



Broomwood Primary School Newsletter

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STAFF NEWS AT BROOMWOOD PRIMARY!

- We say goodbye to Mr. Kelly who is leaving us to start his new life in Australia. He flies out in January but may visit us in April when he returns home for a family wedding...
- We say welcome back to Mrs. Heatherington who is returning to school in January after her maternity leave. She will be teaching in Year 1 one day a week and Mrs. McCarthy will be teaching in Year 1 for the rest of the week.

Dear Parents

As the year draws to an end we look back over 2009 and feel pleased with the very large number of successes that both the school and individual children have achieved. I look further back over the past decade and appreciate the many changes and the impact of the changes that have taken place. The number of children attending the school in 1998 was 165 and in January 2010 there will be 215 children. We now have waiting lists to enter infant classes. I have enjoyed working hard with the staff and Governors to improve Broomwood Primary School and find it difficult to come to terms with the fact that twelve years have passed since I was appointed Head teacher.

Ofsted have visited Broomwood in 2007 and more recently in 2009 and on both occasions found the school to be "A good school with outstanding features".

I have decided to retire from my post at the end of the sum-

mer term. It is the right time for a new Head teacher to come into the school with a fresh pair of eyes to lead the school onwards and upwards. The Governing Body will advertise for a new Head teacher in January and hopefully you should know the result during the spring term. This will enable the new person to visit us frequently during the summer term and get to know staff, parents and most importantly the children prior to September 2010. We all need to pull together to ensure that the school is "shipshape" and ready for the next stage of development.

Good luck to Mr Kelly, his wife Pat and his two children Jessica and Ben in their new life in Australia. This is a brave move and an ambitious one. He has been an excellent role model for staff and children and a very hard working member of staff. We will all miss him and look forward to regular news about his new life as he intends to set up links between his new school and Broomwood Pri-

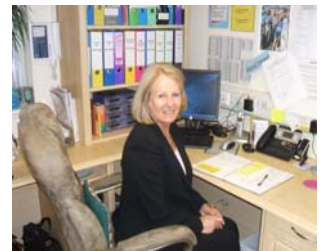
mary.

Have a lovely time together with your families over the next two weeks. Please don't forget to hear your child read every day to ensure that the most important part of the learning process continues.

I look forward to seeing you early in the New Year. **The first day back for the children will be Tuesday 5th January 2010**

Yours sincerely

Ann Wood
(HEADTEACHER)



Supporting Broomwood Primary

This last term has been very successful. The Parents and Friends of Broomwood Primary who have joined the Literacy and Numeracy courses, are all doing well and will be sitting their exams in the new year. Both courses will continue in January and new learners are always welcome. We are also hoping to run a healthy eating course, an ICT and also an Early Years course. Please see me if you are interested in joining any

course and would like further information (child care is normally provided).

The parental support we are now receiving is great, with offers of help reading to the children, helping with the library or displays and support around school. Due to safety regulations, all volunteers who help in school must now be police checked. Please see a member of staff for a form which will be sent off and when it is returned to

school, you will be able to then help on a regular basis. A big THANK YOU to all parents and friends who already help out in school, support each disco and fund raising event - and generally make the everyday life in a school so much brighter.

I look forward to seeing more of you in and around school in 2010.

Have a wonderful Christmas
Ruth Taylor



Reception have a German Christmas!

Mrs. Kraft-Hartley (Selina & Joseph's Mum) came into school to speak to Reception about what Christmas is like in Germany.

She brought in a 'Rauchermannchen' (smoker man) and told us the people in Germany fill them with incense so that their houses are filled with the smell of Christmas.

We were shown a bauble showing that at Christmas, it always snows in Ger-

many. Mrs. Kraft-Hartley said that she misses the snow!

One of the main differences between Christmas in England and in Germany is that in Germany, the angels make the presents and the Christmas Child delivers them (rather than the Elves and Father Christmas). Also people in Germany do not bring their Christmas Tree into the house until Christmas Eve which is when they also open their presents.

St Nicholas is a very important man in

Germany. He is remembered for giving presents to poor children many years ago and this is why he became a saint.

All the staff and children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed the talk and learned a lot. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Kraft-Hartley for so generously giving up her time.

Mrs. Gray (Reception Teacher)

Year 3 and the Broomwood Primary School Garden

This term Year 3 have had a very busy time with the school garden since their arrival in Key Stage 2 in September. They have been learning about the different types of plants and vegetables that grow in the garden. They have learned how to look after plants and what plants need to survive.

Year 3 have also had the chance to visit Mrs Eastwood's orchard which they really enjoyed. They were able to learn all about the different types of apples that grow there, pick the fallen apples off

the ground and taste some 'real' apple juice made from apples from the orchard.

Year 3 look forward to carrying on their good work in the school garden after Christmas and also would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Eastwood for her time and efforts!

Miss Brickenden (Year 3 Teacher)



Year 4's trip to Liverpool World Museum

On the 18th of November, Year 4 visited Liverpool World Museum. They looked at armour and clothing from a range of cultures and also tried on some Anglo Saxon clothing.

They also had the opportunity to play traditional Roman games, saw some real

Egyptian Mummies and watched a show in the Planetarium. During the show in the Planetarium, they travelled through space to have a look at all the planets and also found out more about the star patterns that you can see in the night sky. They had a fantastic day and learned

lots!



Year 5 Athletics Afternoon

Year 5 went to Altrincham Leisure Centre for an exciting athletics afternoon.

