

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 16 JUNE 2023

DEAR PARENTS, NURSERY CLASSES TRIP

Children in our Nursery classes had a wonderful trip to Hampstead Heath on Thursday. The children enjoyed some exciting hands on activities organised brilliantly by the team of educators at the site. They had the opportunity to hunt for minibeasts in the long grass and in the woods. They also had fun pond dipping and searching for water creatures to identify. They used nets, magnifying glasses and identification checklists to help them explore as scientists. Thank you to the parents and nannies who helped make the trip a safe success for all.



HANDYMAN

We are currently looking for a 'Handyman' to work in school two days a week. If you know anyone who might be interested to find out more about this opportunity, please contact Arpuna in the school office.

TRANSITION SESSION

As we are thinking ahead to next year, we will be running a transition session for all the children staying at Broadhurst next year. This will take place on Monday 3 July between 9:30 and 10:30am. The children moving classes in September will have the opportunity to visit their new classes and meet their new teachers which is very exciting. Children who will be leaving us at the end of term will have some fun with the Pre-Nursery teachers during this time which will be equally good experience with less familiar teachers as they will be embarking on new adventures in the autumn. Any Pre-Nursery children who will be leaving us at the end of term are welcome to come in at 10:30 on that day if you feel this may be a better option for them. Please confirm with the school office if you will be doing this.

NURSERY CONCERTS

Our Nursery children are very excited to perform their concerts next week. Please remember to dress the children in green on the days of their performances. We look forward to welcoming you to the shows.

Monday 19 June
Class 9-9:30am & Class 10-11:30am

Tuesday 20 June
Class 11-9:30am & Class 9-11:30am

Wednesday 21 June
Class 10-9:30am & Class 11-11:30am

Mrs Sylvester



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

The characteristics of effective learning are a central component in the world of early years education and go hand in hand with the 7 areas of learning. The characteristics of effective learning support children to become fully active learners who apply their skills and knowledge across a wide range of areas. Effective learning ensures children are independent, engaged, motivated to learn and can apply their skills.

The characteristics of effective learning are split into three categories, these are:

PLAYING AND EXPLORING

This includes:

- Finding out and exploring.
- Playing with what they know.
- Being willing to have a go.

By encouraging these characteristics, children will develop curiosity and be fully engaged in learning.



ACTIVE LEARNING

This includes:

- Being involved and concentrating.
- Keep on trying.
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do.

By encouraging these characteristics, children will be motivated and grow into confident learners.

CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING

This includes:

- Having their own ideas.
- Making links.
- Working with ideas.

By encouraging these characteristics, children will be deeper thinkers and ask questions that lead to further learning.

At Broadhurst, we support the characteristics of effective learning by providing an enabling environment. We ensure that children have plenty of opportunities to explore, discover and try new things. Through Table Time activities, we encourage active learning and concentration. We provide challenges so that children can persevere and feel proud of their achievements. We are also providing plenty of experiences in which children can use their critical thinking skills, from science experiments to problem-solving activities.

CLASS 4 NEWS

BY MISS LUNA

This week Class 4 have been learning about objects that sink and float. They enjoyed sharing their ideas and experimenting with different objects.

Then they tried and predict whether the objects they chose would sink or float and it was wonderful to see how quickly they grasped the concept!

IN MATHS THIS WEEK..

the children have been consolidating their counting skills. We have revised our one-to-one correspondence as well as matching numerals to quantities. Class 4 has certainly made huge progress as they showed to be able to count and match amounts independently. Well done, Class 4!



IN PHONICS..

This week the children learnt the letter sound 'c' and attempted to identify words beginning with it.

They were able to name several different words as well as identifying objects that begin with the sound 'c'. They then enjoyed making the letter 'c' into a caterpillar whilst bouncing the sound, "C-c-caterpillar."



Class 4 wishes you a wonderful weekend!



A MESSAGE FROM

V&ME

Dear parents,

You will have seen the alarming report around the amount of ultra processed food there is in our baby and toddler's diets and the potential implications.

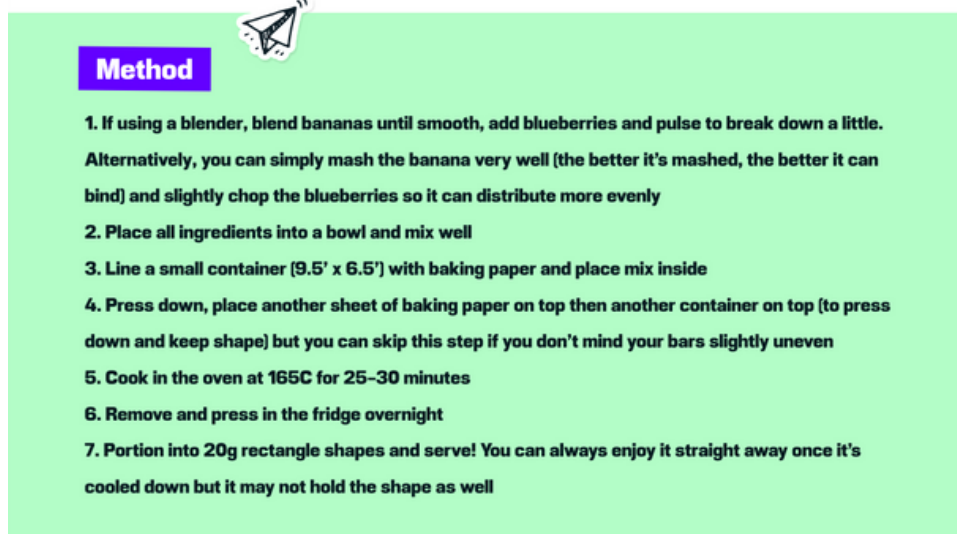
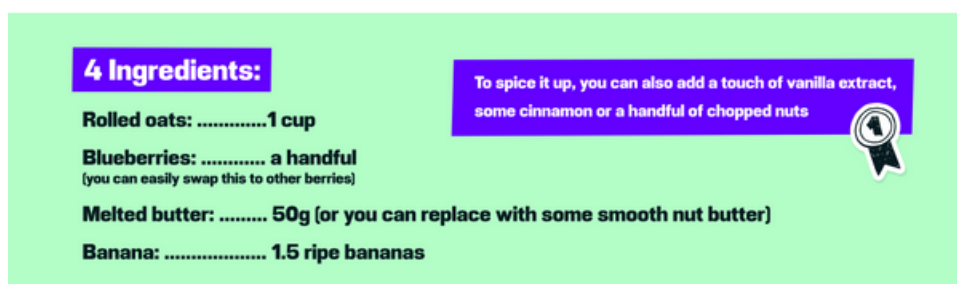
Snacks could be particularly tricky to get right, as most off the shelf options are heavily processed. We thought it'd be helpful to share Chef Kwesi's recipe for one of our most popular (and simple) snack: blueberry banana oat bar.

It only needs 4 ingredients (although we've also given you some ideas if you want to go the extra mile!) The actual making process is pretty straight forward and doesn't take too long so it could be a good one to make with your little ones at home.

You will notice that we never use any honey or sugar alternatives to sweeten our foods – whilst they can be seen as “healthier” options, they are still free sugar and we want to minimise the intake for children under 4.

Do get in touch with your nursery teacher if you like this kind of content so we can share more.

Want to get a glimpse of our kitchen and chefs at work? Check out this behind the scene video [here!](#)



Once made, they can last in the fridge for 2-3 days