



# Broadwater Down Newsletter - July 2022

## Headteacher's Letter

This is our last newsletter this academic year and I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to parents, staff and children.

Parents, you have continued to support your children with their learning as they have been catching up this year, whether that has been through daily reading with them or ensuring that they attend school every day. We have renewed our uniform policy and again, parents have made sure that children are adhering to this. We need to build on the good work next term.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff team who continue to amaze me with their 'over and above' attitude and their flexibility. Although there have been no lockdowns, this year has held its own challenges. The recovery after COVID has only just begun in real terms and they have all worked tirelessly to ensure that each child is supported in the right way. The teachers are in the process of handing over to the next teacher, so that progress can continue as soon as the academic year starts.

Our children have had a great year and in a recent well being and safeguarding survey for children, initial feedback is very positive. Children feel safe and they enjoy school. They also have strategies that they can use when faced with tricky situations and they know which adults they can talk to if they have a worry.

We say goodbye to Mrs Morton this term, our specialist music teacher. She has enabled the school to become part of community events such as the recent singing festival in Tunbridge Wells and has taught music from year two upwards. We wish her well and if there are any parents who have a musical ear, who are looking for volunteering, please get in touch with me.

Finally, have a restful and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Harris - Headteacher

# Year 5



Year 5 have been looking at different perspectives and how they can change your writing. They have been looking at who the real criminals are in traditional stories and skillfully moving from one side to the other avoiding bias. They have rewritten them and shared them with year one which was a lovely afternoon and really gave the children an idea of what they needed to be engaging story tellers.

In maths, we grappled with protractors and came out the victors! It was a tricky skill to master but the children persevered and their efforts paid off.

We competed in a Tudor Olympics that included a chess tournament and going against year 6 in Tudor football and tennis. We even turned ourselves into Tudor portraits by using photos of ourselves as the head and drawing on elaborate Tudor dress.

The children have had an incredible term!



# Year R



What a busy final term we have had in Ladybird class. The children have loved forest school and they have enjoyed making necklaces, exploring coloured ice, making their own paints, climbing trees, drinking hot chocolate and eating popcorn around the fire. They also made shelters for themselves and the minibeasts they found.

The children have developed their exploration, perseverance and teamwork skills and we know they will enjoy this experience even more when it is their turn to go again in year 1.



# Year 6 Highlights

## Y6 Play

On Wednesday 13th July, the hard work of year 6, finally came to fruition as it was time to show the world what they had been working on, over the last half-term. 'Go For Gold' was a fantastic musical based around the themes of honour, integrity and sportsmanship. The children were incredible. They sang each song with gusto, power and with great tunefulness and delivered award-worthy acting performances. They were loud, clear and took the audience along on their thrilling story ride. Their comic timing was excellent and they all enjoyed the show so very much.

A big thank you to Ms Carville for her constant support of the children, as well as doing the sound and set throughout the show. Thanks also to Mrs Seymour for helping with costume and finally to the parents for your wonderful support of your children: learning lines, and enthusiastically clapping throughout. A thoroughly magical evening's entertainment.

## Sports Week

The weather more or less played ball and we were all able to enjoy a fabulous sports week – our first without restrictions, for three years.

The week got off to a bang on Monday with a hard fought dodgeball tournament on the bottom playground. The children very much enjoyed this and after some excellent play, Fire emerged as the winners.

Tuesday brought the main event, sports day. In the morning, all of the children took part in field events, including: long jump, javelin, shot put and agility runs. At lunchtime, the parents arrived for a wonderful picnic before an afternoon of competitive racing (which wasn't just limited to the children). At the end of sweltering day, Water were crowned the winners of sports day itself. Points on the overall leader board were still up for grabs and KS1 had great fun competing for points in games of 'cups and saucers,' 'hungry hippos' and their own versions of the KS2 relays they had seen on sports day – Water managed to take the victory here too.

With things tight at the top, it remained very much all to play for as KS2 trooped out to the field on Friday afternoon for the finale of sports week, the football tournament. After a slow start, there was a flurry of goals and Air eventually ran out as the clear winners. However it wasn't enough to stop Water from taking the overall trophy.

Congratulations to all of the children for a wonderful week, but especially to Water for their first ever sports week victory.

# Year 4's New Arrivals

One morning just a few weeks ago, Deer Class arrived at school to find that an incubator containing 12 very tiny quail eggs had been installed in their classroom. As you can imagine, this led to a great deal of excitement! It also sparked lots of interest and learning, including finding out about life cycles and practising our observational skills when 'dissecting' hen and quails' eggs.

