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# Broomwood Primary School Newsletter



**March 2010**

**Spring Term**

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## Spring News

### Dear Parents

This term has seen an interesting mix of weathers. We started with the deepest snowfall in decades which caused total disruption to nearly all schools in the United Kingdom. We took photographs of the school covered in snow during the enforced school closure and we are now very proud to display them in our reception area. Do come into school to see the photographs during the first few weeks after the Easter holiday.

Hopefully the recent strengthening



sunshine will warm up our planet and we will be able to shed the layers ready for the long hot summer months to come.

Following two very intense interview days the new Head teacher for Broomwood Primary School was appointed on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We wholeheartedly welcome Mrs L. Hossen. You will have plenty of opportunity to meet her prior to her taking up her appointment on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 as she will be visiting us a number of times during the summer term. She is very enthusiastic about joining the staff at Broomwood and is the perfect choice to lead the school forward into its next stage of development.

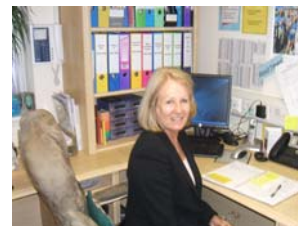
Meanwhile we will continue to work hard to improve educational provision. I must emphasise the importance you play in this process in order to consolidate the learning which takes place at school. Hearing your child read every night is perhaps one of the most important ways of helping. Reading is the key to all learning and the sooner your child is able to read fluently the sooner they will show progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Ensuring your child gets out and about with plenty of exercise is also essential. A child needs to be healthy both physically and mentally in order to be able to live a full and active life and make the most of their potential.

This next two weeks will provide plenty of opportunity for you to explore the local environment with your children and jointly feel the benefit of healthy living. Have a lovely holiday with plenty of family fun.

Yours sincerely

**Ann Wood**  
(HEADTEACHER)



### STAFF "BABY" NEWS AT BROOMWOOD PRIMARY!

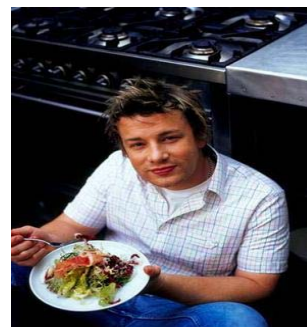
Congratulations! :-

- To Miss Gagon who is expecting her first child at the end of August 2010. She will leave at the end of summer term and is already looking forward to returning after her maternity leave!
- To Mrs. Seatree who welcomes her first grandchild in to the world in July.
- To Mrs Edwards who leaves soon to have her baby in June.

## Our dyslexia initiative continues

In February Mrs Stevenson, who has specialist training in dyslexia, visited Liverpool to attend a conference of the British Dyslexia Association. She came back to school enthused with ideas about reducing visual difficulties for pupils with dyslexia and the importance of working on the self esteem of children with literacy and numeracy difficulties. We now have a display on one of the main school corridors featuring a celebrity dyslexic each term. We hope that this will make children who are struggling feel that they are not the only ones and that they are

in good company. The dyslexic featured this term is Jamie Oliver,



who said that:

"It was with great regret that I didn't do better at school.

People just thought I was thick, it was a struggle, I never really had anyone to help that understood dyslexia and who could bring out my strengths. I think it's really good that kids realise that they've got possibilities and that they can excel in anything." Jamie Oliver OBE



## Willow structure in Key Stage 2



On Friday 12th March, Yr 5 & the rest of key stage 2 helped make a willow structure with

a very clever lady called Caroline Gregson (who has made willow structures for the new Nanny McPhee film). We made the structure by bending willow into a beavers dam shape, and pushing it into holes in the ground to help it root.

At the end of the day it looked beautiful next to the hut and we all had lots and lots of fun helping to make it. Year 5 are now making sure it is watered regularly and the whole school can watch it grow...we can't wait to play in it when it has leaves.

The structure was fun to build & we all

enjoyed it.

**By George Sands and Mason Cantrell Year 5**

When I walked through the big green gates everyone was rushing over to a big green Jeep with lots of trees in it. I rushed inside and everyone shouted "What are we doing?". We all put our bags away and sat down puzzled, wondering what we could be doing. Then Miss Lamb called out the first group, who put their coats on and went outside.

We went into assembly and Mrs Wood



said "We are very lucky today because we have got a real artist in the school and we are going to build a willow structure."

Next the second group went out, unfortunately I was in the third group and I had to do some maths while I waited for my turn.

Finally my group went out and we rushed to the place where they were making it. When we got there we were amazed at how much was done. Caroline said "We have to dig a hole and put the willow in the hole, so we did then had to stop as our turn was over.

At the end of the day we all rushed to see the amazing finished structure. We were amazed at how much was done. Year 5 got the job of water monitors.

