

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 28 APRIL 2023

DEAR PARENTS,

FIRE STATION TRIP

Nursery classes started off the week with a successful trip to West Hampstead Fire Station, on Monday. I would like to thank all the parents and nannies who came along and ensured a safe trip for everyone. We much appreciate your support. The children had a fantastic time climbing aboard the fire engine, shooting water from the giant hoses and learning more about the important work the fire service provides. To support their learning, we have a wonderful set up in the garden this week for fire role play including fire extinguishers, fire protective equipment for the children to wear and a fire station.



CORONATION TEA PARTY

We will be holding a special tea party for the children on Friday 5 May. We would welcome the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue as part of the fun. We will be playing some traditional games and having a coronation picnic, hopefully in the garden. We look forward to sharing some photos with you. Our lovely parent reps are helpfully organising some party food for the event which we are very much looking forward to.

SURVEY

We are delighted to have had a good response, so far, to our parent survey. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this. If you are still happy to give us your thoughts, please follow the link. The survey is open until 4 May.
[Survey Link](#)

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Please remember that our teachers are available every Tuesday until 5:00pm if you would like to have a meeting with them. You will be receiving a full written report at the end of term. You may wish, however, to have a catch up with them particularly for parents of children in Pre-Nursery classes who will be with us next year. The teachers will be very happy to see you. Please also remember our Friday Stay and Play sessions- we love to see you there.

NEXT STEPS MEETINGS

I have now met with most Pre-Nursery parents to discuss their thoughts on 4+ and destination schools for the September 2024 intake. If you would still like to speak with me, Arpuna will be more than happy to arrange an appointment.

BANK HOLIDAYS

Please remember school will be closed on **Monday 1 May** and **Monday 8 May**

Mrs Sylvester



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM BY MRS ROBERTS

GROWING AND GARDENING

During the spring and summer terms, we explore the topic of growing and gardening. This is an essential experience for young children and is fulfilling when they see the end results.

Gardening and growing develop many cross-curricular skills including:

Personal and Social Development: Children have a sense of responsibility when they take care of plants and it helps them to see that their actions can lead to changes.

Understanding the World: When tending to and nurturing plants, children learn about the process of growing and the essential ingredients that support life including, sun, heat, light, seeds and water.

Physical Development: Planting and gardening encourage the use of fine motor skills. Children use their fingers, hands and arms to dig, plant seeds, water and re-pot plants and flowers.

Communication and Language: When children plant and grow things, they talk about the process and use new vocabulary as they learn a new skill.



Some activity ideas:

- **Planting cress seeds** - This is an easy introduction to growing. They need few resources and will grow easily on a windowsill.
- **Flower hunts** - Spotting different types of flowers in the environment can encourage an interest in growing.
- **Exploring herbs** - Using senses to explore different herbs such as peppermint, coriander and rosemary can help children to connect with nature.
- **Easy vegetables to grow** - Cherry tomatoes, beans, salad leaves and strawberries are all easy to grow and it is additional fun when you get to eat the vegetables and fruits afterward.

Can you try and grow something at home?



CLASS 10 NEWS

BY MISS ROBB

Nursery classes had an exciting trip to the West Hampstead Fire Station this week. The classes were able to explore the fire engines and see where the tools, such as hoses and torches were kept. Each child was invited to have a turn in the fire engine, and some put

on the helmet. The firemen talked to the children about the uniform they wear and how it protects them. All the Nursery children had the opportunity to spray the hose and pretend to put out a fire.



In Phonics this week, the children have been learning all about the double 'll' sound. They especially enjoyed the use of technology where they used the paint app on the learning board to learn the letter formation. The children then practised writing words with the double 'll' sound in along with other CVC words.

ROLE PLAY

Class 10 have enjoyed our hair salon in the Role Play area and have become expert hairdressers. They have enjoyed making new hair styles on the dolls and have moved on to doing their friend's hair, as well as their teacher's. No one had to worry about their hair for Photo Day!



This week we have been learning about solid shapes. The children are now excellent at recognising 3D shapes in the environment, which is evident when we do our shape hunts. The children have been busy making and constructing solid shapes such as cylinders and cones out of paper. They have enjoyed using manipulatives to explore solid shapes.



Class 10 wish you a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to continuing our learning next week!