# The Weekly News

**BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 26 MAY 2023** 

# DEAR PARENTS,

## **TEACHER SWAP**

The children had an exciting adventure on Thursday morning, as they visited a new classroom for a 'teacher swap.' They moved with their assistant, enjoyed a circle time and completed a creative activity with a new and different teacher. It was wonderful to see the children embracing this new experience and showing plenty of confidence. As the end of term approaches and we all look ahead to a new class, whether that be at Broadhurst or a different school, we hope that giving them this opportunity will help pave the way.

# HABERDASHERS' SCHOOLS VISIT



On Tuesday this week, I spent the morning visiting both Haberdashers' Girls' and Haberdashers' Boys' Schools. The setting for both schools, sitting side by side each other, is stunning. The grounds and facilities are most impressive and the sense of green open space the campuses offer are enviable. Despite being guite far from Broadhurst, I would encourage parents to consider these schools if you have not done so already. Both schools are selective and highly sought after and offer a through education from 4+ -18. Although run separately, the schools benefit from sharing whole school events, resources and some playtimes. They are working on further collaboration in the future while still maintaining their individual identities offering single sex education.

EARLY MORNING CLUB

We are very pleased to announce that we will be offering children in Nursery classes the opportunity for an 8:15am start, as of September 2023. We are aware of the challenges working parents can face juggling work commitments and childcare and hope that this will offer some help for those who need it. Classes start at 9:00am and children will be cared for by our assistant teachers up until this time. Children in Pre-Nursery classes will continue to start at 8:30 or 8:45am.

## **BUTTERFLIES**

The children have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and have been carefully growing their own butterflies at school. We have watched the caterpillars change into chrysalides and, just this morning, we have seen the emergence of some beautiful painted lady butterflies. The children's learning has been supported in class this week by creating their own life cycles using pasta and beans to help them understand the key features of the life cycle of an animal.

### FRIDAY MORNING STAY AND PLAY

We continue to welcome parents to come in on a Friday morning and spend tome in class from drop off time in Pre-Nursery and 9:15am in Nursery classes.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A LOVELY HALF TERM BREAK.



Mrs Sylvester

# LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

## **BY MRS ROBERTS**

With half term next week promising sunshine, I thought I would share some fun and educational outdoor play ideas for over the half-term break.

Mark-making with water outside: can you write your name using brushes in the water? Watch your marks disappear as the sun dries up the water.



Create your own natural paint brushes using leaves, sticks or grass; what different marks can you make? Attach natural resources such as leaves or grass to the end of a stick and dip them into the paint. Enjoy getting creative.





Can you go to a park or forest and collect a group of the same items? For example, can you find six sticks, four leaves or ten stones?



Can you make this Cheerio bird feeder and observe what different types of birds come to the feast? You will need Cheerios, string or pipe cleaners.

Have fun outdoors!

# **CLASS 6 NEWS**

## **BY MISS GIORGIA**

This week Class 6 has had a fantastic week learning about minibeasts. First, we went on a minibeast hunt in the garden and observed insects such as bees, ants, ladybirds and snails. Then, we extended our learning



about the minibeasts in the classroom and had lots of fun playing, exploring and learning in our bee-hive sensory tray. We also created beautiful ladybirds with play dough and learnt about their life cycle.

In Maths, we consolidated our ability to extend and create different patterns from our classroom resources. Class 6, using their imagination, created some lovely designs from their favourite toys.

# IN PHONICS...

this week, Class 6 were introduced to the new letter sound 'o'. The children developed their ability to hear and say the sound and identify objects beginning with it. They created a beautiful octopus craft and have been reading the story of The Tickly Octopus.

In Literacy, we have been singing the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty'. The children created a craft activity sticking plasters to put Humpty Dumpty's face to put him back together again and sharing their thoughts and ideas about his fall from the wall.

Class 6 wish you a fabulous half-term break and we look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures.