



BROADWAY BULLETIN

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Headteacher's Welcome

What a wonderful month it has been here at Broadway Junior School!

This edition, again, is filled with the fantastic opportunities that our children have and I would like to thank those of you who have recognised this within your questionnaire responses.

Wraparound

Our daily Wraparound provision continues to offer a helping hand to those who need it and is available until 5.00pm. I would like to reassure families that I have secured plans to maintain this provision after the trial period that has taken place this term. With thanks to funding from the Department of Education, we will continue to offer this in the spring and summer term. Great news! Please speak with the school office to book.

In only a matter of weeks we will be breaking up for Christmas. All of our plans have been included in our Broadway Christmas Brochure where you'll find a catalogue of lovely things that will be taking place here. It will be excellent to see many of you in school soon where we'll be able to celebrate Christmas together.

Best wishes,

David Walton-Jonas



A Gateway into Governance...

Meet Phil Boyle – Vice Chair of Governors

In September, I had the pleasure of chairing an extremely uplifting School Improvement Committee meeting. Among the many positive items on the agenda, were updates by the subject leaders of Art, P.E. and Music, on the wide ranging work being done across the curriculum. Recently, I accompanied our Y6 cohort on an educational visit to Beamish, and I'm looking forward to accompanying Y4 on their upcoming visit to the Hancock Museum. These are only snapshots of the wonderful and wide ranging learning opportunities that our whole staff continue to provide. Thank you, to all staff.

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Workers of the Week



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

3JM	Ryan Uchechi	Isla Harlan
3LH	Aria Ivy	Latesyha Darcy
4CL	Faye Evie	Rueben Reggie
4HG	William Jet	James Eli
5GR	Jessica Erin	Jacob Caitlin
5ES	Mason Charlie	Ronny Gracie
5ZG	Ellie Tilly	Ellison Heidi
6BS	Lilly Louis	Leanna Lucas
6CJ	Bethany Lula	Aoife Alice
6SW	Rubie Natalia	Jade Abigail

Attendance

To date, our whole school attendance is **94.8%**.

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

3JM	95.7%
3LH	97.4%
4CL	94.2%
4HG	91.9%
5GR	94.7%
5ES	93.6%
5ZG	96%
6BS	93.8%
6CJ	95%
6SW	95.2%

Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Each week, one child per year group is invited to have hot chocolate and share their great work or ideas!





Are you a Mathemagician?
Can you solve the
'Problem of the Month'?

<https://nrich.maths.org/problems/christmas-shopping>

Broadway is a Problem Solving School.

Each month, we will include a mathematical challenge for you to try at home. We are sure that this will bring about some discussion. Please post anything you do at home online and tag @BroadwayJuniors.

What is the value of the snowman?

$$4(8 + \text{snowman}) = 72$$



Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week has been 'Choose Respect' which fits perfectly with the message we instill into our children each and every day. Our school values **Work Hard, Be Kind and Shine Bright** reflects our school's aims including our school rules – **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe**. Since returning to school we have taught kindness through the story, 'Have you filled a bucket today?' where everyone knows about being a 'Bucket Filler' or a 'Bucket Dipper'. Our kindness challenge in school is ongoing where all of the kind, respectful things that are seen are then displayed in class and are celebrated!



During this important week, we have recognised one another's differences (and uniqueness) by wearing Odd Socks. This was a wonderful way to have fun and realise everyone's brilliance.

We have welcomed One Day Creative into school too... the children have completed 'Respect Workshops'. Through drama, they have been able to consider the concept of respect and have enjoyed bringing the week to life.

Well done, everyone!



Broadway Remembers



Broadway Junior School fell silent for two minutes on Monday 11th November as we remembered and honoured the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans, and their families. 4CL studied Remembrance poems by Laura Mucha, Moira Andrew and Nikita Gill, shared our ideas and used these to help us write our own.

Year 4 & 5 visit the Hancock Museum



Year 4 visited the Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle where they took part in a Time Odyssey Quest. After meeting the characters who were lost in time, it was their job to help get them home. The children were fully involved in choosing and analysing museum objects, as well as teamwork, creative activities, photography and discussion. The visit also allowed us to follow up on recent work on Ancient Greece where we took part in an object eye spy and explored the Ancient Greek gallery.



Year 5 enjoyed an 'out of this world' visit to the Hancock Museum where they visited their planetarium. They had a great time exploring artefacts, whilst completing scavenger hunts in different galleries. The Sun, Stars and Space themed hunt was a favourite for many in Year 5.

