



Broadmere News

A Message from Mrs Hall

To our families and friends,

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach our Christmas holiday break we have much on which to reflect...

walking around the school there is an overwhelming sense of calm, consideration and focus on learning during class times. The children are eager to learn and to do their best and love to talk about the work they are doing. I am grateful to our teachers and teaching assistants for planning and delivering lessons aimed at ensuring every child makes progress.

During break times and lunch times the children play happily and engage in a range of clubs run by members of staff. When children run into difficulties they have supportive Lunchtime Learning Leaders to help them. I have, on the rare occasion, had to speak to individual pupils about poor behaviour choices.

Our school, indeed, both Broadmere and New Monument Primary Academies are places where we strive to ensure every member of the school feels valued.

I am grateful to our school governors for the time and interest they provide as they challenge the school leadership team to ensure good teaching and learning takes place consistently, with good choices being made in the use of funding received.

The continued high profile we give to the acquisition of the school's values (which incorporate our British Values) has a positive impact on behaviour and attitudes – **our values for this year have been Quality, Determination, Hope and Simplicity**. This month we applied for the Silver Healthy Schools Award with a focus on teaching the children about healthy food and cooking choices. Our Site Manager has been working hard to provide a safe cooking area at New Monument and we will be investing in a Food Technology Room at Broadmere for the use of both schools.

Attendance remains a school issue with poor attendance being flagged up on the Ofsted Dashboard. The governors are currently discussing and investigating strategies we could employ, on top of all the current incentives, to improve attendance across the Multi Academy Trust.

Broadmere's whole school attendance for Autumn currently stands at 93.6% with New Monument's whole school attendance for Autumn at 94.9 %. Our target is 95.3% for this academic year.

The children have enjoyed many exciting learning experiences – I hope you will enjoy reading about them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and 2017!

Nursery:



This half term the children have been learning about water and all the different things we can do with it. We met 'Roger the Raindrop' who taught us about all the different parts of the water cycle. This led us to carry out our own experiment and create condensation. We went on rainy day walks finding lots of puddles to splash in!

The children have been getting ready for Christmas and we are



excited to be sheep and shepherds in the school play.

Reception – Emerald and Sapphire

This term we have been learning about sound and all about the story 'Peace at Last'. We have learnt to order and sequence the story, paint pictures of the characters and we wrote our own story books. Just ask us to retell you the story - we would love to show off what we can do!

Also we have been very busy exploring and engaging in a variety of experiences. We have especially enjoyed the role play area 'into the woods'. We have heard animal sounds, matched animal tracks, collecting objects that you may find in the woods and writing and drawing all about our experiences.



Year 2:

This term our topic was called 'Bounce'. We spent a fun filled morning in the hall learning how to use our body to perform different activities such as crawling through hoops, balancing on benches and jumping over and under different objects. In Science we learnt about the different food groups and why it is important to keep fit and eat healthy food. After that, we read 'The Frog Prince' story and then wrote our own exciting adventure stories. The highlight of term was visiting Milestones Museum where we spent a wonderful day, filled with excitement learning about how Victorian people dressed and the things that they used in the past.



We went back in time to learn about life in Victorian times at Milestones Museum this term.

Year 5:

Dare to venture across Fantasy Island? Aquamarine class did! They discovered portals, fantasy characters and mysterious places to explore. On their journey, they learnt about a wealth of materials from magic potions (which they had to mix) to marvellous mixtures (which they had to separate). On their quest, they learnt all about Shakespeare and *The Tempest*; they've written inspired fantasy stories based on this learning. Furthermore, they encountered raging storms when watching and writing stories about *'The Eye of the Storm'*. They cracked challenging riddles, codes and followed co-ordinates to plot their journey around the island. It's been an exhausting but exciting journey!

BROADMERE REMEMBERS

On the 11th of November 2016, Broadmere Academy held a history focused day. In preparation for the day, the children made 1000 poppies to decorate the hall.

Each class spent the morning doing different activities.

- Year 1: learned about the role of animals during war
- Year 2: wrote acrostic poems and made poppy wreaths
- Year 3: wrote black out poems and made gas masks
- Year 4: wrote a diary entry by an evacuee
- Year 5: wrote letters as a refugee (modern history)
- Year 6: created a Somme picture



All classes presented their work to the entire school during a special afternoon assembly. We were very fortunate to welcome Captain Ian Milton who spoke to the school about his experiences as a soldier and his focus on peace keeping. He enjoyed listening to the children's presentations and was impressed with the maturity with which the children approached the different topics.



Sporting fun at Broadmere

Mr Dore and his team of coaches are very proud of the Year 5 and Year 6 boys Football Team as they won against St Lawrence 8 - 1. The girls team put up a good fight against St Paul's in Adlestone losing 3 - 1.

Afterschool clubs have included tag rugby, hockey and multisports as well as the football training. The children who have attended have participated enthusiastically and really enjoy learning from our great role models from Woking Football Club.

Further fixtures against Ripley, Barnsbury and St Pauls will take place in the new year.

We believe firmly that all children should have equal opportunities to participate in our clubs and lunch time clubs are therefore provided for those who do not manage to be selected for after school clubs.

Certificates have been awarded for those children who represent the true spirit of Olympic values or our school values.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising over the past month, I can update you with the amounts raised as follows:

Poppy Appeal	£142.22
Children In Need	£248.60
Woking Hospice	£260.00

Woking Foodbank – Broadmere School donations came to a total of 89kg of food.

Thank you very much to the PTA for all their hard work, raising funds for the school through Movie Nights, the Summer Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day sales.

They asked every teacher for a wish list (within reason) of any resources that they could provide with money that they raised.

The following items have been provided:

Nursery:	Toys, Docking station and lead
Reception:	Books, electric pencil sharpener x 2, glue sticks
Year 1:	Toys, Lego, board/word games, car mat x 2
Year 2:	Bean bags, A3 magnetic wedge
Year 3:	Lego, games, colouring books/pens
Year 4:	Lego, games, colouring books/pens
Year 5:	Puzzles, Lego, games, paper, digital camera/case x 2, bean bag chair
Year 6:	Money is being held back to go towards a special 'leavers project' in the summer term

The above totals £855 which is a real achievement for a small group of PTA members! If you would be interested in joining the PTA please leave your name and contact details at the school office.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was huge success, thank you to all our families for your continued support with the PTFA fundraising.





Season's Greetings from all at Surrey County Council Fostering Service

You may be interested to know that there are over 880 children in care in Surrey. Around 40% of them are placed outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers. We are looking for foster carers for children aged 0-18, for supported lodgings providers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for disabled children. Whether you are married or single, male or female, are straight or gay, do or don't have your own children, rent or own your home, work or don't work, we would love to hear from you.

Meet our foster carers at cafes around Surrey

You might enjoy having an informal chat with foster carers about what it's like to foster with us. We are very grateful to the cafes that have agreed to let our foster carers have a table on a monthly basis at the following: All Things Nice in Ewell, Leatherhead Youth Project in Leatherhead, Hothouse Cafe in Cobham, Bread and Roses in Addlestone, Bill's in Woking, Patisserie Valerie in Camberley, and West Central in Redhill, with more venues to come. To find out the dates and times, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d9zjpc>. You can simply drop in to the cafes at any point during the advertised times to chat with the foster carers.

Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering

Why not give our friendly Fran a call on 0800 0969 626 or email fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

Diary Dates

December

Wednesday 21st December

End of Term – School finishes at 1pm

January

Tuesday 3rd January

INSET DAY (School Closed)

Wednesday 4th January

Start of Term

February

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Half Term