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# Broomwood Primary School Newsletter



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## Summer News



### Dear Parents and Carers

I am sad to be writing my last letter to you all. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past twelve years as Headteacher of Broomwood Primary School and feel proud of all that we have achieved together.

We have improved the children's results dramatically over the years and this has been accomplished with many initiatives and particularly our intensive programme of intervention. The children look wonderful in the school uniform and wear it with pride. The number of children attending has risen from 165 in September 1998 to 220 in 2010. (There is a strong possibility that the school will become a two form entry school in September 2011). The facilities on offer both inside

the building and outside in the school grounds have seen significant development. The atmosphere within school has become a calm working environment where teachers can teach and children can learn. More recently we have established Friends of Broomwood School (FOBS) who will be able to support the fundraising so necessary to give Broomwood children the best education possible.

It has been a varied experience and an enriching one. I have learned about the importance of tolerance and the need for and importance of greater understanding within our own school community. I have also learned that anything is possible as long as people believe that it can be done. With staff, parents and children all believing that they "CAN DO" then it really will happen. I have also learned about the power of true friendship as I have valued each and every moment spent with likeminded colleagues, parents

and children. In particular I have appreciated the total support of my Chair of Governors Councillor Ray Bowker. He has always been there in both difficult times and times of celebration. He has always been available for me to seek advice and support and I wish all parents to know just how important he is to Broomwood Primary School. You are lucky to have had such a knowledgeable and committed person for the past thirty years as your Chair of Governors.

I will think about you all on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, when the children return to school, as I stroll along the coast of Croyde Bay, Devon with my granddaughter and family. It will seem strange but I know that I leave the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Hossen, your new Headteacher, who I urge you to support wholeheartedly.

Fond Farewell

**Ann Wood**  
HEADTEACHER

### STAFF NEWS AT BROOMWOOD PRIMARY!

We say a sad farewell to Mrs. Wood after 12 years devoted service.

We give a warm welcome to Mrs. Hossen, our new Head teacher from September 2010.

Congratulations to Miss Brickenden who is due to have a baby in the new year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Edwards who had a baby girl in June.

## Broomwood - The first school to be awarded the Trafford Dyslexia Aware Quality Mark

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 an inspection team came to visit school to observe classes, meet pupils, parents and teachers to decide whether Broomwood could be the first Trafford School to receive the authority's Dyslexia Aware Award. We are happy to report that we passed the inspection – and were quickly joined the day after by just two other Trafford Schools – St Hugh's, Timperley and Victoria Park Juniors in Stretford.

Mrs Stevenson would like to thank

everyone involved in helping us to reach this milestone. In particular, she would like to say congratulations to all of the children she worked closely with to assess their progress – they have all worked really hard and made great improvements in their literacy skills.

Earlier this half term Mrs Stevenson presented assemblies to the children discussing the different ways in which we learn – through our eyes, ears and by moving our hands and bodies. She showed

pictures of many well known and successful individuals who have achieved great things in spite of struggling with reading, writing and spelling, one of whom is Johnny Depp.





## Michael Rimmer



Quietly, we all sat waiting for the great 800m runner. As everyone looked up a tall, thin man walked into the room, Miss Lamb following him. "This is a very special day for all of the school!" Mrs Wood

announced as she walked in, her high heels clacking against the polished floor. "As you know 800m runner

Michael Rimmer is our special visitor." She handed over to Michael who explained some things about himself.

Later on, we got into our P.E. Kits and zoomed out onto the wet field, A shiver ran down my spine as I sat on the mat. Finally Year 3 and 4 girls were called up to the start line, "Go!" Miss Lamb shouted. The girls raced off, Michael Rimmer paced them for the first lap then dropped off so the girls could complete the race. Serena Davis won the girls race. Daniel Ross won the Year 3 and 4 boys race.

Soon it was our turn. "Go!" Miss Lamb shouted, I jogged at first but then ran faster and faster. Chloe Gray won, then Carole Boucher, Charlie Kinsey-Burrows and Caitlin Beswick. The winner of the boys race was Shaun Harding, then Matthew Harding and Phillip Ruchat.

Michael showed us his medals and answered our questions. Finally it was time to say goodbye. I really enjoyed it

**By Aiman Ali  
Year 6**

## Junior Wardens "Big Tidy Up"

On Wednesday 16th June Year 4 organised and took part in a litter picking afternoon along Brooks Drive. They did this because they are the 'Junior Wardens' for the Broomwood Estate and they identified litter as a major problem during an estate walkabout they took part in earlier in the year. On the day we were joined by members of Trafford Housing Trust, G-force, parents, members of Trafford Council, two road sweeping trucks, a bin emptying truck and a bag collecting truck which took away our collecting bags for recycling.

