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October 2021 Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We are mindful of overloading parents with information so this year, there will be a whole school newsletter every half term, six in total throughout the year. Weekly newsletters from class teachers will continue.

I start by saying a goodbye to Mrs Harris, who has been a fabulous member of our teaching assistant team. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you for her hard work. She is moving on to become a Nursery Supervisor and we wish her every success.

Classes have been working hard on their class projects and are heading towards their end of project outcomes as we head into November. If you would like any more information about how we deliver the curriculum please see our website or speak to a member of staff.

Parents, you will have the chance to see your child's learning next month when classes hold 'Book Look' sessions. Dates to follow.

I would like to say how proud I was with year 6 and year 2 this week, as both classes presented in assembly - a real achievement after such a long time, especially for our year 2 children who have never presented before. We look forward to more class assemblies over the coming weeks.

Finally, as many of you may already be aware, Showfields Estate is undergoing a regeneration over the coming years. I have spoken to some of the families directly affected by this and I have now had several meetings with various professionals from Town and Country Housing.

I want to reassure those families, that the school will do as much as we can to support children affected by this process and I have made this very clear at the meetings which I have attended. If you have any queries, concerns or would just like to talk anything through, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am also happy to put any queries forward to those concerned. Broadwater Down Primary is an asset to the local community and the well being of all is a priority for us.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy half term break. We looking forward to seeing the children on Monday 1st November.

Mrs K Harris



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Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all pupils, staff and visitors and believe everyone has the responsibility for the safeguarding and protection of our pupils. If you have any concerns about the well-being of any of our pupils or about a member of staff, please email or telephone Mrs Harris (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Miss Hodgkins (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

For online safety visit the online safety page on the school website www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk/schoolinformation/safeguarding-and-online-safety to find a range of helpful guides from nationalonlinesafety.com, as well as other useful websites to visit.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's online usage/behaviour, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Hodgkins or Mrs Harris.

Year 1 News



At the beginning of Term 1, we were lucky to have a visit from Year 6, The Fantastic Foxes. They came and shared books and stories with us. They even joined in with our playtime and taught us to play new games. We enjoyed the afternoon very much and we think the Year 6s did too. Due to its success, some Year 6s still keep popping into Butterfly class and they are good buddies with the Butterflies at lunchtime.





Year 2 Appreciates Art!

Part of our 'All around the World' project has involved learning about all the different types of art that is produced from different continents.

After learning about them, we recreated some of our own!

South America Textiles/finger weaving





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Year 3 at Forest School

In Year 3, we have been enjoying learning about the Stone Age, the children have been particularly excited finding out about cave painting and have a go at recreating their own versions.

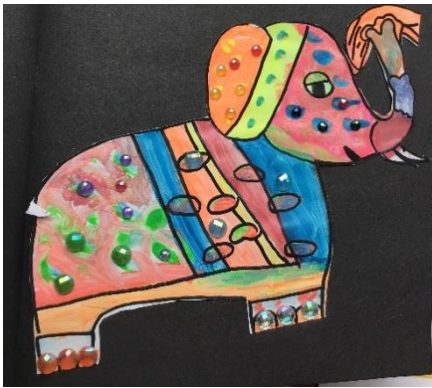
During Forest School, we have made our own “paint” from berries and mud. We’ve made our own charcoal by roasting willow sticks on a fire. Back in the classroom, we’ve learnt to create our own colours by mixing primary colours together and adding black and white to change the tint and shade. We are now using all the skills we’ve learnt, to create our final pieces.





Year 4's Learning Project

This term our project learning has had a huge art focus with children applying their skills using pencils, pens, paints and pastels. Deer class have looked at different forms of 'Indian Art' - they have decorated elephants (often done on real elephants to celebrate the festival Holi). Looked closely at patterns that were made on real elephants, the children created their own beautiful designs, using paints, jewels and pen.



We also have focused on re-creating the intricate patterns used in Mehdi art - these patterns are applied with henna to the hands, arms, legs and feet. We were amazed with some of the artistic designs.



The class also created their own peacocks by following a step by step guide. They added colour using pastels - the children were careful to blend colours to produce dazzling and vibrant effects.



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Finally, the children created patterned fish using a range of shape, lines and patterns.
They used pastels to blend colours or felt tips for bold lines.



We are so proud of Deer class - what budding artists they are!



Maya Wonderland in Year 5



In preparation for our final project, we have designed and created our own Maya masks, which we will model in a fashion show.

To begin this mini project, we researched Maya masks and discovered that the Maya civilisation wore masks for a number of different reasons. We then decided whether we were going to make a battle mask, event mask or death mask and we planned our ideas out first to help us decide on colours and designs.

