



## Message from the Headmistress



Dear Families,

We made it! The final week of term has been a wonderfully festive celebration and a joyful way to bring the year to a close. Our Christmas performances were truly special - the children shone so brightly and it was a pleasure to watch their confidence, enthusiasm and talent on display.

The visit from Little Angel Puppet Theatre brought real awe and wonder, with the children completely immersed in the experience, and of course there have been parties galore to round off the term in true Broadhurst style. Thank you so much for your generous contributions, which helped make these moments so memorable for the children.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited to be welcoming a new class and two new members of staff, whose biographies you'll find on the final page of this newsletter. Our school continues to grow, and it's a very exciting time for Broadhurst. I know you will join me in giving our new children and colleagues the warm Broadhurst welcome we are so proud of.

Finally, thank you for the very kind and generous gifts - we have been truly spoiled. It has been a privilege to end the year on such a high.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. See you on the other side!

Warmest wishes,

**Eilish Sleator – Headmistress.**



## Pre-Nursery

This week we've been learning about the traditions and meaning behind **Hanukkah**, exploring how people celebrate and why it is such an important festival.

In *Communication and Language*, the children have been naming and discussing different Hanukkah items, building confidence in sharing new vocabulary. Our *Understanding the World* sessions have focused on the story and significance of Hanukkah, helping the children understand its history and symbolism.

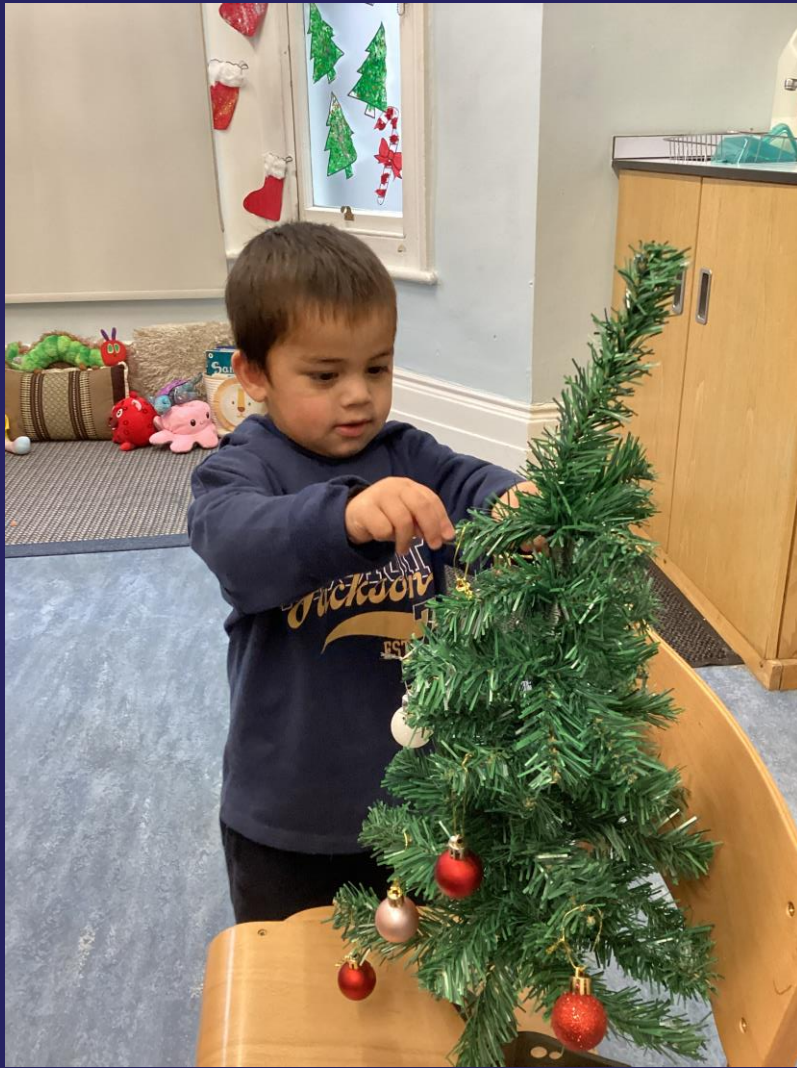
For *Physical Development and Fine Motor Skills*, we've been practising ball-throwing games with peers and teachers to build coordination and control. In *Maths*, the children have been searching for hidden numbers around the classroom—an exciting way to develop number recognition.

