

Headteacher:
Mr M. Heasman

Deputy Headteacher:
Miss L. Ingram



Windmill Road
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP2 4BX
Tel: 01442 426300
Fax: 01442 426302
Email: admin@broadfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk
Web: www.broadfieldprimary.org

Learning for Life

Broadfield Primary School

10 November 2011

NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU BSA! The Broadfield School Association recently presented the school with a cheque for the amazing sum of **£7,195.36** following another productive year of fundraising. This means that over **£75,000** has been raised by the BSA over the past thirteen years. This year's donation is primarily going to be used to help pay for the new fixed play equipment in the Infant Playground. We are indebted to the BSA Committee for all their hard work – most recently at last Friday evening's Infant Disco. If you would like to help at BSA events please email bsa2010@hotmail.co.uk.

BSA CHRISTMAS FAIR. The BSA Christmas Fair will take place from 3.15 to 5.00pm on Friday 2 December. Please send in wine, main raffle prizes, Christmas Hamper items and wrapped sweets to the School Office. The BSA are also looking for tombola prizes and items for the bric-a-brac stall. Cake donations can only be sent in on the day of the Christmas Fair. The event will take place in both main halls and dining halls. All access doors and gates will be open. Please help us to make the Christmas Fair a success by sending in donations now.

WELCOME MISS KOHLER! We extend a very warm welcome this half term to **Miss H. Kohler** who has taken on responsibility for class **3B** for the rest of the school year.

OLYMPIC WEEK. The children enjoyed a great **Olympic Week** just before the half term holiday. Our next Olympic Week will take place in March. The Olympic dressing up day raised over £300 to help pay for the costs of the week. Thank you for your generosity. All of the children now have '**Olympic Scrapbooks**'. They are using them to compile a collection of Olympic themed cuttings, work and photographs. We plan to send the Scrapbooks home at the end of the school year.

CHILDREN IN NEED. I received a lovely letter from Year 5 pupils **Kate Axford** and **Kayleigh Inns** suggesting that we have a '**Pyjama Day**' on Friday 18 November to raise money for **Children in Need**. We have taken on the girls' lovely idea and are now inviting everyone to come to school that day wearing either:

- Pyjamas
- Pyjamas to change into at school
- 'Spotty' clothes on a Children in Need theme
- Non-uniform of any sort

Hopefully everyone will take part. We are suggesting a donation of **50p** per child to go to Children in Need. Kate and Kayleigh will be counting the money and will announce the total in the next newsletter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY. All members of the school community are invited to join us as we observe a minute's silence in the Infant playground at **11am tomorrow** to observe **Remembrance Day**. Please arrive at the main entrance at 10.50am. A trumpeter will signal the end of the minute's silence by playing '**The Last Post**'.

CLUBS. The school continues to offer a wonderful range of **over twenty two** clubs. The range of opportunities open for the children increases with age. We currently run the following clubs:

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| • Breakfast Club | • Wildlife | • Breakfast Chess Club |
| • Nursery Lunch Club | • Football | • Karate |
| • After School Club | • Hockey | • Tennis |
| • Gymnastics | • Ukulele | • Breakfast Football Club |
| • Latin | • Sign Language | • Judo |
| • French | • Nature | • Sing for Fun |
| • KS1 Homework | • Netball | |
| • KS2 Homework | • KS2 Multisports | |

Last week we introduced a new '**Sing for Fun**' club on Wednesday lunchtime for children in KS2. This is no charge for attendance and no forms to fill in. Children just need to go to the KS2 hall at lunchtime where they can sing under the direction of a visiting musician for as little or as long as they like. Clubs information for the Spring term will follow later on this term.

YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY. The Year 4 children are currently away on a three day residential School Journey at **Woodrow High House** in Buckinghamshire. During their time at Woodrow the children will participate in various activities including: **low ropes course, orienteering, archery, blindfolded 'trust' challenge, problem solving tasks, night hike, raft building, camp fire, swimming** and more. I am very grateful to Deputy Headteacher **Miss L. Ingram** and team for giving the Year 4 children such an enriching time away from school.

OCCASIONAL DAY. This is a final reminder that Monday 21 November is not an Occasional Day. The school is open as usual on that day. There was an error sent out on a communication last term. I apologise again for any inconvenience.

FOREST SCHOOL. This year all children in Reception and Year 1 are involved in the Forest School initiative. Forest School has been an initiative that Broadfield has been involved with since 2009. It involves the children visiting the Windmill Nature Area every fortnight for a couple of hours throughout the whole of the school year. During their time at the Forest School the children engage in a variety of activities such as den and shelter building, mud mixing, face painting with mud, working as a team to carry large logs, cooking over a fire and learning to use ropes safely. The Forest School experience has proved to have a really positive impact in terms of the children's personal development, self esteem, language development, self confidence, respect for others, self worth and ability to work in a team. This is having a really positive impact back in the classroom. Reception Forest School Leader **Mrs K McQueen** comments that "*the children always love coming to Forest School. They get really excited about it. They always want to know what we're doing the following week.*" Outdoor Classroom Coordinator **Miss S Long** leads the Forest School work in Year 1.