**By Aaron Green Year 6**

## Traffic Warden required

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a pupil in year 4 at Broomwood Primary School. I am writing to you because people are parking in the wrong places outside our school and it is dangerous. Not only are these people parking on corners so we can't see if it is safe to cross the road, but they are also double parking and parking on the

pavements so pedestrians can't get back safely. People could get hurt or even worse killed. I would like a lollipop man because he would be fantastic at helping people to cross safely. I also suggest yellow lines to try and stop people from parking on the corners. Can we also have a fantastic hard working traffic warden to deter people, as they do not want parking fines. Please sort this out. I hope you consider my suggestions

and help us solve this important, dangerous problem as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Harding

Year 4



## Year 3 Outdoor Activity Afternoon



On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3 attended an Outdoor Activities afternoon, hosted by The Bollin Primary school. It took place on the Recreation ground next door to the school and Children from Altrincham College of Arts lead the activities. The activities were based on team work and all the children were encouraged to help each other. The activities included; the electric fence, jumping through hoops, making letters using their bodies, leading their partners blind folded through a course and many more. The children

really enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 3!

**By Miss Brickenden**

**Year 3 Teacher**



## Chess Club

Every Tuesday at 8.30am Mrs Wood spends her time playing chess with children in Key Stage 2. Sam is the chess master just like Mrs Wood - no-one can beat Mrs Wood at chess because she has been playing for twelve years and no-one has beaten her yet.

Chess is a hard game to play and different to any other games. All the pieces move differently and have different point value. There are sixty-four squares on the board and white always has to be on your right. There are eight pawns on the second row and on the row behind are the other pieces.

The chess pieces and points  
Pawn = 1 point Knight = 3 points  
Rook = 5 points Bishop = 3 points  
Queen = 9 points King = game

The chess game does not end until you get the other players king in check or get the other player in checkmate.

**By Carole Boucher Year 6**



## Cheerleading competition

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010, girls from Yr 5 and Yr 6 went to a cheerleading competition at the George Carnell leisure Centre. We were all very nervous but excited and tried our best did a good routine and came 6<sup>th</sup> place in the competition.

We were disappointed that we hadn't won but were pleased that we had taken part and we were each given a certificate. We did the competition to represent our school, Broomwood Primary School.

We had a lovely time at the cheerleading competition, thank you Mrs Bramwell for organising it

**By Gemma Daley and  
becca Cullinane Year 5**

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We all jumped off the coach and gathered on the dusty grey path. We stood shivering in the cold breezy air. Slowly we stumbled into the huge bare hall. We stood staring intently at lots of loud children sitting on the cold floor wearing sparkling costumes.

We slouched on the floor, joining them

in our short glossy green skirts, bright rich yellow t-shirts and knee length socks. Patiently we all sat uncomfortably as the other cheerleading teams performed their extremely unique dances.

Eventually it was our turn. Rapidly we all rushed onto the stage and enthusiastically performed our amazing routine. It was magnificent!

Unfortunately we didn't win. We were very glum but felt proud to have performed incredibly.

**By Chloe Hiorns Year 6**

## Multicultural Fashion Show

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March KS2 took part in a fashion show during Multicultural Week. Miss Unsworth and Mrs Solomon were the staff that organised the fashion show with help from Miss Lamb. The fashion show took three whole afternoons



to get it all right before the real show and luckily Miss Unsworth is a very very good dancer! The show took place at 6pm in the Emma Brown hall, with lots of people

in the audience. We performed lots of different types of dances from all over the world. If you were lucky enough you would have seen the lovely performance. **THANK YOU MRS SOLOMON AND MISS UNSWORTH**

**By Morgan Mairs Year 5**



On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> March it was the multicultural fashion show, held to raise money for school funds. The fashion show consisted of a number of dances from cultures across the globe. We had a dramatic Chinese dance, two energetic Carnival dances, a beautiful Asian dance, a super American cheer and a graceful British Ball dance. After the event many people joined us for samosas, spring rolls, onion bhajis, smoothies, coffee and squash in the Stan Hinley room.

We raised over £80. A big thank you to everyone who came, supported the children and helped us raise this money!

**By Miss Unsworth Year 4 Teacher**

## Let's get cooking!



Lets Get Cooking is a club that runs every Wednesday after school. Six lucky children, including myself, Sinead Leech, Abbey Kay, Jaydon Brady, Charlene Fisher, and Morgan McGivern all attend the club for 6 sessions. We do all the cooking in the community room next to Yr2's classroom with Miss Taylor, Mrs Solomon and Kathy Brown (PSA) who teach us how to cook, and every week one of our parents come to

help us. Sinead's mum is very kind and helps us every week!!