The children managed to fill eight whole bin bags, which was very impressive. They were all very enthusiastic, perfectly behaved and I

was very proud of them. Well done Junior Wardens!

**By Miss Unsworth  
Year 4 Class Teacher**



## 'Lets get cooking!'



Every Wednesday we go to the community room until 4pm, for 'Lets Get Cooking'. We make all sorts of foods like football cakes, healthy lollipops, scones & biscuits. We have a great time and learn lots of new recipes every week.

The staff that help are Miss Taylor and Mrs Solomon and lots of our parents help too.

The new sessions will start in January next year and will be full of new ideas of things to cook!

**By George Sands  
Year 5**

## Super Science



Broomwood primary school has had a very exciting year. The children have had many scientific opportunities given to them, which has had a positive impact on their scientific understanding.

During the Autumn term years 2,5 & 6 took part in science workshops with people from the company 'Shell'. The children were able to make and test their own balloon buggies. The whole school was really excited when we watched a science assembly by the company 'Mad

Science'. We saw lots of weird and wonderful experiments.

During the Spring Term four year 6 children went to Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, to take part in science master classes. They took part in more complex science activities and represented our school extremely well; I was really proud of



them.

Year 5 took part in a four week course, looking at materials and space. This ended in them having the opportunity to carry out scientific

investigations in a real science lab and use Bunsen burners.

Finally during the summer term year 4 visited Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, where they saw lots of animals and creepy crawlies and learnt about their habitats.

I look forward to another productive scientific year next year!

**Mrs L Gray  
Science Co-ordinator**





## International Award

Over the year children across the school have carried out a range of multicultural activities, including celebrating Chinese New Year, taking part in an international Fashion Show, celebrating Christmas as people in other cultures do and having Urdu taster sessions. Recently the children have been evaluating these events, and all this information has been put together in a file which will be sent to London to be assessed. Hopefully they will be impressed with how multiculturally aware we are as a school community, and we will receive a full international award for this!

Thank you to all the children for all their hard work and I hope they

enjoyed all the activities. We will inform you if, (or should I say when!) we get our very much deserved award.

**By Miss Unsworth  
Year 4 Class Teacher**



## Year 6 residential to Winmarleigh



### **Bravest Moment**

My bravest moment was on the giant swing (which is huge) because at first I really didn't want to go on it but after a while I plucked up enough

courage to go on with Matthew.

**By Thomas Plant**



### **Best Moment**

My best moment was on the climbing wall because I worked really well with my belayer Thomas, telling him when to pull and when to stop. I got all the way to the

top!

**By Jade Highfield**

**W**hat an amazing place it was at Winmarleigh, the wonderful rooms, amazing staff and brilliant activities.

**I**n the games room everybody had fun.

**N**o one stopped smiling!

**M**iss Lamb and Mrs Ford were having a great time too!

**A**fter all they were getting the wonderful treat for free!

**R**owing the canoes was a hard job, Paige and I struggled a little.

**L**eah Watson broke the quad bike, oh no, I was getting very impatient!

**E**veryone raided the vending machines before bed.

**I**n the dining hall the food wasn't good, all Hannah ate was cucumber.

**G**oing home time was nearly here arhh.

**H**aving to go home was not much fun!

**By Danielle Fowles**

## Year 5 head to London

It was an amazing event for all of us, Thank you Mrs Wood for arranging it.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 turned up at School at 7:00am. We were given the yellow hats by our teachers, and our workbooks. Once we all arrived at school, we all piled on the minibus and waved 'Goodbye' to our families. We then set off to Manchester, Piccadilly train station. We all took a toilet trip whilst Miss Taylor and Mr Wood went to the shops to buy their newspapers and magazines.

We then got into our three groups; - Bramwell's Boffins, Taylor's Troupers (**my group!**) and Wood's Wonders. We stayed in these groups for the whole

of the trip. The train journey was great and we were very excited. Soon we arrived in London and headed to our youth hostel. Once we had put our bags in the rooms, we headed back out and our adventure began!

We visited Covent Garden, The London Eye, Trafalgar Square, The Lion King show at the Lyceum Theatre, Downing Street, had a tour round Parliament, a trip on the river Thames, a walk round the National History Gallery and the Science Museum and even had time to fill in our work books and enjoy some lovely food!

