



# Broadwater Down Newsletter - April 2022

## Headteacher's Letter

I'm not sure whether spring has sprung yet, given the arrival of a snow flurry this week, but it is certainly getting lighter! I hope that parents have enjoyed the book looks and project outcomes. I have seen a great video about London in year 1, an interactive quiz in year 3 and I am looking forward to the year 6 convention, all about volcanoes and earthquakes. Other year groups will be completing their book looks in the first week back after Easter as we continue to combat absences.

Parents were invited to a workshop for volunteers this week. Teachers are under an immense amount of pressure at the moment and any help is so gratefully received. If you are interested in being a volunteer then please ask the office for an application form and feel free to speak to me if you have any questions. I would like to say a huge thank you to parents and the PTA for all the fundraising this year so far. We are now in the position to purchase some much needed IT equipment and build on our outside resources. The PTA have planned some exciting events for the summer term and it is only with the support from parents that these can go ahead.

So, although it sounds a long way off, if you are able to man a stall or help out in any way at our summer fair (18th June, 11am - 2pm), then please either let me know, or contact the PTA directly.

The new uniform policy and expectations are up and running now, so, please can you ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform with a suitable bag for their books. If you need any assistance with this, please ask at the office. We are finding uniform without a name inside which makes matching it to the owner incredibly difficult, so please make sure that uniform is named.

Finally, a gentle reminder about waiting in the car park at pick up. Please can parents wait away from the staff cars at pick up. There is ample space on the drive, picnic table area and pavements.

I think we will all need a well deserved rest if we can over Easter to recharge those batteries, ready for the long summer term. I can't quite believe that this time two years ago we were at the start of the first lockdown and home learning. We have certainly been on a long and challenging journey and I continue to be grateful for the positive support from parents throughout that time.

We are a strong community with the children at its heart and despite all the challenges, our children are able to enjoy and experience a rich, balanced curriculum, supported by the adults around them.

See you all back in school on Tuesday 19th April.

Mrs Harris - Head Teacher

# Woodpeckers Caught In The wild

We have FINALLY been blessed with some good weather! Hooray! As soon as Year 2 saw a glimpse of the sun, we grabbed our reading books and are headed for the field! Children read by themselves peacefully, read to others and had some great discussions about what they're reading at the moment. Long may this weather continue!





# Super Year 2

This term the children's learning has all been driven by their interest in superheroes. We have read and explored the story "Superworm", "Supertato", "Superbat" and "My Mum is a Superhero". The children have loved creating their own super worms, making traps to catch the evil pea, designing their own superhero costumes and making special paintings of their "Super Mummies".

We have also had fun making pirate ships and pretending to be pirates, working in teams, making chocolate nests and finding out about how things are made.



# Gymnastics in Year 1

Over the past two terms, Butterfly class have been developing their gymnastics skills. With a growth mindset we knew that some of the skills and techniques were something we could not do yet. However, through practice and perseverance we all became better gymnasts. We have all developed in our own way, learning different types of jumps, balances and rolls.





# Year 5



## Owl Class Blog

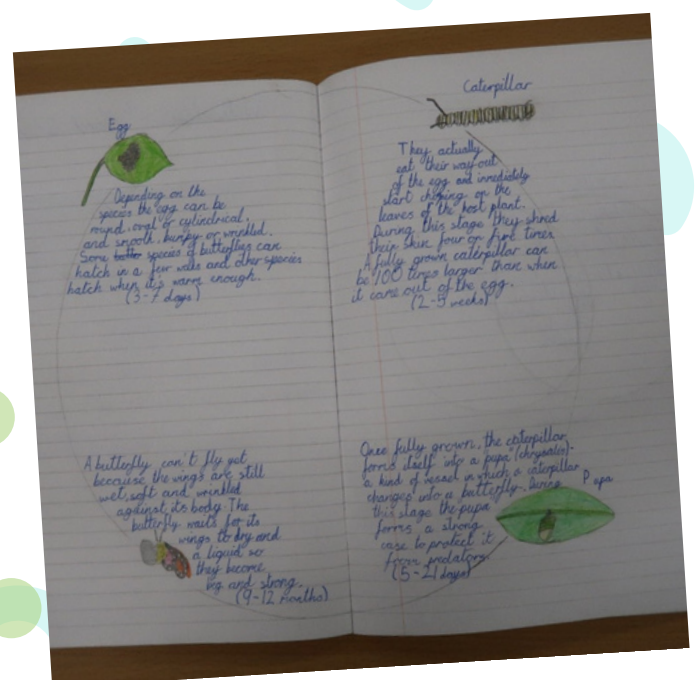
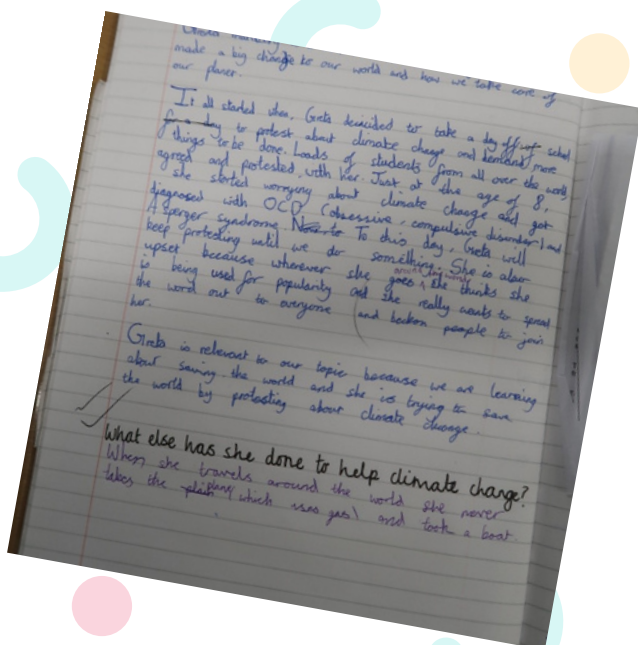
In English, the children have written superb (and informative) discussion texts, explanation texts, reverse poetry and non-chronological reports all with the goal to ensure we all make the necessary changes now, to guarantee future generations leave a smaller carbon footprint.