This is what we have been making and what we will be doing over the next two weeks:-

- Week 1 Tuna pasta salad
  - Week 2 Savoury Rice
  - Week 3 Vegetarian curry and Banana and Mango lassi
  - Week 4 Rainbow Salad
  - Week 5 Pizza
  - Week 6 Vegetarian lasagne
- Yum Yum Yum!!!  
It has been great fun!

**By Caitlan Beswick Year 5**

## SATS 2010

We have been practicing for our SAT's test in year 6. Miss Lamb and Mrs Wood helped us to understand punctuation, VCOP, openers, paragraphs and maths.

The first test was the short write where we had to write about a busy place for twenty minutes. After we had our play, came in and started our spelling test.

On Tuesday we had long write, we had forty-five minutes to write a story. Miss Lamb said it would be fine because it was like a Big Write except we didn't have a subject to write about.

Wednesday Miss Lamb told us that we had mental maths and maths. Everyone was excited because Miss Gagon was coming to help.

When the test was finished many people sighed with relief. We still had Thursday and Friday to go.

**By Shaun Harding Year 6**



## Altrincham Music Festival



The Choir took part in Altrincham Music Festival at the Cinnamon Club, Bowdon. The choir had to

sing two songs, they chose 'Proud' By Heather Small and a school favourite 'Spring Chicken'. The children had to perform on a huge stage in front of lots of other children from different schools. The children sung absolutely beautifully

and I was so proud of them! Please call into school and see the Music Board to read the comments from the judges.

**By Miss Brickenden  
Year 3 Teacher**

Last Tuesday Yr 5 took part in a choral speaking event at the Altrincham Music Festival in Bowdon. We performed 'Conversation Piece' by Gareth Owen and 'Another day' by John Cunrery, in front of lots of other schools...

we were nervous! Everyone was impressed and Miss Gagon said we were amazing. The judges read out their comments on each group and they said we did very well and should be proud of ourselves. We can't wait to perform it again in assembly.

**By Kayleigh France Year 5**

## Nursery 15 hour places to continue



Early Years staff have held regular meetings to review how the new 15 hour places for Nursery are working. Our funding dictates that we are unable to return to the full-time Nursery places of previous years, so in the next academic year (September 2010 - July 2011) we will continue to offer 15 hour places for Nursery pupils. We admitted a group of 15 new children to the Nursery in January, at the start of the Spring Term and we will admit another small group of children after the Easter holiday, for the Summer Term.

As the Nursery Admissions Policy states 'The school reserves the right to allocate places as they see fit.' However, further guidance is to be added to this document, to say that: 'WHERE SPACE IS AVAILABLE, pupils will be admitted to the Nursery the term after they become 3. Pupils born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August in the relevant year will be admitted in the Autumn Term, pupils born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December will be admitted in the Spring Term and pupils born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March will be admitted in the Summer Term.'

If you have any queries about future Nursery admissions please contact Mrs Cowley in the School Office.

**By Mrs Stevenson  
Nursery Teacher**

## Lauren Child

On World Book Day Year 2 focused on a range of books written by Lauren Child. Lauren Child is a famous British author and illustrator. She is best known for writing the Charlie and Lola books and the Clarice Bean novels.

Through the day Year 2 were so inspired with Lauren Child's work, they created some fantastic pieces of work, based on their favourite Charlie and Lola books. Feel free to come into school and have a look at the Year 2 Lauren Child display.

Year 2 definitely recommend Lauren Child books to all readers. If you are unsure of which book to read first, one of our favourite books that we enjoyed is "I will not ever never eat a tomato". The book is about Lola, not wanting to eat vegetables, until her brother makes them seem quite appealing.

If you are interested in reading Lauren Child's book, please feel free to come and enjoy a read of them in our school library.

**Mrs Stephani Year 2 Teacher**

## Supporting Broomwood Primary

A big Thank you for all your help over the last term. It has been a very busy time, with new courses, new clubs and new ideas! The school Library is currently closed for a stock take and to give Mrs Stephanis chance to add some more fantastic new books. A group of parents have been working in the library with *Parent Support Advisor, Kathy Brown* each Wednesday, which has been a wonderful help and I know all the staff and children appreciate all the hard work.

If you feel you are able to help in anyway, please contact the school office or myself.

The Numeracy and Literacy courses are still going strong, with the learners sit-

ting exams very shortly. The courses will continue in the summer term and there are places still available if you would like to join.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all for an action packed summer term.

**By Ruth Taylor  
Extended School Co-ordinator**

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is a great way to start the day!

We are open from 8am every school day, with a great range of cereals, a variety of breads, drinks and fruits and fantastic activities on offer to each child.

Children can choose to play games, play bingo, watch DVDs, create wonderful pictures etc with the art and craft, use the Nintendo Wii, relax and chat with friends, and now the weather has improved, we can play outside!! Wonderful!

All this for the amazing price of **£1 per day** (£4 a week if paid on a Monday)

Come and join the fun!

