



## Headteacher's Newsletter May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils.

It has been a very busy half term and we have managed to pack it full of exciting days and learning experiences.

### 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 we have:



EYFS – Have been watching the caterpillars change and transform into beautiful butterflies! Their artwork is stunning on this in the classroom.

Year 1 – Have been growing their own beans. The children can tell you what is needed to make them grown strong and healthy.

Year 2 – Have been loving Forest Schools. They have been log jumping, den building and making leaf rubbings.

Year 3 – Had their Lego Stem Workshop and were coding Lego to make it move. I have also been impressed with year 3s writing on display. Keep this effort up year 3 you are working so hard.

Year 4 – Well they have not stopped! Their work on Rivers is very impressive. They made us very proud on their trip with their behaviour and knowledge. They have also been working hard on their penny whistles and have done a performance to our pupils.

Year 5 – Have been enjoying work on spies. They looked brilliant coming into school in their outfits, ready to investigate who is the school spy! Year 5 have also started work on their Arts Award. This year it is a Keen to be Green theme – watch our outdoors for their artwork.

Year 6 – Our year 6s have worked producing presentations linked to our work on trees from the Speakers Trust. Their speaking and listening skills were amazing. Year 6 have also created moving monkeys – using Lego and computer coding. The children loved doing this.



### OUTDOORS

**Tree Champions** - I just wanted to let you all know a bit more about the Young Tree Champions Project. The title of the project is: **Improving Wellbeing with Nature Connection** as the questionnaire results from the children said that they would like to focus mostly on connecting with trees to help improve their health and wellbeing. The three main parts of the project are:

- **Reconnect**, with nature, each other and their school and teachers.
- **Learn**, why trees matter to their health and learn how to create a healthier environment.
- **Share**, their new knowledge, experiences and compassion with the world, helping to create a healthier future for all life on earth.

**89% of surveyed youth** (carried out by the Tree Council) **think young people can make a difference on climate change.** We have received some trees that have been planted on the left-hand side of the field. Each class chose a tree to plant:

Y6 - Crab Apple called Wedding Bouquet that will have shell shaped ivory flowers.

Y5 - Rowan called Joseph Rock that will have creamy orange-yellow fruit.

Y4 - Flowering Cherry called Fragrant Cloud that will have scented white and pink flowers.

Y3 - Flowering Cherry called Snow Goose that will have lovely large white flowers.

Y1/2 - Holly that will have bright red berries. Let's watch these grow and flourish.



**Eco Learning** – We are making progress towards our Green Flag Award. We have been working on 3 topic areas: Saving energy, improving the school grounds and reducing waste. We have been planting trees and wildflowers, added new compost bins and recycling bins and we have discussed ways to save energy and placed posters around the school. School continues to look at ways to reduce our carbon footprint too.

**PTFA Support** – Thank you to our PTFA for the Easter trail and raffle. The funds from this will go towards changes in our EYFS playground. You may see some old equipment has been removed. This will be replaced very soon and I shall send photos home of our developments. Thank you for your continued support improving our school.

#### **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.

#### **Curriculum Update**

**Cheshire County Cricket Club** – Our KS2 pupils have been working each week with a trained cricket coach to develop their skills. We have seen some real talent from these sessions and the coach will return to work with the children further.

**Children's University** – We are working with various partners to become an intervention schools with the Children's University. Pupils who will be in Year 5 in the academic year 2021/22 will start this process and their participation will be monitored during their time in Years 5 and 6. An evaluation report from 2017 shows that Children's University make a positive impact on Key Stage 2 maths and reading results equivalent to about 2 months' additional progress. More details will follow to those classes involved.

**Freddie Fit** – Even in the crazy weather our pupils started their journey with Freddie Fit. We are introducing circuit fitness to school – not just for PE but other times during the day when the children need to wake up their bodies. These are tough sessions! Freddie Fit will be back in September to train our teachers.

**Worry Wizard** – What an amazing start to our work on the Worry Wizard. Each week in assembly our pupils have shared their worries and we have helped each other together. We now have two ambassadors for this in year 2 and 4. So they will help deliver lessons, assemblies and share our tools to help us with our worries. Well done everyone!

#### **SAFEGUARDING**

##### **Safeguarding Team**

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>

##### **Next half term we have so much planned:**

- Non-Uniform day is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June to gather goodies for our fair.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July is our Summer Fair 3pm-6pm. School will finish by 2.30pm on this day. More information will follow.
- Year 6 Transition dates are 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July. We are awaiting more information on these days.

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.