This term, Owl Class have been learning all about the amazing planet that we live on; we have discovered the wonders of the world's deserts, researched our marvellous mountain ranges and been fascinated by the creatures that dwell here and their lifecycles. This learning has all contributed to the goal of the children becoming eco-warriors and fighting to save our planet.

We have not only educated ourselves about the biomes that cover our Earth's surface and their inhabitants, but have also spent time understanding how the world is at risk from changing climates and plastic pollution and what different people and companies, such as Greta Thunberg and LUSH, are doing to help.

For the final outcome of our project, the children have created an 'Owl Class Blog' where they have produced revealing and enlightening blogposts about the current situation we find ourselves in, they provide you with hard-hitting facts and top tips for a happier, healthier planet!

Go Owl Class!



# Year 4's Viking Warrior School

We have had a great term learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxon – the children really enjoyed their 'Viking Day' learning lots of key skills that would prepare a Viking for battle such as javelin throwing, target shooting and agility training! The class have really improved their PE skills and have especially enjoyed using the wall bars and other equipment.



We have enjoyed using drama to enhance our writing. Acting out a story helps to build awareness of the story pattern as well as using more adventurous vocabulary and phrases– we have seen fantastic story writing based on our class book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' as well as beautiful poems based on 'The Power of You' by Pie Corbett.



We have also loved exploring stories during book day and the children loved reading books to the younger children and taking part in the live lessons.





## Lamb Visit

The children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed a visit from a lamb from a local farm this week.

They all loved stroking the lambs head and helping to choose a name for it and asked some really interesting questions.



# Year 3

## Game show time!

On Friday, Year 3 invited all the children from Year 5 and Year 6 to play a Roman themed game show. This was the project outcome for this term where we have been learning all about the Romans. The children created 4 rounds, a Pictionary round, quiz question round, a round requiring the players to identify and label Roman Gods and finally a memory round.

The Year 3 children really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see how engaged the Year 5 and Year 6 children were.

Here are the quiz round questions the children wrote. How many can you answer?

1. What did the Romans eat that was pizza shaped?
2. What vehicle did the Romans race in?
3. What was the name of the people that fought in the Colosseum?
4. In what year was Rome built?
5. What was the name of the wall built to stop the Romans invading the land we now call Scotland?
6. What is the Roman art called that is made up of small tiles?

Answers:

Bread, chariots, Gladiators, 753BC, Hadrian's Wall, mosaic



# Attendance

Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them.

One of our basic principles is to celebrate success. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience.

Whilst Covid has affected attendance it is more important than ever that they attend school.

The table to the right shows attendance for Term 4 for each year group.

Year Group	Attendance Percentage for Term 4
Yr R	90.54%
Yr 1	92.79%
Yr 2	91.90%
Yr 3	88.69%
Yr 4	88.96%
Yr 5	90.30%
Yr 6	90.56%
Whole School	90.56%

## Safeguarding at Broadwater Down

We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff and visitors and believe everyone has the responsibility for the safeguarding and protection of our pupils.

## Concerns?

If you have any concerns about the well-being of any of our pupils or about a member of staff, please speak to Mrs Harris, our Designated Safeguarding Lead or Ms Hodgkins, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

# School Information

## PTA Meeting

This is open to ALL parents and we would welcome seeing all faces, old and new!

The meeting will take place on the 19th April, the first Tuesday back after the Easter holidays, at 6pm. The discussion will be about the **Summer Fair**, which we are happy to say will be taking place this year, date to be confirmed. If you would like to help in any way, big or small, or just find out about any other things the PTA do, please do pop along.

### Term Dates

#### Term 4

Friday 1st April - Last day of term  
Easter Holiday: 2nd - 18th April 2022

#### Term 5

First Day of Term Five - Tuesday 19th April  
Early May Bank Holiday - 2nd of May  
Last Day of Term Five - Thursday 26th May 2022  
Inset Day for Staff - Friday 27th May 2022  
Half Term: 28th May - 5th June 2022

#### Term 6

Inset Day for Staff - Monday 6th June  
First Day of Term Six - Tuesday 7th June  
18th June - Summer Fair  
Last Day of Term Six - Thursday 21st July  
Summer Holidays: Friday 22nd July - 5th September