



Headteacher's Newsletter March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils.

I am so very proud of our Broadbent Fold Community for their amazing efforts on returning to school. It was not easy, but we have managed a big leap to get us back on track. Thank you for following all the Covid protocols in and around school and this has ensured our pupils can remain in school.

WHAT LEARNING HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

At Broadbent Fold we continue to provide a rich curriculum, which meets the needs of our pupils and gets them prepared for their future. This half term:

There has been so much learning taking place in the classrooms and outside. I have seen steam coming out of the pupil's ears they have been so eager to learn. We pride ourselves at Broadbent Fold on our experience rich curriculum and it is evident when I go into classrooms that the children are hooked on learning. EYFS arrived back and we all needed a sit down. They had bundles of joy and energy and I wanted to bottle it. Year 1 completed some phonics assessments and have blown our socks off. I think Miss Mainprize is a Phonics Queen! I recently watched year 2 doing handwriting and I cannot



believe how well they are doing with our new writing scheme. I was so impressed they received a class compliment. Year 3 have been fully engrossed in natural disasters and are so knowledgeable about this topic. The earthquake proof buildings were amazing. We have some architects for the future in here. In year 4 their love of the Tudor work they are doing is so wonderful to hear. I love the Tudor houses outside my office - our families have worked so hard on these. Year 4s home learning always impresses me. Year 5 have taken on lots of outdoor learning this half term and have linked this

to science and mathematics. Then year 6 - what can I say about such a magnificent class. Every day I speak with these well-mannered, hardworking pupils. They are a credit to our school and make us smile. Year 6 have not stopped, from Bikeability in the wildest weather to Safe Squad in school. Our pupils have been learning many skills for life. Well done to everyone. I am so impressed and proud.

OUTDOORS

In EYFS we are updating some adventure trails to make a fun writing area in a shed. Mrs Kleban and Mrs Tennant have great plans and I cannot wait to see the final product. In KS2 some of our trim trails are becoming old, so our pupil leadership team have chosen some outdoor gym equipment to replace it. This includes sit-up benches / Thai-Chi plates and Power Walkers. These are being put in over the Whit holidays, so you will see me on here getting my body ready for the beach..well maybe Blackpool.

Mrs Anson continues to develop our outdoor learning with Forest Schools and Eco-Leaders. New trees have been planted and the pupils have worked so hard with this. Thank you also to members of the community for helping with this. Mrs Anson is developing Young Tree Champions, which is very exciting. Wildflowers and bulbs have been planted by year 2, so look out for these popping up. Next term we have a Speak up for the Trees Workshop booked in.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance and punctuality remain the same as usual. Pupils are expected to attend school each day unless ill or they are isolating. If your child is absent due to illness or isolation you need to inform the school office. Our attendance and punctuality policy is available on our website. Anyone at risk of persistent absence will be invited into a panel meeting to review and improve their child's attendance. Attendance certificates will resume next half term.

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for organising our Easter trail. It is such a fabulous idea and we hope to raise funds to improve our outdoor equipment. This is a large target for us, but if we raise a little each time it will make a big difference to our playgrounds. I have got my own answer sheet so I may see some of you on the walk! Thank you to everyone involved who has made this possible. We will then be looking at plans for our summer fair and see what we can do to make this possible.

From all at Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. We hope you have lots of family time together, eating yummy hot cross buns and going on long walks.



SAFEGUARDING

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. Early Help is available, and more advice can be found:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Early-Help/Parent-Carer/The-early-help-assessment>

Tameside's Parenting Booklet can also be found:

<https://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/parentsandcarers/download/parenting-handbook-2020-11.pdf>

Next half term we have so much planned:

Cricket sessions with KS2 and Cheshire Cricket Club.

Freddie Fit doing circuit training with the whole school.

Forest School special days and more outdoor learning adventures.

Parent Consultations and Effort Grades.

Year 5 special focus on our Arts Award.

New menus as our school takes over the catering. Look out for special theme days, which all pupils can be involved and join in with.

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. We regularly update school news on the website so please look there for new information.

Thank you to you all for supporting me through such a difficult time in my life. For your kind words and generosity, I will never forget this.