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May we returned

## French Day

French Day was a wonderful success. The whole school had a great time, learning about French language, Art and History. The day began with a French assembly, French song and French breakfast of croissant and orange juice. The French flag was then raised on the flag pole!

Throughout the day children learned lots and enjoyed trying out a range of French art styles. Thank you to everyone who sent in their 50p's, this paid for the children's breakfast and even made a little bit of money for the school! I hope that this event will continue next year as it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!

**By Miss Unsworth**

## World Cup Week



In **WORLD CUP WEEK**, we studied a country called the U.S.A. (United States of America). It was hard because we had

to find the country on a map and then we had to find all 50 states that make up America.

We looked at the American Flag, drew it and then designed our own. We also got the chance to design our own American football kit. When we had done this we were given a white T-shirt and some paints and we actually put the designs onto the T-shirts....this was great fun!!

To finish our American week, we made American Beef Burgers and Smoothies, these were delicious!

**By George Farmer and Kenan Flemming  
Year 5**

home, very, very tired and looking forward to seeing our families, but we had had an amazing time!

**By Morgan Mairs,  
Year 5**





## School Lunches

Just to advise that from 1st September school lunches will increase from £1.70 per day to £1.75, which is £8.75 per week payable each Monday.

## Extra Inset Day Approved

We would just like to advise parents that due to Government legislation the Department of Education has given all Primary Schools one extra training day in the 2010/11 school year. We have decided to take our day on Friday 22nd October 2010 which means that the last school day

for children for the October half term holiday will be Thursday 21st October, returning back to school on Monday 1st November.

We will send out a revised holiday timetable list in the new school year.

**Regards**  
**Ann Wood**

## New Times for the Nursery



This July the Nursery team will say farewell to their first group of pupils to follow the new 15 hour timetable, as they move on to the Reception class. In September we will be welcoming back those pupils who joined us in January and April this year, together with approximately 20 new entrants. The Nursery will again be organised into a morning and afternoon class – however the timing

of the afternoon class is to be changed slightly.

Therefore – morning pupils will attend from 8.45 am to 11.45 am and afternoon pupils will attend from 12.15 pm to 3.15 pm, so that the Nursery finishes at the same time as the rest of the school.

Just to recap, we are able to admit pupils who are 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> August in September, and those who are 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> December in January. Subject to spaces being available, we can admit pupils who are 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> March at the start of the summer term, after Easter.

**By Sue Stevenson**  
**Nursery Teacher**

## Primary Quality Mark

In April we were visited by a moderator for the Primary Quality Mark, an award which recognises high quality teaching of basic skills. We were delighted that we easily passed the moderation, and now hold PQM for the third time.



Our moderator, Janice Raczowska, wrote in her report 'The school is clearly working hard to improve standards and address the criteria of the Quality Mark because it is openly committed to meeting the learning needs of all pupils.' Well done to all the pupils, parents and staff who met with Mrs Raczowska on our inspection day!

**By Sue Stevenson**

## Supporting Broomwood Primary

As another school year comes to an end I must thank all of you who have enabled this year to be such a positive one.

The Numeracy and Literacy courses have successfully run through the year and have been enjoyed by all who attended. **A HUGE WELL DONE** goes to Mrs Leech, Mrs Hitchen and Mrs Karvossi who have gained a Numeracy qualification and are now planning on starting level 2 and to Mrs Leech and Miss Atkins who have also gained a literacy qualification!! The courses will start again in September and we will now be offering new and exciting subjects. For more information please see me.

The summer BBQ was a huge success and many people have commented that it was one of the best yet, making approx £1,000! Many shops and businesses were exceedingly generous, and our thanks go to Tina's Nails, The Stonemasons, Bouquet

Florists in Timperley Village, Laser Quest and Namco at the Trafford Centre, Sainsbury's in Sale, Water world in Stoke, Perfection Hair in Hale and many more.

The F.O.B.S has now been in existence for over two months and is going from strength to strength. We meet once every half term to discuss fund raising ideas, further ways to support the school and any up and coming events. If you would like to get involved or share any ideas, please speak to Miss Wareing, Mrs Solomon or myself, **everyone is welcome.**

I hope you all have a wonderful break over the summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year!

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



## Breakfast Club 8-8.45am

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, watch DVDs, create wonderful pictures etc with the art and craft, use the Nintendo Wii or just relax and chat with friends, Wonderful!

All this for the amazing price of **£1 per day**. Come and join the fun!

**Please note:** breakfast is only served until 8.30am