



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

DEAR PARENTS,

I am delighted to be offering you this first newsletter of the school year. Newsletters are sent every Friday during term time and will often include important dates for your diaries along with other useful information. Each week, Mrs Roberts (Deputy Head) will share her news with you and there will be a contribution from one of the classes on a rotational basis.

The children are settling in well and we are already beginning to establish some of the routines that will help them build their confidence at school. It is still very early days and, for some children, it may take a little longer for them to build up to the full hours and say goodbye happily to you. We will continue to work closely with you, on an individual basis, to make arrangements to support the children as they become accustomed to their classes and new teachers.

WELCOME MEETINGS

We were so pleased to welcome our Pre-Nursery parents to school yesterday. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and the other parents and to learn a little more about what is ahead of us in the coming year. We look forward to seeing Nursery parents on Monday 18th for the same.

DOOR SECURITY

As we have a number of parents coming and going from school, during the school day, we would please ask that you make sure that the doors or gate are securely closed behind you on entering or leaving the premises.

DIARY DATES

We have two talks coming up that you may be interested to attend. They will take place on Zoom; links will be sent out nearer the time. Mrs Roberts, will be explaining our approach to teaching and learning in the following two key areas of the curriculum.

Phonics Workshop

Wednesday 27 September at 4:30pm.

Maths Workshop

Wednesday 4th October at 4:30pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Highgate Pre-Prep applications opened on Monday 11 September and will close at Noon on Friday 29 September for entry to the school in September 2024. If you are considering Highgate, you will need to submit your application through the website. Do be careful to click 'apply now' as opposed to 'register your interest'. You need to scroll down the page, to find the correct link to the form.

Although we cannot give guidance on application processes for all schools, Highgate has such a short window of opportunity to apply, I hope this information is helpful to you.

NCLS OPEN DAY

You may be interested to attend an upcoming Open Day taking place on Saturday 23 September.

Mrs Sylvester

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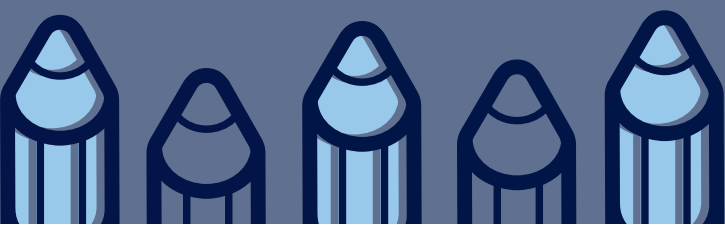


A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL

BY MRS ROBERTS

I would like to extend a warm greeting to all our children and families as we embark on a new school year. I have enjoyed meeting our new Pre-Nursery children and their families during their first week of school and it has been a pleasure to see them start to settle in their new environment. It has been equally wonderful to welcome back our Nursery children who have settled back into the school routine and are enjoying their new classrooms and getting to know their new teachers.

From next week, I will begin to teach all classes mindfulness. This term, we will be focusing on yoga and learning to be 'present' in the moment. I am very excited to begin and I am sure we will have plenty of fun. I will also be supporting each Nursery class to work with them on assessment preparation. This will continue on a weekly basis until the children have completed their school visits next year.



SETTLING IN

This week, I have had many discussions with parents about the settling in process and how best to support the children in these early days. I have more than ten years' experience settling children into school and I am happy to share some ideas below:

- It is important to remember that the children will settle. It may take a little time and it may need a change of approach but they will get there.
- At Broadhurst School, we have a settling in period for all classes, however, it is not unusual for some children to need more time. Every child is unique and we work closely with each family to find the best and most manageable approach for them.
- Try not to worry. Children starting school is a momentous occasion for both parents and children and it can often be a time filled with uncertainty. During times of change, children look to their familiar adults to gauge a new situation. If you are positive and confident about settling, it's more likely this will translate to the children.
- Say goodbye- it is often considered that it is best to disappear quietly whilst your child is distracted. From my experience, this only serves to create further anxiety. Telling your child you are leaving for a short while but you are coming back is very important; this will reassure them.
- Your child may become upset. This is not unexpected during the settling in period. If they are upset, our experienced teachers and assistants will be there to reassure, give cuddles and support them.
- Please talk to the class teacher if you have any questions. We are keen to work with you through this time.

The children will soon settle and will come into school wearing a big smile. They are making wonderful progress already.

CLASS 10 NEWS

BY MRS COPE

We have had a wonderful week in class 10! It has been lovely to see the children develop new friendships in the class and begin to feel settled and confident in their classroom.



In the garden this week, we have enjoyed the last of the summer and have been looking at books and riding bicycles.



In class, we have been practising our fine motor skills using play-dough and threading activities. We have also begun recapping our letter sounds and numbers ready to begin our full week of learning next week.



We have been celebrating the Jewish New year festival 'Rosh Hashanah' and will learn more about this next week.



It has been lovely getting to know the children and we are looking forward to lots of fun activities in Class 10 next week.

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