

Broad Oak Primary School

NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This will be our last newsletter before the Christmas holidays. As always at this time of year, school is extremely busy with lots of events taking place. On Wednesday and Thursday this week EYFS and KS1 pupils performed The Nativity for parents and carers. The show was truly magical with all pupils involved; there was singing, dancing, acting, musical instruments and the children did themselves proud. Thank you to the families that came along to support the children and the staff team that worked so hard to bring the production together.

EYFS and KS1 pupils met Suzanne Schroder, author of Donkey's First Christmas and Camel's First Christmas. The children were a great audience and really enjoyed the visit.

We have noticed an increase in absences over the last few weeks, often related to illness. I have included a link in the Attendance section of the newsletter to information for parents 'Is my child too ill for school?' This provides helpful advice in relation to many ailments.

Last week we announced in assembly that Freya in Larch class and Zahra Awada in Aspen were the joint winners of our Christmas Card competition. Their card will be sent out to numerous groups and companies that help to support our school throughout the year.

As some of you will know, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Everson at the end of this term. Mr. Everson started his teaching career at Broad Oak, becoming a middle leader in recent years, and he is now moving on to take up a Senior Leadership post at a Primary school in Runcorn. We have been very fortunate to have Mr. Everson on the Broad Oak team since 2015 and I know that he will make an excellent Assistant Headteacher in his new school. He will be sorely missed by the school community and I know you will join with me in wishing him every future success.

Finally, school closes for the Christmas break on Friday 15th December at 3.20pm. I would like to wish everyone that will be celebrating a Merry Christmas! We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher



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Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**. Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 08.12.23 was **93.9%**

The following classes attendance was above our target W/E 08.12.23:

Oak - 100%, Alder - 97%, Acorn - 98%.

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 01.12.23:

Oak - 99%, Spruce - 97%, Acorn - 97%.

At this time of year we have a lot of absence relating to illness.
The link below provides guidance to parents as to when a child needs to be kept off school and when it is ok to attend.

Is my child too ill for school?

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Star of the Week

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm - Mina & Kobe,

Pine - Ioan & Varis,

Beech - Emmeline & Ralph,

Ash - Yusuf M & Rayan.

Hazel - Eva & Evie,

Alder - Vidya & Musa,

Larch - Ayah & Niko K.

Rowan - Abbas & Arwa,

Aspen - Maham & Annas,

Spruce - Aiyla & Eredzheb,

Poplar - Inayah & Affan.

This week we held our second Always assembly of the year.

Congratulations to all those pupils that received their badge today.

Hearts Trail

The next Broad Oak Hearts Trail will be running during the Christmas holidays.

The trail is a great, fun family activity and helps to raise funds for our school.



Jeff Smith Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Lilly in Alder class. She has won the Jeff Smith MP Christmas Card competition. You can see Lilly's winning entry below. Jeff will be joining us in our final assembly of the year on Friday 15th December to present Lilly with a certificate and small prize.



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Year 4 pupils have been learning all about plants and how they grow in Science.

Here they are demonstrating their knowledge by planting Spring bulbs at Fletcher Moss Park, helping to create a new sustainable flowerbed.



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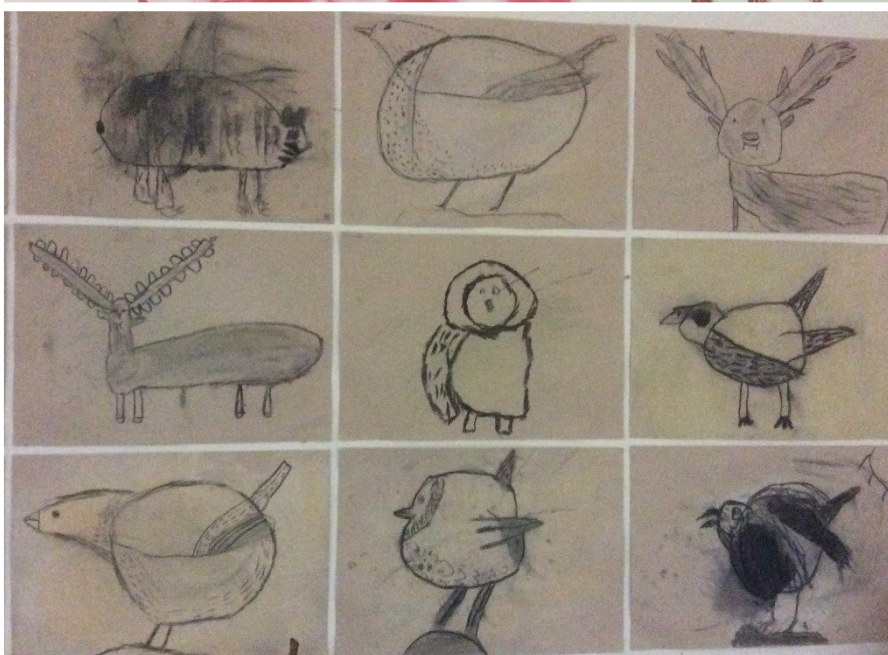
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LK2 have been discovering how and why our ancient ancestors made art.

We have been experimenting with natural materials to make home made paint. We have used scale to enlarge drawings in a different medium to paint on a range of surfaces.



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BROAD OAK PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
3.45PM

Games | Stalls | Santa | Food | Drinks
Tombola | Raffle | Crafts | Face Painting
and much much more!



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CHRISTMAS GRATT



SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

IN THE

THE OLD PARSONAGE

11AM-4PM

**MEET SANTA AND
HIS ELVES!**

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

CHRISTMAS STALLS

HOT DRINKS

**MULLED WINE AND
MINCE PIES**

**JASPER
THE PUPPET DOG**

**HYMNS BY
NORTHENDEN
COMMUNITY
CHOIR**

RAFFLE

**£2 FOR EACH CRAFT
£3 VISIT TO SANTA**

£5 FOR BOTH!

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School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly from the school.

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Select your school to get started!



LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

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