

# The Broadhurst Bulletin

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So, it looks like 2025 is already off to a flying start at Broadhurst! We have welcomed a fabulous new class of Little Learners (our class of September 2025 Autumn born children) who are making a commendable early start with us. Pre Nursery classes are having fun celebrating cultural events including Australia Day, and our Nursery children are going above and beyond in Maths by exploring addition. See below for other exciting news updates... - *Danica Belzer*

## Our wonderful week with Winnie!



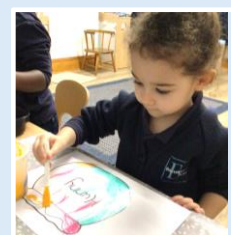
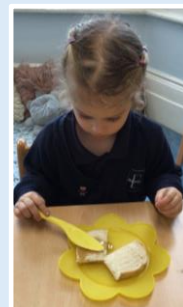
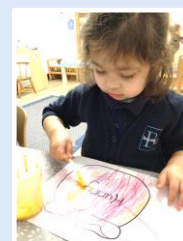
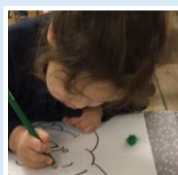
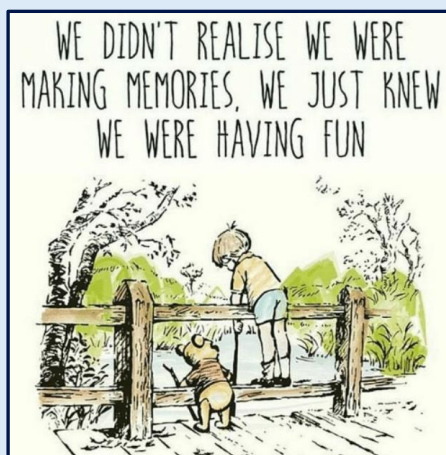
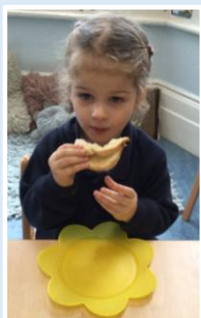
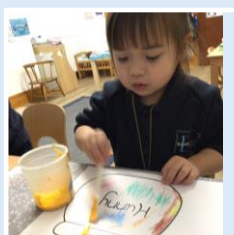
It was **'Winnie the Pooh Day'** last week, and we all had a fabulous time celebrating it!

Every year, Winnie the Pooh Day is held to mark the birthday of A.A. Milne, the author who brought Winnie the Pooh to life in his enchanting stories.



We marked the day by making honey sandwiches, and by creating special *Pooh themed* painting and crafts. Children also brought in their favourite Winnie the Pooh stories, and our Nursery classes listened to, and learnt some AA Milne poems.

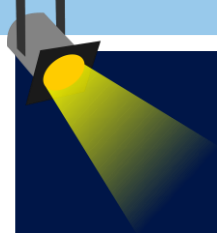
We all love *Winnie the Pooh Day* here at Broadhurst, for it celebrates the innocent wonder found in Milne's stories, and the simple pleasures of childhood. It is also an opportunity for all fans of the books, (both young and old), to revisit the *Hundred Acre Wood* and immerse themselves in the simple wisdom and adventures of Pooh and his friends.



It also celebrates 'enduring friendships' – such as those that have been (and continue to be) made here at Broadhurst School...







# SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

## 'Role Play'

- **How did we support this activity over the last week?**

We created some special spaces in each of the classrooms. Then we equipped the children with a range of scenarios and props, and gave them the support they would need to explore either their real life, or imaginary worlds...

- **Why is role play important?**

Role play, or imaginative play, is a very necessary part of a child's education. *Why?* because it stimulates a child's imagination, which is an incredibly powerful tool. Whilst 'imagination' is, in part, innate in children, in order to get it going, a bit of inspiration and stimulus are required! When a child takes part in imaginative role play scenarios this helps them to develop their ideas and imagination.

- **How else does imaginative play help?**

Imaginative play not only aids intellectual development, but it will also improve children's social skills and their creativity. To add to this, it gives children a chance to play out events that they have observed or experienced in real life.

- **Can it help boost academic and life skills?**

Yes! There can be opportunities for maths, literacy and writing to be woven into some role play contexts. This will enable children to apply their academic learning, and it also helps them to understand the purpose of their learning in the world around them. Our pupil's 'have a go' attitude to spelling and writing is encouraged during these sessions. Our role play areas help to encourage independent writing and pretend writing for a purpose. This kind of activity will also help a child's creative writing skills to thrive in their later years.

- **Can it be fun and inspiring too?**

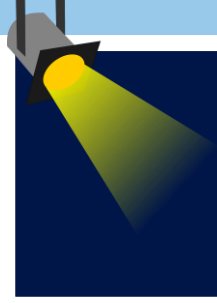
Of course! A much loved role play theme at Broadhurst is *Superheroes!* Where would we be without a bit of Superhero play? In the early years this is a fantastic theme which stimulates children's imaginations and presents to them many qualities that can lead to some wonderful scaffolding for children.

- *Promoting Superhero qualities*

Some of the qualities incorporated into our superhero theme are that superheroes are always kind, helpful and hard workers. Superheroes always try their best and look for ways to solve problems and 'save the day'. This theme is centred around open ended fictional characters and super qualities which promote positive behaviour.

- *Celebrating positive role models*

It also incorporates real life superheroes such as police officers, fire fighters, doctors and vets; all of whom have inspired other role play areas throughout the school. It is wonderful to see the children develop inventive and creative play which sparks awe, wonder and a lot of magic.



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Oh dear, are you hungry or just tired?



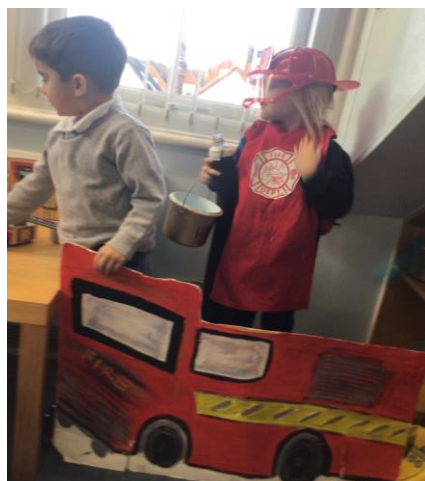
The profits are looking good this month!



Are you *sure* this doesn't hurt?



Who says you need to think out the box!



Where's the fire?

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

29th January – ***Luna New Year***

If you have knowledge of this and would like to come in to talk to the children about it, this please let us know.

***Have a great weekend from all at Broadhurst School!***

