

Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher's Newsletter

December 2023

Learning that has taken place this half term

At Broadbent Fold we continue to provide a rich and broad curriculum, which meets the needs of all our children and prepares them for the future. This has been a busy half term:

EYFS – Have been on a journey with the Little Red Hen and made some scrummy bread. The school smelt delicious. The artwork displayed in class is superb.

Year 1 – Have been exploring superheroes and dragons! A dragon even made a visit to the Year 1 classroom. Very scary and we had to have the fire extinguishers ready.

Year 2 – Visited Jodrell Bank – what a wonderful experience, full of science experiments. It is a magnificent site!

Year 3 – Have been so enthusiastic learning about the Stone Age. I have been very impressed with their home learning.

Year 4 – Have been marching like Romans around Chester. The



children learnt about

Roman life and how different it is from society today.



Year 5 – Went back in time to the Victorian era and visited George Street Chapel and experienced life as a child in a Victorian classroom. It was very strict indeed.

Year 6 – Have met so many people during their topic work: Humanist Speaker, Magistrates Court and the Fire Service. The children took part in the evolution workshop and are looking at what makes them unique. Lots to discuss at a very high standard of

learning.

What an excellent start the children have made in their new year groups. Well done everyone.

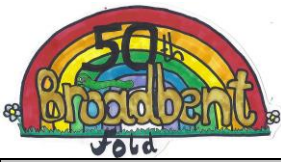
PARENTS



Our workshops continue to be well-attended. EYFS parents attended a reading and phonics session. There were some wonderful responses from our families. Year one and two parents joined in a phonics session. The workshops are an excellent opportunity for families to see how we teach certain subjects to help their child at home. Next term we are looking at mathematics workshops for parents/carers.

ATTENDANCE

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. Term-time holidays are not authorised. 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.



CURRICULUM

'Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum. This helps children, including those with SEND, to acquire and develop the knowledge that they need to succeed.' Ofsted 2023



School Library – We are raising funds with the PTFA for a new KS2 library. Please support where you can.

Gardening Club – The new Eco leaders harvested our fabulous school grown tomatoes, raspberries and strawberries. They were delicious!



National Themes – All our children

took part in National Space Week, Black History Month, Harvest, Anti-Bullying Week and Remembrance Services. The children are making a positive difference in our community.

SPORT AT BROADBENT FOLD



We are very pleased to share that Broadbent Fold have achieved a **GOLD** award for engagement in sport and an award for commitment to sport. We are very proud of our sporting achievements, which can be viewed on our school blog. Well done to all our children and staff, especially Miss Mainprize who goes above and beyond for sport in our school.

Football Tournaments - The Year 5 and 6 Broadbent Fold girls football team have had a great start to the year! They played in the Pokémon tournament against Flowery Field and St Mary's, Dukinfield winning both games 1-0. The girls showed great promise and have really developed their defensive skills.

Cross-Country Competitions – Over three separate weekends our KS2 children have taken part in the Cross-Country Grand Prix. It was lovely to see some new faces taking part and some very determined children wanting to beat their positions from



previous weeks.



Tag Rugby – The children loved taking part in the tag rugby competition with the A team coming 2nd and the B team coming 4th in the group. Our A team won a match against our B team, drew against Pinfold and lost to Aldwyn Primary School. Our B team also played against Aldwyn and Pinfold primary schools and were fantastic at tagging the other teams. Many tries were scored with lots of sliding in the mud, fun was had by all.

UPDATES AND THANK YOU!

It has been a fantastic start to the year, thanks to the amazing staff and children. Broadbent Fold is a superb school and everyone is working so hard to keep it brilliant. Thank you also to our volunteers who help support reading and forest school. You are marvellous.

We shall see you all on Wednesday 3rd January 2023 – have a safe and Happy Christmas.