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BROADWAY BULLETIN



Headteacher's Welcome

As always, there have been lots of things happening here at Broadway! There are a wide range of ongoing opportunities for our children to enjoy – pulling the monthly Bulletin together is always something I enjoy as it showcases the snapshot of life here in school. I would like to thank all of the families who have contributed to our recent consultation relating to the school day, as of September 2024. Your contributions are always valued and help us in considering the best next steps for our school. As promised, once formally considered by our governing body, I will let you all know the outcome and the plans that we put in place.

This month, we have welcomed Mr. Ramshaw into school, our newly appointed SENDCo. Mr. Ramshaw has been able to work with myself and the wider team in establishing plans for our special educational needs provision. He will formally be in role as of 1 April 2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some key dates for children in Year 4 and Year 6. Both year groups are required to sit national tests in the summer term. **All children in these year groups must be in school at the following times:**

Year 4 – Multiplication Check

Week Beginning 3rd June 2024 & Week Beginning 10th June 2024 (inclusive)

Year 6 SATs

Monday 13 th May	Tuesday 14 th May	Wednesday 15 th May	Thursday 16 th May
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS) Paper	Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1 & 2	Maths Paper 3

Best wishes,

David Walton-Jonas

A Gateway into Governance...

Meet Scott Metcalfe – Chair of Governors

It has been my privilege to be a governor at Broadway for many years alongside three Headteachers. I have recently been appointed as Chair of Governors. I'm committed to help everyone in the school community in the next stage of its development; maintaining a happy, secure environment. I hope to continue to be involved in school activities and outings, when possible. I have seen the children enjoy and benefit from school trips this year where they have been a credit to the school and to their parents.

I notice in this Bulletin the SATs timetable has been included so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Year 6 the best of luck in the coming weeks.

Remember the school motto - Work Hard, Be Kind & Shine Bright... simply, do your best.

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Workers of the Week

This month, the following children have been rewarded for their hard work in school. Well done!

3JM	Ollie Phoebe Nancy
3LH	Michael Jett Evie
4AS	Tilly Olivia Erin
4HG	Harley Jay Bobby
4EC	Ellie Jay Roxie
5ES	James Natalia Sophie
5CL	Caitlyn Lilly-Rose Jacob
6CJ	Oscar Alfie Eliza
6BP	Esme Alex Noah



Attendance

To date, our whole school attendance is **93.6%**.

Attendance, this month, across all classes are summarised below.

3JM	91.7%
3LH	96.4%
4AS	97%
4HG	94.1%
4EC	94.8%
5CL	92.8%
5ES	92.4%
6CJ	91.6%
6BP	93.1%

We have a **£100 Halfords Gift Voucher** up for grabs and names will be drawn at the end of the year. We will carefully consider those with great attendance or greatly improved attendance. Good luck, everyone!



NSPCC Number Day

Everyone at Broadway Junior School embraced the annual Number Day in support of the NSPCC. Thank you to all of our families for their support – we raised £72. The children also looked great in their colourful numbered clothes! All of our classes were tasked with a range of hands on mathematical tasks. I challenged all teachers to minimise their use of pens, pencils and books for one whole day and there were happy faces all around the school. 😊



Year 4 Visit – Centre for Life

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic day at Newcastle's Life Science Centre where they took part in a whole host of activities linked to Science. They drank from a toilet and flew through space as an astronaut! They used heat sensors to detect heat around their bodies and used their own body weight to lift each other in an armchair. After being wowed by some on-screen optical illusions, they were amazed by a colour show which played tricks on their eyes. Behaviour was impeccable and a great time was had by all!

Moments Matter Attendance is Everyone's Business

Last month, we highlighted the importance of school attendance. I would like to thank families for their ongoing commitment to improving attendance %s. We cannot help being unwell but, where this is persistent, we have to challenge it. Your ongoing support is only ever going to benefit the children which is everyone's main priority – our attendance % last term has started to improve. Thank you.

Science is Shining Bright at Broadway!

