



Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher's Newsletter

December 2022

WHAT LEARNING HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

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

EYFS – The Gingerbread Person went missing and the pupils were writing missing posters and created brilliant images. They also made yummy biscuits, which the whole school could smell.

Year 1 – Dragons have been on the loose in year 1. Pupils watched a video of a dragon landing in their classroom. We have needed to make friends with them to stop them eating us! Great friendship work year 1.

Year 2 – Our year 2s have been learning about the Great Fire of London and they also had a chance to develop their skills around a real fire in forest schools. Year 1 and 2 also visited Ashton Moss and found out some brilliant information.

Year 3 – The Stone Age has been the theme within year 3 and they have been creating their own stone age jewellery and cave designs. They have loved this topic and have done extra at home.

Year 4 – Christmas Around the World has taken place in year 4. What a lovely topic for this time of year. Pupils are learning that Christmas does not happen everywhere and the reasons why.

Year 5 – Our Spy detectives have been on the search for the school spy. Our pupils have been reading Stormbreaker and they have enjoyed their own Spy Day. They are very good at cracking codes.

Year 6 – Pupils have been learning about evolution and the survival of the fittest. They have completed many experiments and enjoyed a workshop looking at fossils and skeletons.



SPORT AT BROADBENT FOLD

Dance Competition – Our amazing dance group took part in a competition at Copley. We got a trophy for the Best Team Spirit!! This was superb, Go Broadbent Fold!

Football Competitions - Broadbent Fold's girls football team had a fantastic first match of the season beating St Mary's 1-0. It was the first time a lot of the girls had ever played a football match but they all got stuck in and showed brilliant team work and their football skills really improved throughout the match. Broadbent Fold's boys football team had a fantastic first match of the year against St Mary's Catholic Primary School. It was a close game with St Mary's winning 3-2. Well done to everybody who played and braved the rain.

Sport Ambassadors – Our brilliant Sports Ambassadors have been completing training with children in other schools. We also have two year 6 girls developing 'girls sport' across the school.

Hockey Tournament – Year 5 and 6 loved taking part in the quicksticks hockey competition. Year 6 played Manchester Road and Cannon Burrows winning all of their games without conceding any goals. Year 5 lost to St George's 1-0 and drew against Cannon Burrows. Everyone showed great teamwork and some fantastic hockey skills. A special mention to Henry who got MVP for the Year 6 team and Kasia who got given a school games badge for passion. Well done to everyone that played.





CURRICULUM

Worry Wizard – This half term we had a visit from the Worry Wizard herself. She met our Champions and discussed wellbeing in our school. Abigail our leader, continues to lead and guide the amazing work across school. Thank you, Champions you are doing an excellent job.

Polish Day – We had the most amazing day learning about Poland. Our kitchen staff put on a Sausage Stew treat and each class developed their knowledge about the country. I am very proud of our development in the language.

Forest Schools – Pupils have been outdoors in all weathers and have enjoyed going to Gorse Hall to have some wellbeing time.

Reading – This continues to strengthen in our school, with excellent results and pupils completing lots of trails and challenges. Keep this up and thank you families for the extra reading you do.

Mathematics – Maths Week was very successful with parents sharing Maths in their workplace. Thank you for your support.

Awards – We have achieved our Primary Science Quality Mark, well done to the staff and Miss Harvey for leading this. We are now a Research School Partner for the Education Endowment, due to the excellent mathematics being delivered in EYFS and KS1. Well done Mrs Blomeley our Maths Leader.



ATTENDANCE

We recently sent home our new policy and updates from the Department of Education. As a school we aim for 98% attendance, which is above the national average each year. Please look at your child's attendance certificate on Arbor, as this will show you their percentage. Fines are currently being issued for unauthorised absences and letters sent home to remind families about the importance of attendance. Children who are as low as 90%, will be invited in for an attendance review on how we can improve this. If you feel you need support, please contact school.

Communication with school – Our school website, Arbor e-mail and Seesaw all share updates. Please look at these regularly so you don't miss out on up-to-date information.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

This term we have completed a number of questionnaires. Please see the positive results below:

Pupil Questionnaires: Reading – Pupils shared their favourite books and expressed their enjoyment in reading. Key Stage one are clearly enjoying our new books raised by our PTFA too.

Safeguarding – Pupil leaders discussed safety at school and they answered brilliantly. Pupils felt safe and happy and knew what to do if they felt unsafe in school or online.

Parent Questionnaire – 99% agree their child is safe, 100% agree their child is happy, 100% agree bullying is dealt with effectively and 98% agree their child does well at school. Please see our School Website for further responses.

Thank you everyone for taking the time to complete.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mr Boyle our Chair of Governors who has completed his time with us. We are very thankful and grateful for your guidance through some challenging times in education and we wish you luck in your new role. Welcome to Mr Turner and Mrs Williamson to our Parent Governor Role and Mrs Sibson who has extended her time on our governors. Thank you and goodbye to Mrs Bardsley, who has been with the school for 22 years – Happy Retirement. We will miss you.

Merry Christmas and here's to a happy and healthy 2023. See you all on Wednesday 4th January 2023.