

## Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

### Headteacher's Newsletter

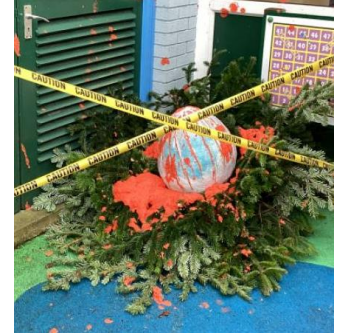
December 2024

#### 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 all our pupils and gets them prepared for their future. This half-term has been packed:

**EYFS** – The EYFS pupils have loved the autumn themes and looking for the Gingerbread Man. Pupils have done some lovely artwork this term and the sparkler bread sticks were delicious.

**Year 1** – Pupils have been puzzled by a huge egg that appeared at school. CCTV footage showed a dragon had been! We do not want to be around when it hatches. Year 1 have been doing lots of writing on this.



**Year 2** – Our pupils have loved their topic on the Great Fire of London. Greater Manchester Fire Service visited them and showed them a real engine. They even created their own in Design & Technology, designers of the future!

**Year 3** – Year 3 have loved the Stone Age boy and their topic. They are writing so much and to a very high standard. The animations they produced were so clever – clearly animators of the future.

**Year 4** – Our pupils have not stopped. Their swimming has been brilliant and everyone has progressed so much. I have also been so impressed with the quality of work being produced in here with mathematics. Keep this up.

**Year 5** – There has been a spy theme as pupils read Stormbreaker. Who is the Broadbent Fold spy? Pupils had a Spy Day – they all looked like James Bond. Keep reading the Alex Rider series year 5, it is gripping.

**Year 6** – Have been so busy. They had visits from the Magistrates, GMP, the Fire service and a workshop on Evolution. They are also working so hard before and after-school with their boosters. Well done year 6.



#### CURRICULUM AND SPORT

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

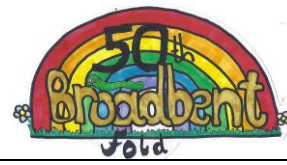


**Polish Day** – We celebrated Polish Independence Day with Polish food and songs. Thanks to Miss Laitl for organising.

**Remembrance** – Our Head Boy and Prefects attended the Remembrance Parade with Mr Moon. What wonderful role models.



**Christmas Plays** – I am always so proud of our pupils, but when they perform at Christmas it always makes me beam. Well done to everyone and the Broadbent Fold Staff!



**Freddie Fit** – We had another sweaty session with Mr Freddie Fit. It is a joy to watch our pupils be so active and laugh. These sessions are perfect for mental health and wellbeing. Our Sports Ambassadors will take these new ideas and use them with KS1 in their lunchtime sessions. **Anti-bullying Week** – Throughout the week we ensured anti-bullying was promoted and



Pupil Leaders updated our policy. We ensure at Broadbent Fold that this message is clear throughout the school year but we highlight it specifically with national activities. **Musical Theatre**

**Performance-** Our after-school club has thrived this term with many KS2 pupils attending. Thank you to them for their enthusiasm and putting on their first

performance. Well done! **Bowling** – Our school took part in a tenpin bowling tournament! How cool is that? They all got an amazing medal and knocked the pins down without bumpers!! **Rugby** – Our KS2

pupils made it to our first tag rugby final. They worked so hard as a team and with the support of the Jason Robinson Foundation. The Foundation has now completed their work with our school and we want to express our heartfelt thanks for their time, dedication and passion for sport. Charles (our coach and mentor) has made so much difference to our school and has rewarded pupils on many occasions. We will miss him around school. Each class prepared a thank you for him.

**Game Changers** – I am proud to share two new Game Changers have been trained and appointed. Our two-year 6s ensure sport is equal for boys and girls in our school. We have girls football Fridays and they are looking at new initiatives for us to join. We also won Equal Access School Award for all our work on equality in sport.



**Year 4 Music Project** – Part of the Royal Opera Society, year 4 created their own graphic scores in Music for their chosen colour peony pink. They had to choose their own instruments, rhythm and then draw the graphic score to represent this. Dynamics were then added to the compositions. This has been compiled together for their very own piece of music. Well done year 4 – outstanding!

## 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. Absence will not be authorised if a medical note is not provided. If you feel you need support, please contact school.

## THANK YOU!

**Thank you to PTFA for their Bake Off - £191 was raised.**

**Thank you for everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. It was a cracking turn out.**

**We shall see you all on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025! Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025 from all of us at Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery.**