



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 2 DECEMBER 2022

DEAR PARENTS, CHANNING SCHOOL VISIT

I was delighted to take a trip up to Channing School on Wednesday this week, to watch the Reception children perform their Christmas Show. It was wonderful to see some of the children who were at Broadhurst, looking so grown up and confident on stage. As my old school, it also felt rather nostalgic to be there. although the performance took place in the rather sophisticated new theatre which was certainly not there in my day!

LITTLE SUPER NOVAS

This week our Nursery children took part in the Little supernovas story workshop based on the theme of an ocean cleanup. They enjoyed listening to the immersive story and were captivated by the puppets. They saved a whale and turtle by untangling them from the rubbish and they learnt the importance of keeping our beaches clean. They learnt to reduce, recycle and reuse materials, especially plastic.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a very busy two weeks to look forward to before we break up. Here are some reminders of what's to come:

FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS

Parties for the grown ups!

Tuesday 6 December

Nursery Parents

Wednesday 7 December

Pre-Nursery Parents

Both parties will run from 6:30-8:00pm and are for adults only- please do not bring your children this time. We will be drawing the raffle and raising money for The Alzheimer's Society. Please don't forget to buy your raffle tickets before (from the school office) or on the night from your reps.

Parties for the children!

Tuesday 13 December

for Classes 2,3,6 & 7

Wednesday 14 December

for Classes 1,4,5,9,10 & 11

Children will enjoy some party food, music and games in their classes during the school day.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AND A VISIT TO THE GROTTO

Concerts will take place at the following times. Please be mindful that we welcome a maximum of two adults for each child and hope very much that every child will have at least one person to watch them. After the concerts, you will be invited to take your child to visit Father Christmas in his grotto before taking them home

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER NURSERY CLASSES

Class 9- 9:30am

Class 11- 10:30am

Class 10- 11:30am

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER PRE-NURSERY CLASSES

Class 1AM- 9:30am

Class 8- 10:05am

Class 4- 10:40am

Class 5- 11:15am

Class 1PM- 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER PRE-NURSERY CLASSES

Class 2- 9:30am

Class 6- 10:05am

Class 7- 10:40am

Class 3- 11:15am

END OF TERM

Wednesday 14 December

Pre-Nursery classes will finish at **11:30 (1PM-3:30pm)**

or straight after their concert.

Nursery Classes will finish at **12:00 Noon**

SPRING TERM

Starts Wednesday 4 January



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

THE BENEFITS OF MESSY PLAY

Messy play is an important part of early years provision and although it can be much to clean up, the benefits are strong. Messy play involves children exploring sensory materials using their hands. Messy play can involve shaving foam, cooked pasta, corn flour, jelly, and much more. Within the messy play setup, there are often additional resources added to enhance children's experiences, for example, bowls and spoons.

What are the benefits of messy play?

It evokes curiosity and exploration to discover what the material feels like. It is a great way to introduce children to new textures or to experience a familiar material in a different way.

It supports concentration skills as messy play is often highly engaging.

It encourages language development and often introduces new vocabulary.

It encourages descriptive language as children are able to describe the exciting textures.

It develops hand-eye coordination as it urges children to examine objects and materials closely.

It is beneficial for fine motor skills as children manipulate materials using their hands and fingers.

EXAMPLES OF SOME EASY MESSY PLAY SET UPS:

Using cooked spaghetti is a wonderful way to inspire children's imaginative play. They often role-play familiar experiences such as cooking dinner. Adding food colouring to the spaghetti can make the play even more enticing.



Shaving foam is wonderful on its own but by adding paint children are encouraged to explore colour mixing.



Flour is a quick and easy way to add texture to play. It is great to add transport as children can make marks with the tyres.

Shredded paper can be a great way to add a different dimension to play.



CLASS 2 NEWS

BY MRS ROBERTS

Class 2 has been very busy this week, preparing for Christmas and enjoying the story of Stickman. We have been making plenty of decorations for our classroom

and we are all beginning to feel very festive. We have made Christmas trees, cosy penguins, smiley gingerbread men and Christmas baubles.



MATHS

We have been busy exploring measurement in maths and the weight of objects. The children were most excited to compare the different weights of the Christmas presents and decided which present was the heaviest. They have been trying hard to use comparative language. We have explored lighter objects and have had fun trying to keep feathers up in the air.

LITERACY

This week the children enjoyed listening to the story of Stickman and his adventures away from home. We discussed the story and we were then inspired to create our own Stickman. We used our Stickman models to retell the narrative and enjoyed using repeated refrains from the book.





CREATIVE MOVEMENTS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Harriet Barnes currently visits Broadhurst every week and delivers sessions to our Nursery Children. She is well known to the children in Classes 9, 10 and 11 and I am sure the Pre-Nursery children would also love this event.



Let's go on a wonderland
adventure
with plenty of festive fun
and a Christmas party!

at

St Marys Church Hall Primrose Hill
NW3



WINTER WORKSHOP



Join us on the 20th December
for 2 to 5 years old
at 10.00 to 11.45



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