In *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*, the children have been decorating a small tree with paper ornaments that each represent an act of kindness, such as helping, sharing, or caring.

In *Phonics* our focus this week has been **syllable jumping** using Christmas pictures—a fun way to blend festive excitement with sound awareness. In *Expressive Arts and Design*, the children have created a variety of Winter crafts.







## Nursery

We have had such a fun and busy week in Nursery

This week we've been embracing the magic of winter while building our skills across all areas of learning.

In *Communication and Language*, the children have been learning their lines for the Christmas show and practising speaking clearly—especially using **sh** and **th** sounds. Our *Understanding the World* focus marked the **start of winter**, sparking curiosity and conversation about the changing season.

During *Physical Development*, we strengthened coordination with festive games like **Pin the Nose on Rudolf** and moved in time to our Christmas performance songs.

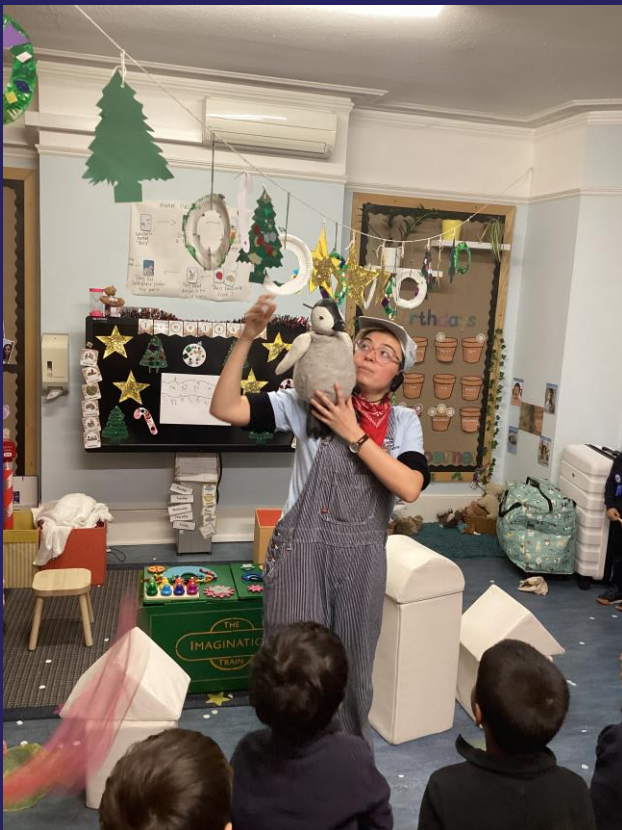
In *Maths*, the children explored different ways to represent numbers, while in *Problem Solving* they worked in small teams to design and build a warm home for a toy penguin—great for creativity and teamwork!

Our *Science* experiment this week was a popular one: making “snow” using shaving foam and baking powder. In *Personal, Social and Emotional Development*, we celebrated being **brave**, and in *Literacy* the children practised storytelling using winter-themed cue cards to invent their own imaginative tales.

For *Expressive Arts and Design*, the children created beautiful winter scenes with chalk and crayons, experimenting with blending techniques. We've also been getting ready for assessments and continuing our *Music and Movement* by rehearsing Christmas show songs with enthusiasm.

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# Reminders



- Term starts 6<sup>th</sup> January

## New Staff Biographies

We are delighted to welcome **Michala Levy**, who will be the **teacher and lead our new January Pre-Nursery class - Mondrian Class**. Michala holds a BA (Hons) in Early Childhood and brings strong experience in leading nursery rooms and supporting children's development, including preparation for 4+ assessments and inclusive practice for children with SEND. Known for her patient, creative approach and commitment to high-quality, child-centred learning.

We are delighted to welcome **Shemiqua Moore-Dingwall**, who will be joining us as a **Teaching Assistant** in Mondrian Class. Shemiqua is a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner with over six years' experience. With a nurturing, child-centred approach and a creative background in music, she brings strong expertise in supporting children's communication, confidence and early development.

We are thrilled to have them join the Broadhurst team.

