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# BROAD OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Broad Oak with several exciting events.

Firstly, our gymnastic teams represented Broad Oak at a local competition and I am pleased to say that our Y3/ 4 team won bronze medals while the Y5/ 6 team won silver, very narrowly missing out on gold.

Y4 also opened their Aquarium Tunnel – the Express element of their topic, Blue Abyss. I was very impressed with the hard work that the children had put into the topic. In their role as tour guides the pupils were very professional and shared the wealth of knowledge that they gained through the topic. It was lovely to be able to share the learning with the whole school community and I would like to thank those families who were able to attend for their positive comments.

Our new Ju-jitsu Kobudo club is now well underway. The pupil sessions are followed by an early evening class that is open to adults and children from the local community. The classes run each Thursday in the school hall from 5:30pm to 7pm.

Finally, your child should have brought home a booking form for Parents' Evening earlier this week. If you have not received it please speak to your child's teacher.

Best wishes,

**Kevin Corteen**  
Head Teacher.

## Autism Awareness Week

This year World Schools' Autism Awareness Week runs from 27th March to 2nd April.

The National Autistic Society estimates that at least 1 in every 100 people in the UK have Autism. We have autistic people at our school that you will see every day.

Why do we have Schools' Autism Awareness Week?

- So we can learn about Autism through imaginative lessons, activities and assemblies.
- So we can help spread the word about why it's so important to understand and accept Autism.

If you wish to discuss this with the SENCO, please contact Ms Clough via the school office.



## Year 4's Underwater Extravaganza!

Well, what a fantastic 9 weeks! The students of Year 4 have worked tirelessly to transform the entire KS2 corridor into an immersive and interactive underwater tunnel! Thank you to every student who made models, scripted and recorded videos, designed artwork for the display and all of you who made countless fact files to shower the walls with information.

As a year group, we would like to thank everyone who took part in making this a huge success, including a special thank you to all the parents and family members who took time out of their day and came to visit our precious project. We are hoping that the display will stay up for the foreseeable future, so, if by any chance you missed a viewing, diving lessons will still be available.

Well done 4B and 4H!



## FOBO Egg Decorating Competition

How about taking part in our egg diorama/ shoebox scene competition?

Decorate a boiled egg & its surrounding container with your favourite character at home (please get a grown up to boil your eggs!). Bring it with you to the 'Easter Fun' event, taking place on the school field on Saturday 22nd April. It could be you who wins the prize!

Write your name, age & class at the back/ bottom of your creation. A winner will be chosen on the day from the under 7's & over 7's entries, so come on, get decorating!



## Parking/ Dangerous Driving

I am sad to report that we continue to receive many complaints about parents and carers driving at speed down Broad Oak Lane, parking inappropriately and, most recently, mounting the curb risking the safety of pedestrians.

I urge you to think of local residents, and most importantly our pupils, and drive responsibly. I am asking local residents to contact the police as incidents occur, and as a school we will do the same when we are made aware of incidents.



## Water Bottles

As you will be aware we provide water bottles for our pupils. Recently there have been a number of reports in the press stating that water bottles should not be re-filled and re-used. Unfortunately, as a school we are not in a financial position to be able to replace the bottles each day. We are currently looking for alternative solutions. However in the meantime, if you would prefer to provide your child with a fresh bottle each day you are welcome to do so.

## Science Week

We have had a wonderful week of Science: exploring, investigating, and discovering new things. We hope to have inspired some of our children to be Scientists of the Future. Thank you to all parents who worked with their children on their air powered cars for our Broad Oak Scientist of the Year 2017 competition. We had some wonderful entries! Our finalists were Dexter (Reception), Rifal (Year 1), Elliana (Year 2), Adam (Year 3), Jude (Year 4), Hassan (Year 5), Joni & Jamey Leigh (Year 6). These are examples of some of the entries.

The winner of the grand final was Jude with his car travelling the furthest but only just! It was a very close final. Well done Jude - You are our Broad Oak Scientist of the Year 2017.



Reception are exploring and investigating changes for science week.



2S enjoying learning about the life cycle of a broad bean in science week. Next step to plant them!

## Sport at Broad Oak

### Amazing Gymnasts!

Our Year 3/ 4 and Year 5/ 6 gymnastics squads took part in the Manchester School's Gymnastics competition. Each member had to perform a floor exercise, a body management routine and a vault.

All performed brilliantly with our Year 3/ 4 team coming away with a bronze medal and our Year 5/ 6 team gaining the silver medal, only missing out on gold by 0.1 of a mark.

Congratulations to Summer, Rayaan, Holly, Rahim, Simrah, Asha, Joe, Ellis, Honey and Shaneh.

A special thank you to Isaac, our gymnastics coach and ex pupil, for all his hard work with our gymnasts.

### Netball

The Year 5/ 6 netball squad took part in their first league on Tuesday at St Bede's. They played 3 games winning all three very comfortably. They showed great enthusiasm and understanding of the game.

Congratulations to Chloe, Mahaab, Jay, Keeta, Mehek, Amber and Humaira.

v Cavendish	9-0
v Newall Green	8-0
v Button Lane	10-0



This week 3R performed their class assembly to their families and KS2. The children enjoyed performing and the audience thought it was a super assembly!



Judging the best boat in 11.