



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the half term break – the children seem very refreshed and have come back to a very full half term of learning. There is a lot going on across the school in the build up to Easter so do please keep an eye on the weekly communications and letters coming home.

We have been thinking in our collective worship about what it looks like to be kind to others both here at school and in life in general – from helping others to giving supportive and encouraging comments. It has been wonderful to be able to highlight and celebrate the many big and small acts of kindness we see every day here in school and in the community. In the words of the Dalai Lama: “Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”

School Sports

We have had a number of sporting fixtures already this half term with more planned over the coming weeks. The PE team are always keen to provide as many different opportunities for the children as possible and are very appreciative to our parents/carers who support us by getting your children to the various events. The Worthing School Sports Association – which Broadwater is part of – have recently worked together to establish principles around participation in various sporting events to maximise a range of purposes and levels of participation. Broadwater’s alignment with these principles is laid out below:

Inter-school sporting principles

Broadwater CE Primary School work in partnership with the Worthing Schools Sports Association (WSSA) to inspire the next generations to be healthy and active by offering a range of high-quality PE and sporting opportunities for children in the area. The WSSA recognise the demands on schools to provide opportunities for children to attend events which reflect a realistic and appropriate balance between participation, competition and development. At Broadwater, we will follow these principles when selecting children for events.

Spring concert

This term also sees the exciting build-up to and celebration of our musicians in our Spring Concert. We are looking forward to seeing the huge array of musical talent on display. As always, these events would not be possible without our wonderful Music teachers and the support you as parents and carers give to your children as they pursue their interests in music.

Staff News

Mrs Eccles will be leaving Broadwater at the end of this term to take up a job much closer to her home in Brighton. Mrs Eccles has been a teacher here at Broadwater for almost 20 years and her contribution to the Arts in particular will be missed. I am sure you will join me by wishing her all the best as she moves to her new role after Easter.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Mr Morrissey

(To keep up with all of the news please see the school website.)

Diary Dates

March

Fri 1st March – Y2 Penguin – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Tues 5th March – Y2 Visiting Author Jill Atkins

Weds 6th March – Spring Concert to Parents (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

Thurs 7th March—World Book Day

Fri 8th March – Y3 Swallow – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Weds 13th March – Y2 Rainbow Theatre (Great Fire of London)

Weds 13th March – Y3 Mechanical Toy Workshop

Thurs 14th March – Y1 Trip to Amberley Working Museum

Fri 15th March – YR Duck – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd March—Big Walk and Wheel (walk to school week)

Fri 22nd March Yr2 Pond Observation

Fri 22nd March F@B Disco

Mon 25th March – Y4 Trip to Drusillas Animal Park

Weds 27th March – Easter Breakfast for Duck & Hen Class

Thurs 28th March – Last Day of Term

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April – Easter Holiday

April

Fri 26th April – Swift Class-led Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Mon 29th April – Fri 3rd May Y6 BIKEABILITY Week

Activities that have been taking place....

YEAR 1

Year 1 brought their bikes and scooters into school and spent the morning whizzing around an obstacle course and zooming down the ramp. "I thought I'd broken a world record for speed!"



YEAR 2

Year 2 have started a new topic! We are learning about modern-day London, before discovering more about our past and how the Great Fire of London started. We found London landmarks all across our school and learnt key facts about them.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning all about electricity and circuits in science. We made our own robots light up and make a noise!



YEAR 4

Macaws class shared their rainforest topic with their parents and carers this week. Using their topic enquiry question, "Why would it matter if the rainforests disappeared?" they shared what they had learnt including about the climate of the rainforests, the unique habitats found there and the current threats to both the natural world and the local tribes that live there. Some were newsreaders, some even comedians, all were very proud of the hard work they have done this term. Well done Macaws!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have enjoyed experimenting with different techniques to depict an image of the Moon. They used different media such as water colour, pastel, pen and ink, collage and pencil shading. They then chose their preferred medium to create their final piece, which included their own silhouette.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy in the kitchen, creating authentic Second World War recipes. We cooked some lovely meals of Homity pie, potato scones and vegetable turnovers- all recipes that would have been popular in times of rationing. The children had to combine many cooking skills including: weighing, peeling, chopping and using the hobs and ovens safely.



A group of 16 of our year 6 children supported the students of St Andrew's High School last week in their school production of Matilda Jr. These children took up this opportunity back in December and have been rehearsing alongside the St Andrew's students since then. It was fantastic to see them up on the big stage, singing and dancing so enthusiastically, in front of packed crowds and our children really loved the experience.



The indoor athletics season was the main feature of the first half of Spring Term with over 60 children from across the whole school taking part in the different competitions. The format of all the competitions was very similar with children competing in various relay running races and events including speed bounce, long jump, triple jump, 5 strides, vertical jump, basketball throw, shuttlecock throw and javelin.

23rd January – Year 5&6 – 2nd out of 5.

A very strong overall performance in all events saw the children into a well-deserved second place.



1st February – Year 2 – 2nd out of 10 – silver medals

Outstanding display from the year 2 children who performed admirably across all the events and won silver medals as a result!



8th February – Year 3&4 – 3rd out of 5

Dominant performances in the running races with several wins and second place finishes. Unfortunately, couldn't match those displays in the throwing and jumping events but overall a very respectable 3rd place finish.



Updates & Reminders

Thank you

Parking

Thank you all for continuing to be considerate of our neighbours and the safety of the children. You will have noticed recently that parking wardens have been present at the start and end of the day more frequently following a request from the school. They are there to ensure the safety of the children.

School uniform

Each term we are collecting a large amount of unnamed school uniform. This also includes coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and other accessories.

Please label or write your child's name on these items so they can be returned to the owners.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

In the event of rain on an outdoor club day - Please telephone after approx. 2.15pm by which time a decision would have been made and there will be a club's answerphone message which will let you know if any clubs have been cancelled. We will also follow up with a text message.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Spring Term

Tues 2nd January – Thurs 28th March 2024 (INSET: 2nd Jan 2024)
(Half term holiday: 12th – 16th February)

Summer Term

Mon 15th April – Tues 23rd July 2024 (INSET: 22 & 23 July 2024)
(Half term holiday: 27th – 31st May)

Autumn Term

Mon 2th September—Friday 20th December
(Half term holiday: 28th October—1st November)

2025

Spring Term

Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April
(Half term holiday: 17th – 21st February)

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April – Tues 22nd July 2024
(Half term holiday: 26th – 30th May)

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