Snapshots of the Week Week: 12 July to 16 July 2021

BROADSTONE FIRST SCHOOL

This week...

Wow what an incredible year we have had! I cannot quite believe that this is our last snapshot of the year. We are looking forward to our final few days together which are always filled with mixed emotions as we reflect back on the year and say a huge farewell to our fabulous Year 4 Learners.

This year again has been like no other, despite the turbulent year we are truly proud of every single one of our learners. Their resilience and enthusiasm to learn has shone through. From learning in school to the quick change to remote learning, they continued to amaze us and do us proud. This year has taken many of us out of our comfort zones and we have achieved things we could never imagine, but it is so important to celebrate that we did it! We have all pulled together as a community and I am so proud of this. We can't thank all our families enough for your support you have given over this year and for the incredible work you carried out with your children during the lockdowns. It was not unnoticed and we thank you.

This last half term has been fantastic with the launch of our houses and University of Broadstone it has been so great to see all our learners thrive with these experiences. It is also important to say a massive thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to support all the children, we too are so proud of all of them. Lastly, we hope you all have an amazing summer and well-deserved rest, stay safe, enjoy the weather and create amazing memories. Happy Summer!

Reception

Here we are! We have been working so hard recently, and the progress we have seen this last half term is absolutely incredible. Of course, this is a time of mixed emotions, and we really felt this as we met the new cohort for Reception next year. A mixture of excitement, seeing the current reception learners thrive and prosper as they move up to year 1, but also a great sadness that this incredible journey in Reception has finally come to an end. We have created such special relationships with both learners and parents, and this is something which we held dearly in our hearts during this absolute whirlwind of a year. We cannot thank you enough for your incredible efforts both in Lockdown and out. This is an exceptional group of children, and you should be so very proud of them. Please enjoy your summer; those extraordinary little learners deserve a lot of fun and a well-deserved rest away from the classroom.

Year 1

This week our Year 1 learners have been scientists as they have been investigating the weather. They have been using rain gauges, thermometers and a weathervane to measure rainfall, temperature and the wind. They have really enjoyed comparing the current season Summer with our last Season, Spring. We have also been editing our final letters to give to our Reception Buddies, ready for September. These letters tell our Reception Buddies all about the school. We have also enjoyed our fabulous Summer Party this week. Well done Year 1.

Year 2

What wonderful group of learners they are! We have had such a great time learning about Old Harry Rocks, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, T'was the Night Before Christmas, The Great Fire of London, Plant Market, Home is Where the Habitat Is, and who could forget when we switched to Google Classrooms overnight! Nobody could have predicted what the academic year was going to look like but together we did it. Year 2 parents, carers and children have worked tirelessly, never given up, never complained, and just kept smiling though it all. Never has there been a time when knowing how to manage our own well-being and how to support our children in doing this has been so vital. Our Recovery Curriculum did just that and we have shared so many positive experiences that this year will go down in history for it! Thank you so much for being a positive part of the journey. We'll miss you all so much, have a wonderful summer.

Reminders for next week...

PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

Reception – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday

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Ridgeway House Non-Uniform Day

Tudor House Non-Uniform Day

Clarendon House Non-Uniform Day

Last Day of Term 1.15pm or 3pm Pick
Up

Staff Training Day

End of Year Presents

We have been asked by a few parents about how they drop off end of year presents COVID secure.

From Monday 12 July to Friday 16 July, you are welcome to drop these off into the school office where will quarantine and then distribute week commencing 19 July.

Thank you for your support.



Year 3

We have loved every minute we have spent with the Year 3 learners. They have been a pleasure to work with and are a wonderful group of young learners who we will remember dearly. For our final challenge of the year the children have been using their ICT skills to share all that they have learnt about the rainforest. We have been amazed at how well they can remember many facts about the globe and the different biomes which cover it. This week we also thoroughly enjoyed attending our end of year party with Krazy Kev! The children were incredible, and it was a great way to celebrate all the hard work they have put into their learning this year. Thank you. Year 3. Good luck in Year 4!

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been looking at poetry and developing a poem to remember our time at BFS. We have made a free verse poem to include onomatopoeia, alliteration and personification. The children have understood how a free verse poem doesn't need to rhyme or have a set rhythm but we need to choose vocabulary that sets the mood for the audience and creates the correct atmosphere. We are looking to share this with you once the children have moved onto their Middle Schools. They have been incredible this past year and we wish them to best of luck in their journey to middle school!

Reading

We have made our target of half a million minutes! Congratulations to every single learner as you have all contributed to the reading total at home and at school. We also have a wonderful group of learners who have read over 60 books throughout the challenge! Between them they have read a whopping 1120 books!

Fraser M, Sophia T, Theo V, Samuel M, Thomas S, Harrison S, Isla D, Ben C, Rowan, Sidy J, Arjun B, Trisha B, Millie G, Wojciech, Max T, Lana P, Eva, Max S, Daniel W, Ella T, Jamie S, Oliver W, Tabitha M

BFS does Boccia

This week all our learners from EYFS through to Year 3 got an insight into the Paralympic game of Boccia. It was incredible to see how quickly our learners were able to adapt their throwing skills from a standing position to a seated position. The enthusiasm and team spirit they all showed was incredible. Super proud of them all.



Sports Ambassadors

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all BFS Sports Ambassadors who have worked tirelessly through out what has been a very tricky year to keep all the learners at BFS active and in supporting me in the delivery of all the Sports Days. You have been awesome!!

NHS Donations

What a lovely day Tuesday was, everyone coming together and supporting the wonderful NHS. We are pleased to announce we raised £288.85, thank you for all your contributions, through these tough times it is greatly appreciated.



Uniform Update

We have had a couple of queries from families regarding our new uniform and in particular the plain back trainer option. Therefore, we wanted to write to confirm expectations with this, so there is no further confusion and to ensure the correct new uniform is purchased.

From September, children are able to wear either black school shoes or smart plain black trainers. If you choose to go for the plain black trainer option these need to have no logos, stripes or coloured soles. We thank you in advance for your support with this. As always, any questions please do get in contact.