When we got there it was being set up which meant that we were a bit early. Soon enough, another school arrived and we got our bibs. Our colour was orange which everyone liked. In our PE lessons we could not practice all of the events so we were a bit nervous. There were 6 schools and everyone felt nervous. Mrs Bramwell sorted out who was doing what, and

then the games began!

There were lots of different sorts of races before it was my turn to go. It was very interesting to watch and it was funny when Miss Gagon looked really excited.

My first race was a 1 lap race which I did with Rebecca and it was really nerve-wracking! Bang! It started and we had to run as fast as we could. We came 4th in that race. Then I had to do the long jump, triple jump and a

push pass. Then I had to do the last race which was a 4 lap race. I did this with Gemma, Georgia & Charlie. It was really fun!

Finally it was result time....we came 6th. Miss Gagon said it did not matter because at least we took part and we all had a brilliant afternoon.

Caitlan (Year 5)



Musical Year 5 Trumpets!

Over the past 11 weeks, Year 5 have been learning how to play a very popular brass instrument, the trumpet.

First we learnt how to hold the instrument (we all found it very hard at first but then we got used to it), then we learnt how to 'buzz' in the mouthpiece. When we could do all this, we learnt how to play the notes 'C', 'D' and then 'E' on the trumpet. After that we learned how to play the tune 'Hot Cross Buns'.

There were three music teachers, Mr Lewis who taught us how to play, Mr Conway who helped us and Miss Waller who taught us songs and did warm ups with us at the start of every session. We were practising for a

concert for the whole school and parents. The concert went really well and everyone seemed to enjoy it. So did we!

Morgan (Year 5)



Year 5 Class Assembly

On Friday 13th November we had our class assembly.

We had been learning about World War 2. My best part was where the air raid siren went off and we had to run to the Anderson shelter. We had to wait until the all clear siren went off and that meant that it was safe to come out.

We all dressed as a child from the war. Josh (who was a warden) had a part where he said "Put that light out, put that light out!"

After the assembly we all went into the Stan Hinley Workshop with our parents to have a cup of tea or coffee.

Charlie (Year 5)



Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Nursery Choosing Christmas Trees

The Juniors performed their annual Carol Concert at Christ Church on Tuesday 15th December.

It was a fantastic event and the children made us extremely proud. Their singing and music playing was spectacular.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Miss Gagon (Assistant Head teacher &



Year 5 Teacher)

The Nursery class - accompanied by the staff team, with Kathy Brown (Parent Support Adviser), volunteers Donna Vipond and Lesley Williams

and almost 20 parents - made their traditional visit to Delamere Forest on Tuesday 1st December 2009.

During the morning the children walked to the wish tree to hang up their wish stars and snacked on biscuits baked in Nursery the day before. They chose the school's Christmas trees and visited Santa, who had an extra special gift for each child - their very own seedling tree to grow!



'Are we nearly there yet?' Christmas Production

Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One classes put on a fantastic Christmas production of 'Are we nearly there yet?' that was really enjoyed by audiences over 2 days.

The show told the story of the different journeys that the 'Walker family' and Mary and Joseph had to make as they traveled to Bethlehem. The show included lots of singing, dancing, costumes, comedy and a traditional 'Nativity'.

The production included super performances from children who played the

parts of the 'Walker family', Mary & Joseph and their friends, town criers, narrators and of course the traditional angels, shepherds, sheep and wise men.

Despite the fact that the children only had around 2 weeks to put the show together, they performed brilliantly and the audiences were delighted with the performances.

Congratulations must go to all of the children and staff for all of their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication in creating a truly wonderful show! Thanks

must also go to many parents who helped to provide some super costumes.



Broomwood's Leading Practice on Dyslexia

Last academic year, Broomwood Primary was selected as one of Trafford's three leading practice schools on Dyslexia. One evening in September 2009, international speaker and writer Neil MacKay visited the school and gave a training session for all of the staff.

Mrs Wood and Mrs Stevenson were invited to talk to a conference of Head teachers about our work at the end of November. We explained the importance of supporting children with reading, writing and spelling in a variety of ways – including the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme that is now in its second year at school. You may have seen Mrs McCarthy's stand about 'Read Write Inc' in the reception area of school at our last Parents' Evening in October. If you would like to find out more about 'Read Write Inc' please use the following website:

www.readwriteinc.com

We have discussed with children

their learning styles – whether they learn best visually, by listening or by moving things around. We have visual timetables on display in every classroom and use a range of coloured pens on our whiteboards to make things easier for all of our readers. We have word banks and maths prompts on children's desks or in their books. Children are taught to read in smaller groups at their own phonic level for their literacy lesson on four days each week. On the fifth day children follow a 'Big Writing' session back in their year groups. We were able to explain to the conference of Head teachers how much our reading results have improved for our beginner readers as a consequence of this initiative. If you were to look on the staff room notice board each week, you would see that Mrs Stevenson puts up a new 'Dyslexia Friendly Teaching Tip' each week. We are hoping to become one of the first Trafford Schools to be awarded the **Trafford Dyslexia Aware Quality Mark**, following an inspection visit by the end of the sum-

mer term 2010. In the New Year we aim to raise the children's awareness of the success of many famous dyslexics – Orlando Bloom is but one of them!

"I fell in love with Drama at school, where I struggled with other lessons because of my dyslexia." (Orlando Bloom)



All the staff and children at Broomwood Primary School would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