(Fun Fact: did you know that the white 'stringy' bits that you often see when cracking an egg, are called chalaza and are what anchor the yolk in place when the egg is whole?)

After judiciously watching over their eggs for almost 3 school weeks, the fateful day arrived and 10 tiny chicks hatched on Sunday 26th / Monday 27th June. Deer Class have been wonderful parents, carefully watching over their brood and marvelling at the speed at which they grow. Our fluffy friends will be leaving us at the end of term to join a local flock but will hopefully visit us again at some point next year.



# Chelsea Flower Show in Year 3



Our learning outcome this term has been to transform our Year 3 outdoor space into a garden inspired by the Chelsea Flower Show. Our aim was to create a gorgeous space that is colourful, relaxing and good for birds, bees and butterflies.

We have seen so much wildlife in the garden including lots of butterflies and hidden underneath the logs have been lots of different insects that the children have enjoyed discovering and identifying. The children have been amazed by how tall our sunflowers are, some are now up to 5ft tall, our dahlias are growing buds (one has actually flowered) and hopefully more will flower before end of term and this is also the case with our cosmos. All of these plants were grown from seed so it's been wonderful for the children to observe how the flowers have grown.

Sadly the open garden afternoon wasn't able to happen, but here are a selection of photos to show you how great the garden is looking.



# Year 1

One special day this term, Year 1 had an amazing afternoon sharing traditional tales with Year 5. The Year 5 children read their tales to year 1 and then the Year 1 children shared theirs. Year 5 were very impressed with their writing and story telling.



# 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.

The table to the right shows attendance for the whole academic year.

Year Group	Attendance Percentage
Yr R	90.26%
Yr 1	90.84%
Yr 2	91.13%
Yr 3	89.94%
Yr 4	92.98%
Yr 5	89.38%
Yr 6	89.38%
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.



## BROADWATER DOWN PTA

# 2021/22 IN REVIEW

## HOW DID WE FUNDRAISE?



**£394.08**

GROTO  
TICKETS

**£1,990.85 SPONSORED RUN**

**£2,728.90 DONATIONS**

**£288.67 QUIZ NIGHT**

**£568.50**

XMAS  
CARDS



**£331.60**

OWN CLOTHES



**£2,174.99**

SUMMER FAIR & RAFFLE

**£133 BAG2SCHOOL**

**£175.68 AMAZON SMILE**

**£104.86 EASY FUNDRAISING**



**£136.61**

5P CHALLENGE

**£600.51**

ELFRIDGES



**£ 227.62 SPRING EVENT**



**£522.15 CAKE SALES**



**£360.85 OTHER RAFFLES**

**£679.85**

XMAS  
RAFFLES



# OVER £11,000 THANK YOU!!!

FY APRIL 2021-JULY 2022 EXCL EXPENSES

## Term Dates

### 2022 - Term 1:

Inset Day for Staff - Thursday 1st September  
Inset Day for Staff - Friday 2nd September  
First Day of Term One - Monday 5th September  
Last Day of Term One - Friday 21st October  
**Half Term: 22nd October -30th October.**

### 2022 - Term 2:

First Day of Term Two - Monday 31st October  
Last Day of Term Two - Friday 16th December  
**Christmas Holiday: 17th December - 4th January 2023**

### 2023 - Term 3:

Inset Day for Staff - Tuesday 3rd January  
First Day of Term Three - Wednesday 4th January  
Last Day of Term Three - Friday 10th February  
**Half Term: 11th - 19th February 2023**

### 2023 - Term 4:

First Day of Term Four - Monday 20th February  
Last Day of Term Four - Friday 31st March  
**Easter Holiday: 1st - 16th April 2023**

## Summertime Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all pupils and staff including through the school holidays and believe everyone has the responsibility for the safeguarding and protection of our pupils.



Summer time, and particularly the summer holidays, can be full of hazards and risks to manage. Here is a roundup of some helpful resources to help keep your children safe

**Beach and water safety** - <https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>

**Sun safety** - <https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/>

**Railway safety** - <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>

**Away from home** - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/>

**Online safety** - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

If you have any concerns about the well-being of a pupil over the summer holidays, you can contact the Kent Safeguarding team on 03000 411111, email them at [social.services@kent.gov.uk](mailto:social.services@kent.gov.uk) or call them on the out of hours number 03000 419191. More information can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/report-abuse>

You can also contact the NSPCC on 0808 8005000. More information can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>

Have a lovely Summer!