Mrs Giles, our Science Lead, has been working hard to develop this important curriculum area since taking responsibility for it in September. She has been working with partners at the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) where she is aiming to achieve an award for the work that we are undertaking here at Broadway. With this, staff have been engaged in training, children have been engaging in practical science lessons where they are 'working scientifically' and we have been able to organise a range of science enhancements in school too. This month, we welcomed visitors from Newcastle University and we have also welcomed Y4 families to school where they've been able to see for themselves the learning that is taking place in this subject.

Valentine's Disco



Our Valentine's Disco was a roaring success and raised £314.00 for our school funds. We will be utilising some of this year's fundraising to improve the children's experience of play. **Did you know that during a child's time in primary school, on average, they spend 1.4 years of their time at play?** We want to make some significant improvements to our playtime provision and your ongoing support for our school events really helps us to bring this about! 😊

Forest School Fridays

Since returning from the half term break, Mrs Martin has started to enhance our outdoor areas and has established a weekly session in our Forest School for selected children. Once we have made all of the appropriate changes (with the children's help and ideas) we will aim to make this available to more and more children.

We have invested almost £1000 in this project. We are excited about the opportunities that this initiative will bring about.

Scholars Bus (September 2024)

In our recent consultation letter, we discussed the changes that Nexus has made to the scholars bus, as of September 2024. We have been made aware that it will not be on offer.

I would like to clarify that this change has been made by Nexus and despite my offer to consult and discuss about this, they have removed the service.



Our school is not responsible for this change.

Clothing Collection Bank (Cortina Avenue)

Don't forget that our Clothes Bank is available at Cortina Avenue. This is a win, win situation for everyone. With every donation made to the clothing bank, our school can, potentially, raise anywhere up to £3000!

Our children have recently engaged in a fundraising assembly linked to this.

Please help out a great cause. 😊

This month in pictures...



**Year 4 –
Oracy Skills**



**Year 3
Pedestrian
Training**



**Year 4 –
Newcastle
University**



**Amazing
Artists!**



**NSPCC
Number
Day**

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Each week, one child per year group is invited to have hot chocolate and share their great work or ideas!





A reminder of key dates that are coming up...

Any changes/additions/amendments are indicated in red.

Incoming Pupils Outgoing Pupils	Friday 1 st March 2024	National Offer Day – School Places Confirmed
Year 5	Friday 1 st March 2024	Sunderland College Visit
Whole School	WB 4 th March 2024	Scholastic Book Fair Details to follow...
Whole School	Tuesday 5 th March 2024 NEW REARRANGED DATE	Nibble and a Natter – 9.00am onwards (Healthy Heads session for families – Understanding Anxiety)
Class 6CJ	Wednesday 6 th March 2024	PM Science Workshop @ Sandhill View Academy Details to follow...
Whole School	Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day – Author Visit (James Harris) Children to dress in PJs
Class 5ES	Friday 8 th March 2024	Learning Presentation 5ES Parents invited. 2.30pm start (School Hall)
Whole School & SEND	WB 11 th March 2024 (Mon-Thur)	Parents' Evenings & SEND Reviews Details to follow...
Class 6BP	Wednesday 13 th March 2024	PM Science Workshop @ Sandhill View Academy Details to follow...
Year 6	Thursday 14 th March 2024	Safety Works Details to follow ...
Whole School	Friday 15 th March 2024	Red Nose Day – children to wear red
Year 6	Monday 18 th March 2024	Deadline for Y6 families to accept their secondary offer (via 'Family Portal')
Year 3	Tuesday 19 th March 2024	West Boldon Lodge Visit
Class 4AS	Friday 22 nd March 2024	Learning Presentation 4AS Parents invited. 2.30pm start (School Hall)
Whole School	Tuesday 26 th March 2024	Boiled Egg Competition
Whole School	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Easter Crafternoon Parents invited 1.00pm onwards
Whole School	Friday 29 th March 2024	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Whole School	WB 1 April 2024 WB 8 April 2024	School Closed – End of Term



We have secured a date for our CURRENT YEAR 5 PUPILS to attend Derwent Hill in September 2024.

We have reserved the dates – **16th September 2024 to 20 September 2024**. Spaces are limited.

For those who have signed up, the following payment dates apply:

By 8th June – Pay £65

By 7th July – Pay £125

By September 2024 – Pay £250 (Full Amount)

We understand the financial demands on some families; therefore, the visit has been heavily subsidised by school budget.