

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 11 NOVEMBER 2022

We are delighted to share with you the news of our recent ISI inspection. The school has been graded the highest possible with Excellent in All Areas. We shall be sharing the full report with you shortly.

DEAR PARENTS

TUBE STRIKE

I hope those of you who are dependent on public transport for work have not suffered too greatly with yet another tube strike yesterday and this morning. I would like to thank my wonderful team for their efforts to get to school this week, under very difficult circumstances. Their commitment is clear not least with the people that left work before 6:00am to get to school on time.

UCS VISIT

I took the short walk up the hill, on Tuesday, to visit Dr Dunn at UCS Pre-Prep. Dr Dunn has been leading the school for several years now and we know each other well. UCS is one of only two local schools completely independently run, taking children from 4-18 years, the other being Highgate School. UCS is a very well respected school offering boys education over three sites in Hampstead. It is selective and competitive to get into but we have a strong track record of offers and I would certainly suggest you consider it, if you have not done so already.



PARENT REPS MEETING

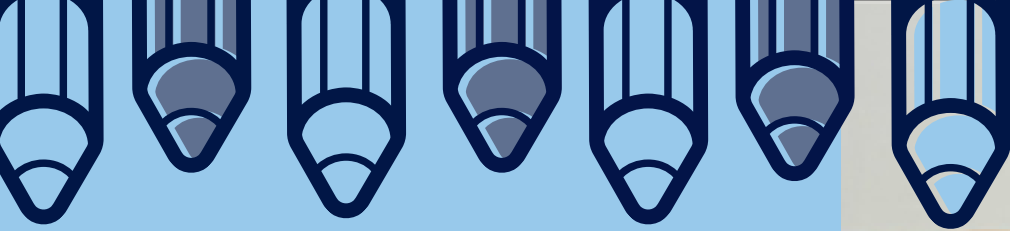
We held our reps meeting yesterday and are excited to be putting the final touches to the organisation for Children In Need, next Friday. Please see the flier below. We will be sending out a reminder next week and I am aware the reps have been in touch with you directly to organise the bake sale that will be taking place.

NURSERY RHYME WEEK

We shall be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week next week. We will be teaching the children all sorts of rhymes at school and completing associated activities. Nursery Rhymes boost vocabulary and language development, they help with literacy skills, provide fun ways to support numeracy and also help children develop their social, emotional and physical skills. You may like to spend some time at home, learning and singing some nursery rhymes together.

Mrs Sylvester





LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

The muscles in a child's hand do not fully develop until they reach seven years of age which means that in the early years, we work on strengthening the muscles in the hand and fingers. Fine motor skills are when we use the small muscles in our hands and wrists.

How can we help to strengthen children's fine motor skills?

Encourage the use of zips, buttons and buckles: By encouraging children to try to zip up their coat, do the last button or attach a buckle we are building up the muscles in their hands. We can attach the zip to our children's coats and then let them pull it up the rest of the way. By encouraging these small steps, we are not only developing some independence but also strengthening fine motor skills through everyday activities.

Using pegs, tweezers and tongs: These items help to strengthen the muscles in the fore finger and thumb. See below some examples of activities:



Playdough: Playing with playdough encourages children to roll, press and stretch the dough all using their hands. It is lots of fun too! See below how to make some quick and easy playdough for your child at home.

Fine motor skills continue to be an important aspects of the Early years curriculum and they underpin many other curriculum areas. Developing strong fine motor skills will help children for when they are ready to write. Strengthening muscles in the hand will make it easier to hold and control a pencil in the future.



CLASS 5 NEWS

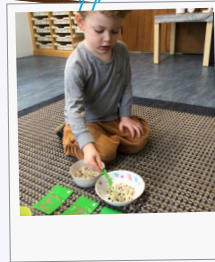
BY MISS SAMARA

This week Class 5 have been busy exploring fireworks. They even created their own fireworks with paint and glitter. Another fun firework activity was mark making in glitter to reveal a colourful

background. Additionally, the children in Class 5 have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and then had the opportunity to retell the story in the small world set up.

IN MATHS

This week the children have been practising counting to three. To support the children's learning we focused on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We counted the bears, bowls, beds, and chairs.



IN LITERACY...

We looked at the letters that the children's name begins with. We went around in a circle and the children held up the letter their name starts with and said the letter name with their teacher. Then each child painted and decorated the letter their name begins with.



We hope you all have a restful weekend and we are very much looking forward to our learning next week.

CHILDREN IN NEED BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

8:15am - 9:15am and 2:45pm - 3:45pm

£2 - Slice of cake
£5 - 3 slices
£15 - Whole cake

£3.50 Pudsey
ears

£7 Pudsey
teddies

Cash or card
donations!

For a small donation,
children can wear pyjamas!





JOIN US FOR

DECEMBER HOLIDAY CLUB

Creative Wiz Kids Art Clubs are packed
with exciting art projects, both themed
and free Art.

WEEK 1: 12TH-16TH DEC @
VILLAGE PREP SCHOOL

WEEK 2: 19TH-23RD DEC @
OCTAGON NURSERY

AGES: 3-9 YEARS OLD
TIMES: 10AM-2PM

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