



## Headteacher's Newsletter October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils.

I hope you all had an enjoyable first half term. It certainly has been a different start for us, but we have all worked hard to make it safe, so thank you.

A particularly warm welcome to the new families that have joined us, I hope you are settling in at Broadbent Fold. The Governing body, along with the myself and staff are here to ensure your child fulfils their potential.

### WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

This has been a jam-packed half term. The main priority has been for the children to return and support them in this change. Emotional wellbeing and physical activity have been a focus of our curriculum to ensure healthy minds and bodies. This is crucial for pupils tackling the challenges they have faced this year. Our school priorities for this year are attached, with our aim to tackle core skills. Other events –



- The Manchester artist Dave Draws has redesigned our wall in the dinner hall. This is amazing and as soon as we are able, he is going to return and do some family art sessions.
- Manchester United Football Club have been working with our year 6 girls and have seen real talent for the future in football.
- World space week has taken place and children have shown such an interest in this theme. Keep an eye out for the planet Venus in our night skies.

- Mrs Anson has worked particularly hard to get our pupils outdoors and they have thrived from this weekly experience. They have also been eating yummy, toasted marshmallows. Perfect for his time of year.

- Our Pupil Leaders have been appointed and have been working with our governors to come up with some great ideas for fundraising. Key items we need to raise funds for are reading books and outdoor equipment.
- After-school clubs have been well attended. These have included multi-skills, dance and football. Our dance group are taking part in a virtual competition soon. I cannot wait for this. Next half term boxing and tag-rugby will be taking place.
- PTFA have brought some Halloween fun to school. Thank you to Morrisons for their support with this too. The pumpkin trails were Spooktacular!!



### PUPIL SURVEY

A questionnaire was online for pupils regarding various aspects of school life. The results are below:

92% of pupils enjoy school.

91% of pupils enjoy learning.

97% agree that teachers listen to them.

97% know they can talk to an adult if they are worried.

97% feel safe and 93% say bullying either does not happen or it is dealt with effectively. We will continue to work with our Pupil Leaders to look at the results and continue to improve. At Broadbent Fold we feel that education is a partnership between the child, you as parents and the school. We believe that children achieve more, are happier and thrive when schools and parents work together. Family views are important and will be taken into consideration for any planning that takes place about future developments in the school. I will be sending out our parent survey next half term.



## GOVERNING BODY

I am pleased to inform you of our current Governing body.

	<u>Name &amp; Positions</u>	<u>Governor Type</u>
1.	Bob Boyle	Chair of Governors
2.	Ross Keeble	Vice Chair of Governors and Parent
3.	Catherine Parker	Headteacher
4.	John Moon	Co opted
5.	Katie Costello	Co-opted
6.	Sue Tabner	Co-opted
7.	Sharon Ashmore	Parent
8.	Shawna Sibson	Parent
9.	John Andrews	Local Authority

Our governors have worked very hard to ensure the school has reopened safely – so a huge thank you to them.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance and punctuality remain the same as usual. Pupils are expected to attend school each day unless ill or are isolating. If your child is absent due to illness or isolation you need to inform the school office. Our attendance and punctuality policy has been updated and is available on our website. Anyone at risk of persistent absence will be invited into a panel meeting to review and improve the attendance. We are also celebrating good attendance next half term with rewards and special treats.

## HOME LEARNING

This year we have focused on a project theme 'show me' at home. The work that has been taking place is truly magnificent. The hard work that has gone into the themes shows how much as a family you are doing together and having fun! I have seen Roman work, Space masterpieces, Hot Air Balloons and Volcanoes erupting and Leaf Men! I also get to see the children's work on Seesaw and it shows the children are working super hard. Please ensure you have this, as it our main app for online learning for weekly homework and in the event of a lockdown.

## SAFEGUARDING AND EQUALITY

### Safeguarding Team 2019/20

Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Parker. The Safeguarding team includes Ms McCoy our Deputy Head Teacher and Mrs Butler our Learning Mentor. Please come and see one of us, or any member of the leadership team, if you have a safeguarding concern or if you feel your family need a little extra support.

Our equal opportunities objectives have also been updated.

1. Objective: Actively close gaps in attainment and achievement between pupils and all groups of pupils; especially students eligible for free-school meals, students with special educational needs and disabilities and post looked after children.
2. Objective: To ensure the school environment is accessible as possible to all pupils, staff and visitors.
3. Objective: To promote mental health and wellbeing in children with protected characteristics.
4. Objective: To promote cultural development and understanding through a rich range of experience, both in and beyond the school.

These are available on our website to view in more detail.

As always, if you have any other queries or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or to our office staff who will do their very best to be of help and assistance. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me or my Deputy through [admin@broadbentfold.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broadbentfold.tameside.sch.uk). We regularly update school news on the website so please look there for new information. Have a safe half-term!