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# BROADWAY BULLETIN



## Headteacher's Welcome

Thank you to all of our families who have shown great support for our school this term. Being Headteacher at Broadway Junior School is a pleasure. I am reminded of this daily when I see skilled, experienced staff dedicate themselves to your children's care each and every day. At this time of year, it is often a time to reflect on everything we have to be grateful for.



Throughout the year, I will be working with colleagues across the city on their school improvement work. This means I will be dedicating pockets of time to work with schools around Sunderland. We stand by our school values – **Work Hard, Be Kind and Shine Bright**. With this in mind, we have so many reasons to be proud of our school's ongoing achievements. It is wonderful to see that our school has been recognised; we are a place where our best practice is worth sharing with others! I would like to thank everyone involved in our school for their contribution in making our school truly 'Shine Bright'. **Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Stay safe and best wishes,

*David Walton-Jonas*

## A Gateway into Governance...

### **Meet Fiona Lynn, School Improvement**

It was amazing, but not a surprise, to see the school awarded with the Mental Health Silver Charter Mark last month. This tremendous accolade is testament to the dedication of the staff and children in creating a nurturing and welcoming environment. Each time I visit the school, I see developments in mindfulness activities, calming spaces and lots of happy and engaged children who can confidently talk about a positive mindset to learning. #NoPensDay looked like lots of fun too; the children enjoyed the opportunity to further develop their oracy skills in school across a range of activities. I hope the children and staff enjoy all of the planned activities and festive celebrations and enjoy a safe, happy Christmas!

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## Workers of the Week

This month, the following children have been rewarded for their hard work in school. Well done!

<b>3JM</b>	Eliza Treasure
<b>3LH</b>	Angel Daniel
<b>4CL</b>	Charlie Daniella
<b>4HG</b>	Jett Emmanuel
<b>5GR</b>	Thomas Skylar
<b>5ES</b>	Jude Pearl
<b>5ZG</b>	Nel Evie
<b>6BS</b>	Mia Eva-May
<b>6CJ</b>	Giovanni Evie
<b>6SW</b>	James Finley

## Attendance

To date, our whole school attendance is  
**94.7%.**

Attendance, this month, across all classes are summarised below.

<b>3JM</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>3LH</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>4CL</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>4HG</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>5GR</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>5ES</b>	<b>94.1%</b>
<b>5ZG</b>	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>6BS</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>6CJ</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>6SW</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

*Cheers*



## What do I need to know for the Spring Term?

- **Year 5ZG will swim each Wednesday.** They will no longer need their PE kits on Thursdays. Please ensure that children have the correct swimming kits on Wednesdays.
- **PE days for other year groups remain unchanged** – Year 6 on Mondays, Year 4 on Tuesdays, Year 3 on Wednesdays and Year 5ES and 5GR on Thursdays.
- **Year 3 Yoga:** PE lessons will be delivered by a Yoga coach, on Wednesdays.

We re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Breakfast Club will be open, as of 8.00am, as usual.

The school day begins at 8.30am and anyone arriving after 8.40am is classed as late.

## The Customs House Panto

It has been fantastic for us to send the whole school to the Customs House where everyone has enjoyed 'Mother Goose'... as always, it was hilarious! Our children raised the roof and there was so much excitement amongst everyone who attended. Thank you to our community who have helped us to make this possible by contributing to the visit and we hope to be able to heavily subsidise such visits in the future. Without such contributions, this would not be possible.



## Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our fantastic catering team who have supplied the children in school with a delicious Christmas Lunch. We have enjoyed being in school wearing Christmas jumpers and having some festive fun.





## Christmas in the Classrooms

Thank you to our family members who have attended our Christmas in the Classroom event this month. It is always lovely to see so many of you in school where we can come together and enjoy the time with your children. It is always lovely to hear the buzz of activity and the sound of Christmas songs. We hope you all enjoyed some special time with your children in school.



## Year 5 Christmas Craft Workshop



Year 5 children participated in a Christmas craft workshop with Groundworks last week. The children practised their origami skills folding paper to create beautiful paper star baubles. Everyone had a brilliant time and learned about how to turn waste paper into something beautiful thanks to Laura teaching us about reducing, reusing and recycling.