After creating our plan, we practised our shading techniques in order to add depth to our drawings. In addition to this, we also practised mixing colours, which would then help us to decorate our masks once they were finished.

To make our masks, we created 3D features using paper and used mod-roc to harden our designs.

We can't wait to share these with you at our Maya Wonderland convention!



Year 6 News

Athlete Visit



Well it certainly wasn't a quiet Monday afternoon on September 27th, as we welcomed Fred Afrifa and the team from 'Sports for Schools.' Fred, a national champion sprinter, ran a brilliant sponsored fitness session which had the children thoroughly out of breath, worn-out and red-faced by the end. The children all worked so hard and have earned every penny that they have so kindly been sponsored - this will raise money for sports equipment for our school. Once each class had finished, Fred gave an inspiring assembly on his journey - including a stint on Ninja Warrior UK - and his mindset. He told the children to always follow their dreams and to "keep moving forward." The children were a credit to themselves and the school.

A big thank you to Fred and the Sportivators for a fantastic, inspiring afternoon and a special thanks to Paige and Kyia who not only took part in the circuit but managed the music and made sure each class was ready and everything ran smoothly. Finally, a huge thanks to you the parents and your children who have helped to raise over £1000 - prizes are coming soon!

Forest School

At Forest School, we have been learning how to light fire and how to whittle willow to make tools, for example butter knives and clothes pegs. We go to the Blue Diamond Garden Centre, and once we arrive we help Saul unpack the van and help set up for the session. We sit around the fire circle and talk about the three main rules we use at forest school; looking after ourselves, each other and the environment. We discuss the boundaries around the woods to locate where is safe for us to go. We try different techniques to light fires and collect kindling to light the main fire we put them into different categories 1,2 and 3, one which is a thin twig, 2 which is a medium, slightly bigger twig and then 3 which is an average size stick. Saul lights the fire, then we decide what food we could eat next session, Penny our governor, decides what food - so far we have made pizzas, toffee apples and crumpets. At the end of each session we sit around the fire circle and Saul picks five children to come up and pour water onto the fire and say their highlight of the session.

Amy and Alice - Year 6

JLT

The JLT is the Junior Leadership Team, made-up of the Y6 class. We strive to make the school better using our different roles. There are the House Captains, who lead each house and create house activities for each house, and help show parents around. There are the Learning Environment Leads and they help make classroom learning enjoyable and easier. There's also the Health& Safety Leads-who try to make the school site safe and pristine. There are the Wellbeing Leads and they try to make every child feel happy and secure. Then we have the learning and growth mind set leads who ensure we show courage, persevere, challenge ourselves and are curious in our learning. We also have behaviour and attitudes leads who will lead on zones of regulation and finally, we have the safeguarding leads who make sure we stay safe online and educate the rest of the school on online safety.

Each week, we meet with Miss Hodgkins and have lots of plans for the future - watch this space!

Dheemu - Y6



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PTA

There are many ways that you can support the school and your own children through the PTA. Do come and speak to us if you would like to help. You could also do some or all of the following:

- When shopping online you could be raising free donations for the school through [Amazon Smile](#) or [Easy Fundraising](#)
 - Coming to events - quiz nights, disco cake sales ... every penny counts
- Offering your time, ideas and expertise at events such as the disco, manning a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair or taking part to a bingo or quiz night
- Organising corporate funding through your employer such as Matchfunding, helping with charitable funding applications
- Making a direct donation. Sometimes parents prefer to donate directly. You can now donate online at www.pta-events.co.uk/bdpta

Some ideas for next term are: Bag2School clothing collection, Christmas movie night, Family Quiz evening, Santa Visit, Christmas Raffles & Cake Sale, "Name the Toy" competition

Dates for your Diary

Term 2

Monday 1st Nov - First day of term
Friday 5th Nov - Y4 Class assembly
Friday 19th Nov - Y3 Class assembly
Friday 3rd Dec - Home clothes day
Friday 3rd Dec - Year 5 assembly
Tuesday 7th Dec - KS2 Christmas concert - 6:00pm
Wednesday 8th Dec - YR Christmas "Singalong" with parents - 2:15pm
Thursday 9th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance - 2:30pm
Friday 10th Dec - Home Clothes Day, Santa and Christmas movie day
Monday 13th Dec - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 16th Dec - Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Friday 17th Dec - End of term

Term 3

Tuesday 4th Jan - Inset day

Wednesday 5th Jan - First day of term
Friday 11th Feb - End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st Feb - First day of term
Friday 1st April - Last day of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April - First day of term
Monday 2nd May - Bank holiday
Thursday 26th May - Last day of term
Friday 27th May - Inset day

Term 6

Monday 6th June - Inset day
Tuesday 7th June - First day of term
Friday 22nd July - Last day of term