

The Weekly News

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DEAR PARENTS,

Another short week has meant we have arrived at the end of another week in record time

BELLA THE PONY

Tuesday was certainly the highlight of the week for the children, with Bella the pony visiting School. Mr Berkery and Bella showed immense patience and kindness allowing every child in the school the opportunity to ride on her in the garden. I was pleased to say that all but just a very few children found the confidence to take up the challenge. For those children who were less sure, they still enjoyed the chance to see her from a safe distance. I would like to express my thanks to Mr Berkery for his efforts to give the children such a memorable experience.

OPEN EVENING

We would like to invite you from 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday 8 June for an opportunity to see your children's workbooks. Your child's maths, literacy and activity books will be available for you to look at and the teachers will be there to discuss them with you. There will be no appointments for this event and we hope that it will be an informal meeting with a chance for you to spend some time looking at all the documented learning experiences

the children have had and that we have compiled over the academic year. You will also have the opportunity to see the classrooms again and meet with other parents.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We continue to put our efforts into creating an exciting outdoor learning space in the garden. This week has included a 'chill out zone' with mats and chairs with books and suggested yoga poses for the children to relax the muscles in their bodies. The children have had wooden blocks and shaving foam to build with as they act as engineers designing and creating their own constructions. They have also been building their fine motor skills with tweezers and pom poms and numbered plastic containers.



We look forward to the first full week we have had in a long time, next week. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Sylvester



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

ROLE PLAY IN THE EARLY YEARS

At Broadhurst, every classroom has a role play corner. This can range from a doctors surgery, a post office, a hairdressers or an airport; the possibilities are endless. Role play corners help children to develop many important life skills and support their emotional and social development.

What are some of the benefits of role play activities in the early years?

Role play allows children to take on a particular role and step into someone else's shoes. This helps to support empathy and understanding. Using their imagination to take on a character can support children to ask questions such as, how would I feel if? What would I do next? For example, if pretending to be a doctor, how might you talk to the patient?

Role play helps to support children's imagination and nurtures their creativity.

Engaging in role play helps children to develop their social language and new vocabulary.

Role play allows children to relive familiar experiences, for example, children remember the time they went to the hairdressers or airport. Children can recall their own experiences and replay them in

a safe and nurturing space. Additionally, this aids understanding as children can find solutions to problems they may have encountered in real life, for example, being a little afraid at the doctors or dentist.

Role play is a fantastic opportunity to develop number sense. Children may use money to pay for items in the toy shop or share out the slices of cake in the cafe.

What are some easy role play set ups that can be done at home?

SHOP

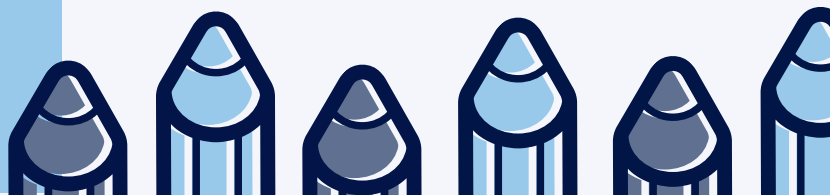
If you have a toy till or a calculator then you can set up a quick role play shop at home. You can have a toy, book or clothes shop using items you already have. You can make price labels and use old shopping bags to support the play. Don't forget the receipt!

KITCHEN

Using old utensils, pots and pans is a very quick way of making a cafe or restaurant role play.

DENS AND SHELTERS

Creating dens with large material and canopies can provide children with endless opportunities. Keeping the den open ended means the children will use their imagination and share their own ideas. Have fun pretending!



CLASS 8 NEWS

BY MISS MAGDALENA

The children have been very excited to share their news about the Coronation weekend, with us. This week we had a special guest in the garden, Bella the Pony. Class 8 had a chance to ride her in the garden. They were very brave and excited.



IN PHONICS...

this week we explored a new sound 'g' and practised saying the letter g. In Literacy, we enjoyed our book of the week ' The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Children retold the story and fed the caterpillar using photos from the story.

IN MATHS..

we learned how to identify which item was the odd one out from a group of objects.



In our Topic, life cycles, we investigated the different parts of a flower and made our own flower. The children were able to identify each part of the flower and explained the process of growing plants. We also observed our school caterpillars and drew our own caterpillars. The children learned about the parts of a caterpillar.

Class 8 wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to more learning next week!