



# Broadstone First School News

~ Respect, Independence, Creativity ~



Dear All

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a restful break. The children and staff have returned with heaps of energy and excitement, eager to get stuck into their learning.

## Mind Your Own Business

As we emerge from the festive season's over indulgence, New Year's resolutions are made with prominence on eating healthier. Our year 2 learners will endeavour to help our staff with their healthy eating goals as they bring nutritious food to them via a pop up lunch café. The learners have already taken part in a blind food tasting event, a food hygiene course as well as gathering data from the staff by way of tally charts, pictograms and bar charts in order to plan and create healthy meals. There is also a focus on handling real money as they have taken out a business loan from Mrs Wilks and need to return it with a profit. We wish them luck as they take on such authentic and purposeful real life learning this half term.

## Precious Poetry

Year 4 were lucky enough to be invited to Broadstone Middle School to take part in a poetry workshop run by one of the specialist English teachers. It was a great way of learners becoming familiar with the school ready for transition in September, and it perfectly supported the launch of our Precious Poetry topic.

We worked with the idea of cats and dogs to create characters, then wrote poems about these characters, choosing whether or not to use a rhyming structure. We then had the opportunity to perform the poems to the group... and there were some very confident performances of some absolutely brilliant poems!

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their two mornings of poetry!

## *Attendance*

5 December 2018 to 16 January 2019

Bluebells	95.80%	Daffodils	96.67%
Buttercups	94.22%	Forget-me-Nots	97.62%
Cosmos	96.25%	Foxgloves	96.61%
Clover	96.35%	Hebes	95.38%
Dahlias	96.48%	Honeysuckle	97.48%

Spring Term 2019

16 January 2019

## *Dates for your Diary*

Storyteller John Harris in to see Y1

Thursday 24 January 2019

PTA meeting in the professional suite  
7.30pm (all welcome)

Tuesday 5 February 2019

INSET Day

Friday 15 February 2019

Half Term

18 to 22 February 2019

Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

15 March 2019

Last Day of Spring Term

Friday 5 April 2019

First Day of Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April 2019



## *Petal Points Total*

Kew – 66

Heligan – 74

Babylon – 59

Eden – 101

Exbury - 62

Furzey – 118



*Everyone a Leader ~ Everyone a Learner*

### **Garden Groups**

As I walked past our Garden group vases I was filled with a sense of pride as they were overflowing with petal points, a sign of all the hard work that had been happening around school. Each week cheers and excitement filled the assembly hall as we announced the totals of the garden groups. The children work incredibly hard to earn a petal point for themselves and their garden group. In the last week before Christmas each garden groups petal points were counted and for that half term the winning garden group was.....



## **EDEN**



As a celebration of their achievement all members of Eden were invited to attend our very own pop up Ice Cream Parlour, where the children enjoyed an ice cream, piled high in sprinkles and sauce as they celebrated their successes together. I wonder which group will win this half term?

### **Communication**

We are constantly striving to ensure we keep you updated and fully informed regarding your child's learning and the events that are happening in school. Alongside the newsletter, our Facebook page and calendar of events found on the school website we will be introducing a 'BFS Bulletin– Snapshots of the week' which will be emailed out weekly. This will include information on what has been happening in school each week plus any reminders for the following week.

In an effort to improve communication between school and home further, we will be including a section called 'You asked, We answered.' This section will outline the answers to any of the questions we are asked directly from our families.

We have appreciated the questions we have been asked to date. This is helpful for us to know what you are thinking and it gives us an opportunity to respond, which will hopefully benefit other families to.

We are always happy to answer any question so please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office or email in on the below address.

[office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk)

### ***A Few Reminders***

If you have changes to any contact details, either home or mobile telephone numbers, please ensure that this is put in writing and given to the school office so that your child's details are kept up to date.

Please use the silver letterbox to the right of the main entrance for all letters— this is emptied daily by the office. Alternatively, any letters/money can be given to your child's class teacher.

Please ensure you check our website regularly for the latest up-to-date information regarding dates for outcomes to parents, activities etc.

Lost property is now located in the school hall. Please call into the hall first thing in the morning to check for lost items.

Designated Safeguard Lead: Jane Tomlinson

Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead: Nicki Jones and Rebecca Wood

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