3LH visit Broomhouse Farm

Mrs Hastie's class enjoyed collecting apples from the orchards, meeting the animals and having adventures in the forest. We would like to thank the Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust for making our visit possible.



Year 3 – Healthy Heads Workshop

The children in year 3 have really enjoyed working with Ashley from Healthy Heads. The sessions used drama, short tasks and games to discuss and explore different feelings and emotions. The children also talked about ways to deal with big emotions.



Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

This term, our pupils have enjoyed expanded play-based learning opportunities during lunchtimes through our Opal Play programme. Our newest addition, *The Broadway Bus*, has brought great excitement to the school yard, with children eagerly exploring its unique space.



The bus is accessible to all year groups and provides opportunities for cross-curricular learning in a fun, relaxed setting. Pupils can cosy up with a book, supporting literacy skills; build imaginative structures with LEGO, fostering problem-solving and spatial awareness; and engage in artistic activities like drawing, colouring, and painting, which develop creativity and fine motor skills. Recently, the children crafted poppies for Armistice Day, linking to history and citizenship, and proudly decorated the bus to mark this important event. We look forward to bringing holiday cheer to the bus by decorating it for Christmas, providing further opportunities to use their creative and collaborative skills across curriculum areas.



We are also preparing to open our new Loose Parts Zone, which some pupils have already experienced during their afternoon Opal sessions with Mrs. Martin. Take a look at some of our fantastic creations! This type of play is enriching multiple curriculum areas, as pupils become more active while developing essential cooperation, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Through imaginative building and hands-on exploration, they engage in activities that enhance their understanding of design and technology, as well as physical development and social skills. These play-based experiences are also helping pupils apply concepts from science and maths as they experiment with structures, balance, and spatial awareness.



Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Askew!

We would like to thank Mrs Askew for all of her hard work in supporting pupils in our school and will miss her in her full time role as a Lunchtime Supervisor. Her last day in school was today and I know that she will leave with lifelong friendships at Broadway Junior School.



Children in Need

It was wonderful to brighten up our school day with everyone in yellow or in spots and stripes. Through all of your fundraising efforts by purchasing t-shirts, Pudsey ears and badges etc. we are sure that lots would have been raised for this important cause. Due to a number of fundraising activities that has taken place in school this term, we did not request a donation direct to us. However, we were once again supported by Greggs who surprised our whole school community with a visit from Pudsey himself! There were lots of smiles all around.

Loose Change for Luis Appeal

Luis is a thirteen year old boy who lives high up in the mountains of Bolivia with his Aunt Bertha. We have been sponsoring Luis, through the charity Plan UK, since 2018 and your generosity has enabled Luis to attend school and have access to health care. The children regularly send letters, postcards, cards and pictures to Luis and receive letters and drawings from Luis in return.

Each class has a small collection box for your donations and every penny collected will help us to continue helping Luis.

Thank you all so much for your continued support.



Mental Health & Wellbeing

We have recently been invited to a special awards ceremony, supported by multi-agency teams, who have been impressed by our school's approach to mental health, wellbeing and by the way we incorporate the principles of '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. Our Head Boy and Head Girl were great representatives for our school and presented a wonderful piece of work to a huge audience showcasing our school's successes – well done, everyone!



A reminder of key dates coming up

Any changes/additions/amendments are indicated in red.

Year 6	Friday 29 th November 2024	Flu Immunisation Catch Up
Whole School	Friday 6 th December 2024	Christmas in the Classrooms Families invited – 1.00pm start
Whole School	Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Panto @ The Customs House, South Shields Details to follow...
Whole School	Thursday 12 th December 2024	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Children wear Christmas jumpers Christmas Lunch
Year 5	Thursday 12 th December 2024	Groundworks Christmas Workshop – in school
Year 3	Monday 16 th December 2024	Christmas Performance Families invited – 11.00am start PM – Year 3 Christmas Party
Year 5	Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Christmas Performance Families invited – 11.00am start PM – Year 5 Christmas Party
Year 4	Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Christmas Performance Families invited – 11.00am start PM – Year 4 Christmas Party
Year 6	Thursday 19 th December 2024	Christmas Performance Families invited – 11.00am start PM – Year 6 Christmas Party
Whole School	Friday 20 th December 2024	End of Term – School closes Non-Uniform – Christmas Jumpers