



The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 3RD OCTOBER 2023

DEAR PARENTS,

It has been lovely to welcome back the children after the half term break and we have had a very busy week, as always, at Broadhurst.

ASSESSMENTS

Our Nursery children have started their assessments this week with visits to Highgate School, St Anthony's School and Falkner House School. The children seem to be returning happily and we hope that they have enjoyed their experiences. We have a busy few weeks ahead so please do remember to keep us informed of dates and times of all planned visits. I have enjoyed spending time with the children on a one to one basis and Mrs Roberts and the class teachers are working hard on all the preparation we have ongoing to support the children on their journey.

WELLINGTON BOOTS

You will have hopefully seen a letter we sent out yesterday requesting the children to bring in a spare pair of wellington boots for the garden. Unfortunately, the garden is suffering with the amount of rain we are experiencing and we really want the children to have the opportunity for outdoor play. We hope to see the children bring in their wellies on Monday, if possible.



OPEN EVENING

We were very pleased to welcome a great many families to our prospective parents open evening last night. Our visitors had a good opportunity to spend time looking around the school and speaking to the teachers ahead of their children potentially joining us either next year or the year after. Our final open evening for this calendar term will take place on Thursday 30 November. If you are aware of anyone who has not yet registered or enquired about a place for 2024 or 2025 start, please do encourage them to contact us for further information.



CHILDREN IN NEED

You should have heard from you parent reps about our upcoming Charity Day on Friday 17 November. We are excited to be planning a fun filled day of activities for the children and hope very much that parents will play a part in this as the reps organise a bake sale and volunteers to run a stall outside school. This will be in the morning to collect donations and sell our Children in Need Ears and Teddy Bears. We look forward to seeing the children in their pyjamas too. Further information will be shared next week.

Mrs Sylvester



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

ONLINE SAFETY- SCREEN TIME

When it comes to children, we know that technology has its pros and cons and the debate around appropriate screen time for children continues on. Technology can support children's language acquisition, understanding of key concepts, access to ebooks and the discovery of new music and sounds. It is important that technology is used as an educational tool and not as a replacement for adult interaction.

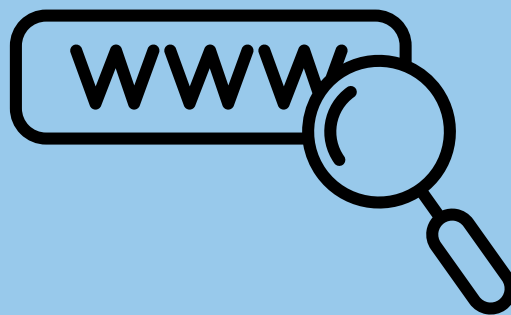


Maintaining a balanced digital diet for all the family can support a healthy and active lifestyle. It is advised that in terms of screen time for children between two and four years old, less is best.

It is important to monitor closely what children are using devices for and explain to children that they must tell someone if they see something upsetting online.

You can access further advice on the following website:

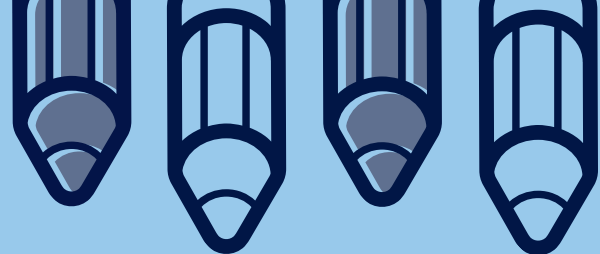
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



I want to share some tips regarding screen time and how it can be best managed with small children, at home.

- 1) **Lead by example**- taking time away from our own devices can model healthy online habits and device management.
- 2) **Set boundaries**- if children are using a device, set a clear time limit. With young children, you can use a visual timer to support understanding. Once the time is finished, the devices can be stored away.
- 3) **Consider content**- understand what the children are accessing. There are many educational games and apps that can support children's learning. Technology can now also be used to reach out to family members and friends.
- 4) **Avoid screen time as a reward**- this could elevate the status of using the devices and may lead to wanting more.
- 5) **Screen-free bedtime**- avoid using screens before bedtime as this can impact a healthy sleep and keep devices out of bedrooms at other times to encourage physical and imaginative play





CLASS 5 NEWS

BY MISS MAGDALENA

This week, the children in Class 5 loved exploring pumpkins as one of the signs of the autumn season. We collected fallen autumn leaves and discussed the way they had changed colour during Circle Time.



IN PHONICS...

we explored the sounds of different instruments; we played them slowly, quickly, loudly and quietly



IN MATHS...

we have been learning about 2D shapes by sorting them into different groups. The children have been so excited to share their knowledge and understanding of the different shapes as they recognised them.



IN LITERACY...

we enjoyed the story of The Three Little Pigs. During our group activities, the children recognised the different materials that the little pigs used to build their houses. Class 5 enjoyed making their own paper houses using straw, sticks and red paper squares for the bricks.



IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN..

we have had a great time making firework pictures in the lead up to Bonfire Night. We used paint and cardboard tubes.



After lots of learning this week, Class 5 wish you a lovely weekend!