sound Sort

Use a muffin tin and cupcake cases to sort small items around your home. Use the initial sound of the item and place it in the muffin tray.

Rainbow Hop Game

Place different sounds on the floor, say a letter sound and encourage your child to jump on that sound.

Throughout these activities it is very important to use the pure letter sounds and not to add an "uh" sound at the end. Please see this useful video [here](#) which helps to demonstrate all the letter sounds.



CLASS 11 NEWS

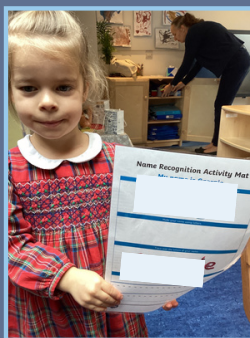
BY MRS COPE

We have had a wonderful week in Class 11! It has been lovely to see the children develop new friendships in the class and become confident in their classroom. This week we have been celebrating the Jewish New year festival 'Rosh Hashanah'. The children enjoyed painting with apples and some children shared their home experiences of eating apples dipped in honey to begin a 'sweet new year'.



IN MATHS...

we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. We enjoyed making our own houses using shapes and talking about how many sides and corners we could find on each shape. We also spoke about what door number we live at.



IN PHONICS...

the children worked really hard on their activities this week, recapping the letter sounds t and p. We had fun writing the letter sound t in shaving foam and playing a matching game for the sound p. The children thought of lots of their own words beginning with t and p such as 'teddy' and 'pirate'.

In the garden this week we have focused on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have been acting out the story using masks and have been making lots of porridge in the sand area. Our science experiment this week involved making rain in a jar. The children were amazed creating and watching raindrops drip down from a shaving foam cloud!



Class 11 wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to more learning next week!