



## Broadmere News

### A Message from Mrs Hall

*To our families and friends,*

Dear parents and carers,

Our Value of the Month for February is *caring, showing kindness and compassion.*

**Attendance: Our school target is 100% for all children. We are currently at 93.87% - this is of great concern to us as a school.** Our Attendance Manager has recently completed the paperwork for **14** penalty notices (unauthorised absence) for the period just before and after Christmas. This is extremely time consuming and not a good use of admin time. If children are off for 20 days (unauthorised absence) they will be taken off roll and parents will need to reapply for a school place. If children are sick immediately before / after the holiday then these days will be added to the unauthorised total unless medical evidence is provided. **I am appealing to all parents to avoid travelling during school time!**

Of equal concern is our high percentage of pupils persistently absent (children whose attendance is below 90%). I shall be meeting with the parents/carers of these children in order to find a way of improving their attendance.

It is vital for children to be in school, learning, every day possible. Please ensure you get your child to school on time as arriving late for school is unsettling for children and they miss their early morning learning activities.

Census Day lunch: Thank you to all the children who participated in this initiative – book prizes were won by Malaika in Year 2 and Eesa in Year 6. We are looking forward to our next special menu day.

Educational visits and visitors: All of our visits or visitors to school are selected carefully with the aim of enhancing our curriculum. We charge families the exact amount of their child's share of the cost (we are not allowed to 'make a profit'), therefore, when contributions are not made we have to cover the difference from our school fund. As I am sure you are aware, schools are ever increasingly challenged financially with some schools going to extremes to remain 'in the black'. We try to avoid expensive experiences at all costs and would very much appreciate all voluntary contributions in order to maintain high quality learning outside of the classroom.

PE kits: A reminder that PE kits should be in school **daily**...it is very important for children to participate in every PE lesson.

**Exciting news:** Once again we are participating in the **British Science Week** from 26<sup>th</sup> March until 29<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme is **'Exploration and Discovery'**. We will be launching the week with a special science assembly led by *James Boffin, Secret Science Agent UU7...* to inspire our young scientists.

**Healthy School:** A little reminder that if your child walks/scooters/cycles to school at least once a week they will earn a WOW badge. Parking away from the school and walking down to the gate would also help with congestion in the mornings and afternoons.



**School Parliament:** This term the children will be identifying a charity for the school to support along with ways of keeping healthy.

**Cricket coaching:** Year 3 and 4 children have been most fortunate to have received additional cricket coaching from a professional Surrey County Cricket Coach. They enjoyed the sessions enormously and have all made progress in their cricket skills.

### **Learning at Broadmere:**



Year 3: We've made erupting volcanoes using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. It was exciting to explore the reaction when we mixed the bicarb and vinegar!

Year 1: Year 1 had a lot of fun recreating the Great Fire of London. We had been learning about why the fire spread so fast and that it was down to materials used to build the houses and the fact that they were built so close together. Coral and Amber classes made houses using cardboard boxes. The children lined the boxes up together and Mr Senatore set fire to them. The fire spread very quickly and in no time the houses were burnt to the ground!



Year 5: Tick, tock, tick, tock... the clock has been ticking in Year 5 as we complete our half term topic, Changing Times! We have learnt about different life-cycles including the changes that happen to humans from birth to old age, particularly considering the changes that have already happened to us and thinking about what will be happening in the future. Looking back on life has been the core of our writing, starting with an emotional clip called 'The Piano', whilst poetry has also provided an opportunity for more heart-felt writing. Salvador Dali has inspired another

thought provoking aspect to our topic as we have studied his art and designed our own clock. Safety is paramount as we grow up and this term we have discussed many aspects of online safety, as we learn to look after and protect ourselves. So, as we have worked hard in Year 5, the clock has been ticking...

### Life Bus

We are very fortunate to have the Life Bus visiting us again this week and next. Each class will have a chance to alight the mobile classroom for an age-appropriate engaging and memorable life skills session. Topics include healthy eating, legal and illegal drugs and their effects, the body and how it works, friendships and their influence, and how choices and behaviours can affect dreams and aspirations. Children will have a chance to meet Harold the Giraffe ('Healthy Harold'), have discussions and watch short films to enhance their understanding of the session. The Life Bus has a lasting impact on the children as they always enjoy and remember the experience.

**ECO FALCONS** Our Eco team has been working on an Eco Code for the school, creating awareness posters and learning how to put together an agenda and take minutes themselves. Mrs Mathews is inspiring this motivated group to inspire others!

*Please note that, after school, no children may go onto the grass where Mr Dore has set out the equipment in readiness for the after school clubs he supervises. Some of our pupils as well as their brothers/sisters have been interfering with the equipment.*

### **Exciting events to put into your diaries:**

#### **Diary Date**

#### **February**

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6; trip to Light box & WWF Woking.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term, School Closed.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens 8.40am.

#### **March**

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher meetings
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PGL Residential Trip- Year 6

#### **April**

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed for Easter Holidays <b>1 pm</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens 8.40am