## Prayer Space



Pupils across school took part in a prayer space workshop where they learnt about the Christmas Story. Pupils enjoyed a selection of engaging and creative activities whilst having time for personal reflection. Here they are in action.



## Spring Term Clubs

Our spring term club offer will begin as of 6<sup>th</sup> January. Those children who have secured spaces have been informed.

A reminder, that our Wraparound Club will be available daily too. ☺

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheerleading	Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts	Mini Warriors	Football Skills

Please note: Year 6 SATS Group will be aimed at specific children – an individual letter will be sent.

## Staffing Updates

### Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Summers

It is with a heavy heart that, after 24 years Mrs Summers has informed myself and governors that she has taken the difficult decision to leave her post as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Mrs Summers has committed her life to our school and has nurtured and supported many children, and families, during her time here but now feels the time has come to prioritise her family whilst making time for herself too. We all wish her well in the next chapter of her life.



### Thank you, Mrs Miah & Welcome Back Mrs Robinson

As planned, Mrs Robinson will return to her post in January following her maternity leave. Since returning in September, Mrs Miah has been an asset to the school where the children have been fortunate enough to benefit from her expertise and dedication. We all wish her well as she begins a new role in another school.

## Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher



## Parent Questionnaires



Thank you for everyone's time recently. As we coordinate this year's feedback, following our annual parent questionnaire, we are able to share some of the headlines. A fuller analysis will be posted on our school website once complete.

Great school. My child has settled into Year 3 very well. She is doing well in all subjects and really enjoys coming to school.

**Year 3 Parent**

I have nothing but good things to say about Broadway Junior School. All 3 of my children have attended and I have never had a problem with the school. 5 star review!

**Year 6 Parent**

Brilliant School, teachers and staff!

**Year 3 Parent**

Staff at this school go above and beyond for my child. They try as much as they can to ensure that needs are met. I truly appreciate every member of staff.

**Year 5 Parent**

School is a great help. Never had any complaints. Always happy to help.

**Year 6 Parent**

Staff have always made time to listen to any worries or concerns that I may have. I have always felt supported by staff.

**Year 4 Parent**

A great school with excellent support when needed.

**Year 5 Parent**

School has always been happy to help with anything. My boys love school. Teachers are amazing.

**Year 4 Parent**



## A reminder of key dates coming up next term...

Any changes/additions/amendments are indicated in red.

Who?	When?	What's Happening?
Whole School	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School re-opens
Year 6	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Heights & Weights
6CJ	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
Year 6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Sunderland University Visit – in school
3JM	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Play Date at 2:00pm – Details to follow ...
6BP	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
3LH	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Play Date at 2:00pm – Details to follow ...
Whole School	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	NSPCC Number Day <b>Children 'wear numbers'</b>
Whole School	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Valentine's Disco 4.00-5.00pm – Year 3 & 4 5.00-6.00pm – Year 5 & 6
6SW	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
4CL	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Play Date at 2:00pm – Details to follow ...
Whole School	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	School closes (Half Term)
Whole School	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	School re-opens
Whole School	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day <b>Dress up day – Book Characters</b>
Year 4	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Centre for Life Visit – Details to follow ...
Year 6	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Winter Gardens Visit (30 pupils) – Details to follow ...
5ES	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
Whole School	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Showcase – Details to follow... <b>Families invited – 1.30pm start</b>
Whole School	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Scholastics Book Fair Details to follow...
Year 5	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Harehope Quarry Visit – Details to follow ...
4HG	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Play Date at 2:00pm – Details to follow ...
5ZG	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
SEND	wb. Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	SEND Review Meetings
Year 6	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Safety Works Visit – Details to follow ...
3LH	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Broomhouse Farm Visit – Details to follow ...
5ZG	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Play Date at 2:00pm – Details to follow ...
Whole School	wb. Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Parents Evenings
Whole School	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Dogs Trust Workshops in school
Year 3	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Nissan Visit – in school
5GR	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Learning Presentation <b>Families invited – 2.15pm start</b>
Whole School	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter Crafternoon <b>Families invited from 1.00pm</b> (please note change of start time)
Whole School	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School closes (Half Term)
Whole School	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	INSET – School closed to pupils
Whole School	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	School re-opens



We are introducing OPAL 'Play Dates' across the spring and summer terms.