



Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher's Newsletter

March 2023

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 – Our pupils have not stopped this term. They have loved their class books and enjoyed mixing their own magic potions using the language full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty.

Year 1 – The children had a fantastic time taking part in the Ready Steady Read with Emma Perry. They loved pretending to be grumpy for one story and then enjoyed listening to the author Emma Perry reading out her new stories. What a lovely experience.

Year 2 – The children this half term have created a sequence of instructions (an algorithm) to draw a shape of a numeral. The children created the algorithms in pairs or small groups using the Bee-bots to navigate their route, tracing the shape of the numeral. Well done!

Year 3 – Year 3 children worked cooperatively to design and build a bridge as part of British Science Week. This got pupils thinking about connections between weights, forces and measures. Children clearly explained how to make a fair test, they spoke about the strength of materials and how to make a sturdy bridge using only 5 pieces of paper.

Year 4 – Have been using their DT skills to make Tudor soup. They have also questioned Henry VIII on his decisions and leadership.

Year 5 – Our pupils have been working so hard exploring the life of Anglo Saxons. They created their own equipment based on this period and visited Tatton Park.

Year 6 – Have created some emotional poems based on a migrant's story in their class text 'The Arrival' They made poems into their own class book which will be proudly displayed in the library for others to read. These are very emotive and powerful.



SPORT AT BROADBENT FOLD



Football Tournament - Broadbent Fold girls football team had a fantastic match against St Mary's, Denton winning the game 6-3 and progressing to the semi-finals. The confidence of the team grew throughout the game. Roll on the semi-finals. You can do it girls.

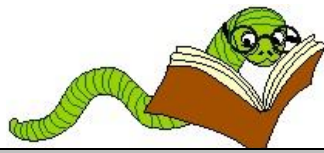
Basketball Competition – Our year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Tameside competition. They worked so well as a team and displayed lots of passion. Well done Team!

Let Girls Play –Kasia and Charley led our whole school work on ensuring girls have equal rights and time to play football. They delivered an excellent assembly and the whole school know the importance of equality. Both girls are clear leaders of the future -watch out for them on Sky Sports.

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.

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

Food4life – This half term we gained our 'gold award' for our promotion of healthy eating and lifestyles. We are very proud of this achievement and our great new school meal menus.

Rayner Stephens – Our junior children have visited Rayner Stephens this half term. They completed investigations in their science labs and looked at life in a high school. The staff shared how impressed they were with our pupil's science knowledge and behaviour.



Ash Randall – We had a Guinness World Record Holder spend time with us and display his talents as a freestyle footballer. Our pupils and staff also had a go and they were very good indeed!

Forest Schools – Pupils have been outdoors in all weathers and have enjoyed going to Gorse Hall to have some wellbeing time. We have a new hammock and children have spent time chilling and being happy.



Reading – World Book Day was an amazing success. Pupils listened to staff read across school, entered a hat competition and dressed up as their favourite book character. Thank you for your support.

Science Fair – Building on the success of achieving of Primary Quality Mark in science, our year 6 pupils have delivered some exciting experiments to inspire pupils to create their own investigations.

PTFA EVENTS

We continue to raise much needed money for various projects in school. You have already helped us improve our EYFS and Key Stage One books and paid towards our new EYFS climbing frame and equipment. Our aim over the next few months is to improve Key Stage Two Reading books and the library equipment. We will share the success of our Comedy Night and Easter events.

Thank you everyone for supporting our fund raising, which is having a great impact on pupil's learning.

KING'S CORONATION AND 50 YEARS OF BROADBENT FOLD.



Coronation – Special events will take place in school to mark The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We are currently designing our very own coronation tea towels, which you will be able to purchase online. We will be holding our own tea parties and Monday 8th May 2023 this will be a public bank holiday. All of the children have worked so hard to transform our Art Galleries across school into a celebration of the forthcoming Coronation of

King Charles III. They have used different medium to create their images; digital media, portrait skills and stained glass windows. Have a look when you are next in school.

50th Anniversary – This year we are celebrating 50 years of Broadbent Fold. We are planning lots of wonderful treats and surprises for our pupils. These include; planting a time capsule, 50 days of fun and of course a 50th birthday party. We shall keep you updated of our plans.

UPDATES AND THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Eco-Leaders and Mrs Anson for making our grounds look lovely by planting bulbs.

Volunteers: Thank you to our regular volunteers who are supporting us with pupil's learning and development. We have had helped on trips, reading 1:1 and forest school sessions. If you have time to help, please contact school.

Communication with school – Our school website, Arbor e-mail and Seesaw all share updates.

Happy Easter and we shall see you all on Monday 17th April 2023.