

## Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

### Headteacher's Newsletter

March 2024

#### 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 their future. This term has been packed:

**EYFS** – Read Dear Zoo and had a fabulous visit from some zoo friends. Take a look at our school blog for more pictures.

**Year 1** – Have been learning about planting and the importance of growing our own. They looked after the seeds and the shoots have grown so high. Well done Year 1.

**Year 2** – Have been learning about the importance of bees.



They have been planting to encourage bees to our school and have done an excellent job at the side of Year 2 classroom.

**Year 3** – Have been enjoying their work on The Iron Man. They loved the book and wrote some excellent plans to capture it too.

**Year 4** – Have gone Tudor crazy this half term and are so knowledgeable about this period in history. They made some Tudor

soups and the whole of KS2 smelt of cabbage!

**Year 5** – Have worked incredibly hard on their Rainforest theme. I loved their persuasive pieces of writing to improve conservation and their artwork is amazing. Have a look when you are next in school at new fruit designs.

**Year 6** – Have been learning about the Windrush Generation and reading The Arrival. This is a very powerful text which has inspired them in their writing.



#### 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.

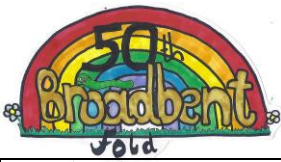
#### CURRICULUM

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



**#Letgirlsplay** – We have successfully trained two amazing Year 6 leaders to ensure equality in sports across school. They delivered a whole school assembly on the plan for competitions. We also took part in a national football festival, which the girls loved.





**World Book Day** – Thank you everyone for taking part and sharing your love of books. We also rewarded the competition winners who designed a new book cover for their class text. The runners-up and winners all received a certificate and a prize. The winning entries will proudly be displayed in our library. Well done to the Reading Ambassadors and Librarians who organised this with Miss Harvey.

**Author** – The author Sean Perkins read to our whole school and shared what it is like being an author. He certainly made us smile and generated lots of enthusiasm for writing and illustrating.

### **Science Week:**

What an amazing success British Science Week was at school, it has been 30 years since the first one in 1994. Do you remember what technology was around then? I remember the fax machine and Walkman cassette players. Year 4 children were the scientists who organised a range of activities for the children to do experiments. Well done Year 4 and Mrs Higham for organising the events.



Some classes had workshops with Mr B and Mr T. Classes made their own rockets and did a launch in the playground over the field. I think some children may have a future at NASA as their rockets launched the furthest! It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it, proving science is exciting.

## **UPDATES AND THANK YOU!**

### **Some dates for your diary:**

**Parents Evenings on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**29<sup>th</sup> April** we are having a week on careers and aspirations – if you or anyone you know can come into school and do a talk, please e-mail admin.

**13<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6 SATs week – all pupils to be in school and on time for assessments.

**21<sup>st</sup> May** New parents attend our EYFS evening.

**PTFA** – next half term we will be holding a meeting at Dukinfield Golf Club to organise our summer fair. Please check the website for the date keep, please support if you can.

**Thank you to the brilliant staff and pupils at Broadbent Fold, who make our school superb each day.**

**Thank you also to our volunteers who help support reading and forest school. You are marvellous.**

**We shall see you all on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – have a safe and Easter.**