

The Broadhurst Bulletin

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St David's Day!

This week, there were many things to celebrate, including St David's Day. Mrs. Roberts, who is from Wales, has been sharing a humorous Welsh song with the children at Broadhurst School.





SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Phonics

Let's talk about phonics...

Phonics is a fundamental approach to learning the individual sounds associated with each letter, which is essential for early reading development. This method teaches children to recognise specific letter sounds and blend them together to read words and sentences effectively.

At Broadhurst School, children embark on their phonics journey by starting with phase one phonics in Pre-Nursery and Little Learners. This initial phase consists of six key aspects:

1. Environmental Sounds
2. Instrumental Sounds
3. Body Percussion
4. Rhyme and Rhythm
5. Alliteration
6. Voice Sounds



Phase one phonics plays a crucial role in establishing a strong foundation that empowers children to become confident and fluent readers. It helps them discern between different sounds, enhancing their blending and segmenting skills as they progress to reading more complex words. This phase is an integral component of phonics teaching.

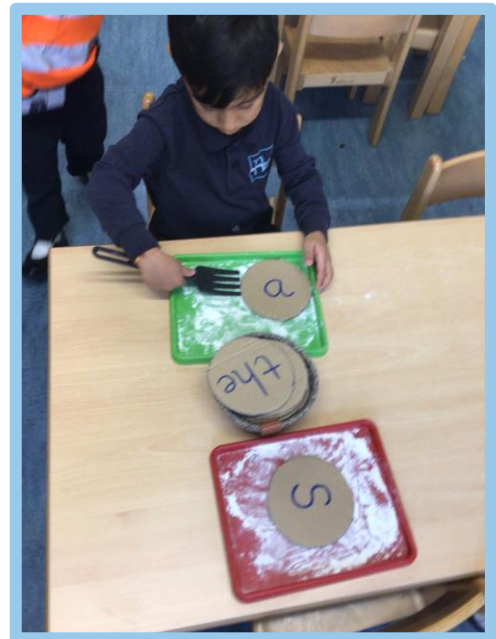




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Once children complete phase one, they transition to phase two phonics, where they learn to recognise individual letter sounds and the skill of blending those sounds. Letter sounds are introduced through direct teaching during Circle Time, followed by focused activities that reinforce each sound. Regular review and practise are vital in mastering new letter sounds.





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How can you support phonics at home?

1. **Singing Nursery Songs and Rhymes** - the words, rhythms, and rhymes found in nursery songs provide a solid foundation for early reading. Every time you engage in singing nursery rhymes with your child, you contribute meaningfully to their reading journey.

2. **Storytime**- sharing stories together not only fosters valuable quality time but also cultivates an early love for reading, which is essential for achieving reading success.

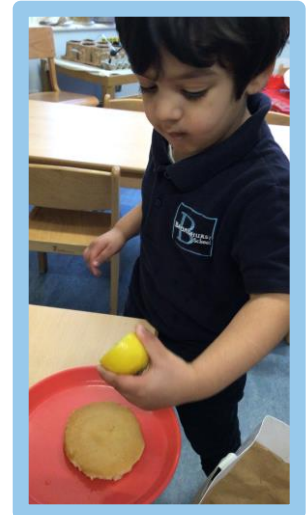
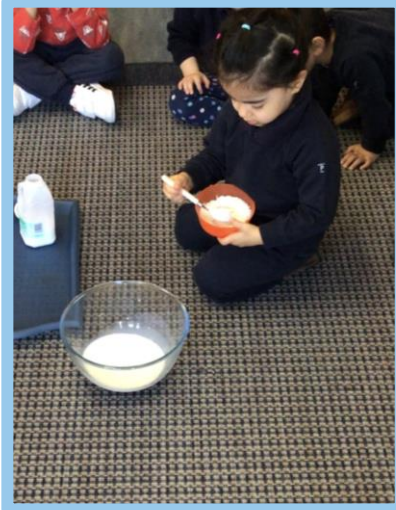
3. **Letters in the Environment** - from road signs to shop signs, it is beneficial to draw attention to words and letters in the surrounding environment. As your child grows more confident in recognising letter sounds, highlighting letters in everyday situations allows them to read with purpose.

4. **Oral Blending games** - by integrating sound blending into everyday situations, we can assist children in recognising individual sounds and enhance their blending and segmenting skills in reading. Rather than simply saying a word like 'cat', try deconstructing it into its individual sounds, such as '**c-a-t**', and invite the children to guess the word you are conveying. Make it engaging by turning it into a game! You can incorporate this approach in various contexts, such as at the supermarket or during tidy up time. For instance, you might say, "Please place the toy in the '**b-o-x**'."

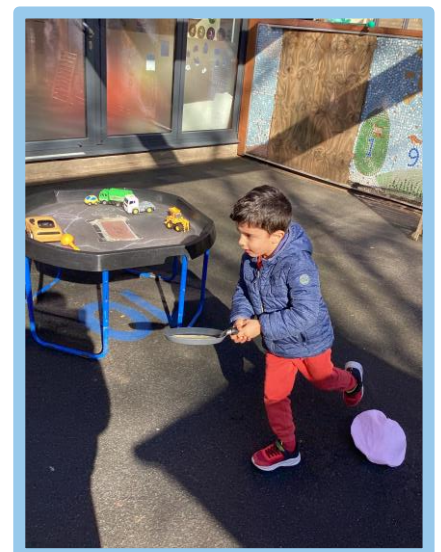


"Reading is dreaming with
open eyes."
- Unknown

Pancake Day at Broadhurst School




This week, the children had an amazing time celebrating Pancake Day! They had such fun making pancakes, picking out their favourite toppings, and indulging in delicious treats. Flipping, mixing, and enjoying pancakes together brought so much joy and laughter!





Notes for Parents

Don't forget to follow Broadhurst on Instagram and Facebook!  @broadhurstschool.

Dates for the diary

- **Duckling eggs arrive in school: 10th March- Happy Hatching!**
- **Parent Meetings 18th & 20th March.**
- **Assessment Workshop for Pre- Nursery Parents: 18th and 20th March- Workshop begins at 5pm.**

Have a great weekend from all at Broadhurst School!

