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BROAD OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The start of the new term has been extremely busy with a number of key events.

We have opened our Resourced Provision, Acorns class, and the children have settled into school very well.

Y6 have been to Robin Wood and had a fantastic time facing great challenges and working collaboratively.

We also held our first Always assembly last week with 98 pupils receiving their Always badge. I am also very proud to share that Broad Oak has been awarded a full 5 stars in the MEN Real School Guide (see below).

SCHOOL NAME	
BROAD OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL	
LOCAL AUTHORITY	
MANCHESTER	
RATING	*****
OVERALL	61.36/100
RANK	2521/14,451
ATTAINMENT	*****
ATTAINMENT FOR ALL	*****
PROGRESS	*****
ATTENDANCE	*** **

You can find the full report and compare us to other local schools at: <http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/real-schools-guide-primary-search-12453838>

As you can see attendance is an area that we need to improve on, and we will be introducing some new approaches in the next few weeks to help us to do so.

As some of you may know Broad Oak Primary School will be 60years old during the summer term. We are currently making plans for a big celebration event, and I will be writing to you with more information in the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Kevin Corteen
Head Teacher.

Funding Cuts

As you may be aware the government is proposing the introduction of a 'fair funding formula' for schools. Most people in education are in favour of a fair and equitable approach to school funding but research undertaken by the NUT shows that 92% of schools are going to lose money in real terms. Manchester Local Authority stands to lose £45million making it the 7th worst hit authority in the country.

The following link www.schoolscuts.org.uk will take you to the schools cuts website where you can see that by 2022 the impact for Broad Oak primary school will be a reduction in funding of £276,277.00 equating to 7 teacher salaries. If we are to continue to provide the standard of education that our pupils deserve we need your help and support. The website above allows you the chance to sign an electronic petition against the cuts, to e-mail a letter to your local MP and to share the information via social media to raise awareness of the campaign. I hope that we can count on your support.

Year 4's Trip to The Blue Planet Aquarium

On Friday the 20th January 2017, we went to the beautiful 'Blue Planet Aquarium'.

We went there to learn more about our topic 'Blue Abyss'. The Abyss is one of the darkest zones in the ocean and lots of weird and wonderful creatures live there. We were so happy when we found out that we were going to visit the aquarium.

When we arrived, we went to the nearest room we could find and found ourselves in an exotic jungle filled with fantastic fish. There were catfish, blue dolphin fish and rainbow trout. It was mind-blowing!

There were lots more amazing rooms and we are going to tell you about some of our favourites. We had an information class and got to touch a starfish, a turtle's shell and see a great white shark's jaw and teeth. But best of all was the terrifying but terrific tunnel of sharks. We stood on a traveller so that we could concentrate on looking at all of the fish. We had never had so much fun in our lives! It was the best day ever.



We highly recommend going to visit the Blue Planet Aquarium yourselves.

By Safa, Zahra, Josh C and Samara in Year 4.

Acorn Class

The Acorn class has had a fantastic start to 2017.

Miss Bowers, Miss Vernon and Miss Goodhall have set up the bungalow and the children have moved into their new classroom.

They have all enjoyed their first three weeks together, with the children reporting on how much they are enjoying their curriculum,

"We like maths, English, geography, reading, art and Forest Crew." The children are also enjoying their lunch times explaining, "we have so much fun with our friends!"



Sport

Netball Mondays 3.30—4.30pm
Netball sessions start back on Monday 13th February.

Girl's Football Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm
Girl's football sessions start back on Thursday 16th February

If you attended these in the Autumn term just come along but if you want to join please ask Mrs Castell for a permission letter.

Friends of Broad Oak

Friends of Broad Oak (FOBO) is a vibrant Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that raises funds for equipment/ resources to improve the school experience of all students and organises events to enhance the school community.

Funds raised have been spent on equipment/opportunities for our children. We're always looking for new members with whatever support they can offer. We welcome new ideas for events and input on how to Spend the funds raised. We are holding our annual general meeting on Wednesday 15th of February at 9.10am in the dining room during our coffee morning event, and we are inviting you to come.

We would like to elect a committee to represent our school community, and welcome you to be part of this process. If you have any queries regarding this event, you can contact Miss Trolley 3T on a.trolley@broadoak.manchester.sch.uk We look forward to seeing you there.



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We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers.

Please could you ask family and friends to collect them for Broad Oak.

There is a collection box in our reception area.

Thank you.

