



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 27 JANUARY 2023

DEAR PARENTS, 4+ ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Our Nursery parents will be hearing from the majority of the schools they have applied for, over the next few days. My thoughts are with you all and I am optimistic for the results you are all hoping for. The children have done exceptionally well with the number of school visits many of them have experienced over the last few weeks. We now look forward to a more settled couple of weeks at school, before half term, where we can reset and enjoy the many exciting activities we have planned for them in class.

BROADHURST BUSY BEES

The children are really enjoying their Wednesday after school club and, this week, they took a democratic vote on what they would like to do next week. The firm favourite was to explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs and complete an associated activity. We can't wait to see what they come up with.

CHILDREN IN NEED

I have received a thank you letter from Children in Need this week, including a poster which we will put in our noticeboard, outside, for the children to see. We had a great day back in November and thank you again for your generous donations. We raised £1189.30 which is a fantastic total.



HIGHGATE SCHOOL

I headed up to Highgate Pre-Prep yesterday morning; a visit I have been looking forward to. I have not been to the school since before the pandemic and it was a great opportunity to meet the new principal, Sally Hancock. We are waiting for the results of the 4+ assessments for some of our children who made it through to the second round of assessments and hope very much that a few of our children may be up to Highgate in September.

STORYTELLING WEEK

The teachers have been busy planning a range of activities for Storytelling week, taking place next week. Our teachers will be visiting other classes to share some of their favourite stories and we hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy even more stories, with your children, at home.

2025 ADMISSIONS

We already have a large number of children registered for entry to Broadhurst in September 2025 and tours will be starting this September, to secure these places. If you have any family or friends who have not yet registered their interest, I would encourage you to let them know to get in touch with us.

Mrs Sylvester



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

JOINING MATERIALS BOX MODELLING

Box modelling is an activity in which children use recycled materials to create a model or an object. This could be a robot, using a cardboard box or a car, using a shoe box and bottle lids.

What are the benefits of this play?

Open-ended resources- often recycled materials such as boxes can be made into anything you want, it's an open-ended resource which sparks imagination and creativity.

It promotes problem-solving skills- How will I attach this yoghurt pot to the top of my robot? How can I make my rocket ship stand up? These questions and many more might be considered during box modelling and this encourages problem-solving and children to overcome challenges.



It develops fine motor skills- as children combine different materials they may also be using scissors, glue and sticky tape, all of which aid their fine motor skills.

It encourages discussion- when playing with box modelling, children are encouraged to discuss their process and reasons for choosing a particular item.

It is sustainable play- it encourages a discussion about recycling and reusing materials.

How to encourage Box modelling:

Collect a variety of items such as cardboard boxes, tissue rolls, plastic cups and bottles, yoghurt pots, bottle lids and tissue paper.

Provide resources to cut, stick and glue the items together.

To extend the activity, include items such as Googly eyes, tin foil, buttons or additional craft materials.

Try to keep the activity open by asking open-ended questions including, "What can you make?"

If children are new to box modelling, they may need some prompts and guidance through the activity.

What might you make at home with your recycling materials?



CLASS 8 NEWS BY MISS MAGDELENA

It was another fun-filled, busy week in Class 8. In phonics, the children have been learning the 't' sound. They had so much fun turning the letter 't' into a tree.

Class 8 were deeply engaged in our new role-play area which is currently a hospital. The children acted out the role of a doctor, helping many patients with their different ailments.

IN MATHS THIS WEEK...

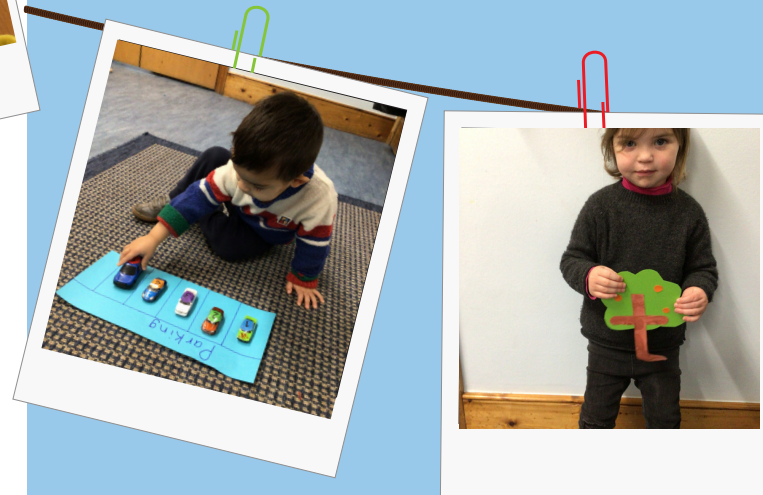
the children had a great time ordering numbers up to five by parking cars in their relevant parking spaces and recognising pictorial numbers.



IN THE GARDEN..

they enjoyed playing in the water tray where they caught the fish, using buckets and sieves.

In Topic, the children had an exciting time exploring traditional tales. They enjoyed listening to the story of Little Red Riding Hood and played with their props as the main characters. They also made a wolf using paint and paper plates.



Class 8 wishes you a wonderful weekend!