PARENTS' EVENING HELPERS. Thanks to the following Year 6 children who did a great job welcoming parents to the recent parent/teacher consultations: **Hollie Torris-Horne, Thomas Dandy, Nathan Hansford, Samantha Johnson, Bailey Cowan, Cameron Dobson, Casey Freeman** and **Kelsie Davies**.

BABY NEWS. I am delighted to report that **Mrs Nickolds**, the wife of KS1 Leader and 1N class teacher **Mr M. Nickolds**, recently gave birth to baby **Rosa**. She weighed 8lb 4.5oz and was born at 8.44am on 30 October. Rosa is a sister for Natasha and Hudson. Mrs Nickolds and baby are doing well.

GOODBYE MR CAIRNS. After seven years as a school governor **Mr John Cairns** has decided to step down. We will be making a special presentation to John in assembly tomorrow. John has brought enormous wisdom and experience to the governing body and we shall be sorry to see him go.

BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE POLICY. Schools are required annually to publicise their school behaviour policy to parents. Please ask at the School Office if you would like to receive a copy. We have introduced a new **Lunchtime Detention** this term for children in KS2 to use as a sanction in the occasional cases where there is a more serious breach of The Broadfield Way.

HARVEST THANKS. Thank you for your generous donations of food for the **Dacorum Foodbank** as part of our Harvest celebrations. I attach a letter of thanks that I recently received.

SCHOOL SHOP. Children in KS2 can now access the School Shop which sells various items of stationery. We highly recommend the **handwriting pens** which sell at a special price of just 30p. The shop is managed by children in Year 6 and open at morning playtime.

ATTENDANCE CUP. The **Attendance Cup** was awarded to **RF** this week for having the best attendance in the school so far this term. Their attendance stands at an impressive **97.1%**. Class **5S** are in second place with **96.8%**.

WALK TO SCHOOL. Our **Eco Schools Leader** and Year 3 teacher **Mrs A. Dale** has organised a special assembly on 16 November to promote the value of walking to school. Look out for 'Strider' the Walk to School mascot who will be waiting at the school gates later that week to say 'hello' to the children.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING GALA. As part of the Broadfield Year of the Olympics we are introducing a new **swimming gala** for the Year 6 children on the afternoon of **Wednesday 7 March**. The event will take place at **Cavendish School**. Please speak to me if you have a passion for swimming or enjoy event organisation and would like to be part of the team organising this event.

SNOW CLEARANCE WORKING PARTY. If you are local, healthy and willing to help clear snow from the paths on the school site please let either myself or someone in the School Office know.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP. We've teamed up with **Hertfordshire Adult and Family Service (HAFLS)** to offer a **free Christmas Crafts workshop** for all age groups in the KS2 dining hall from 3.15 to 5.15pm on **Thursday 1 December**. Please see Miss Taylor in the School Office if you'd like to come along and make some Christmas crafts with your child.

IN BRIEF.

- Following helpful feedback from parents and children we have reverted to normal lunchtime arrangements this half term whereby children sit and eat with their own Key Stage rather than across the two dining halls. Thank you for the feedback.
- Please keep sending in your **Nestlé** tokens. We are grateful to parent volunteer **Mrs Walker** (mother of Harry and Tayla) for collating all the tokens we've received so far and trading them in for **weatherproof clothes** for Forest School, **beanbags** for PE and **tee-pees** for classroom use in Foundation Stage.
- The flourishing **After School Club** is seeking donations of good quality games for the children to enjoy. Please leave any items at the School Office clearly marked 'After School Club'.
- **Is your child Starting Reception in Sept 2012?** Our Admissions Officer, **Mrs R. Mehta**, writes: '*Parents of children born between 1.9.07 and 31.8.08 must apply for a Reception place from 14 November via www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. You are reminded that this is a **separate process** and a place in Nursery **does not** give any bearing to a place in Reception. The deadline is **15 January 2012**. Please ring 0300 123 4043 if you would like a paper application form or if you have any queries*'.

BROADFIELD STARS. Well done to the following children who have each achieved something special:

- **Matilda Sangster**, 6T, who helped to raise money for **Young Carers in Hertfordshire** and **Watling View School**.
- **Charlotte Culverhouse**, 4P, who recently entered her first majorette completion. Charlotte writes: '*Dear Mr Heasman, On Sunday it was my majorette competition, it was my first real one. I entered six types of competition and I won half of the ones I entered. I won 2nd in my baton duo, I also won 2nd in my flag solo and won 1st in my fancy strut which mean's when I go to the nationals I can win it in front of the UK. I had a good time as I am hoping Kiya in Year Six did.*'
- **Jack Sullivan**, 3D, who was recently nominated as Best Team Player for his rugby club, Camelot.
- **Alana Harvey** (5S), **Freya Clark** (5S), **Millie Elvy** (5S), **Brooke Biswell** (5S), **Lucy Dell** (5S), **Hollie Torris-Horne** (6T), and **Chanell Haydon** (3D), who all did some super extra research on the Olympic Games following our recent Olympic Week.

SURVEY OF PARENTAL OPINION. Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey of Parental Opinion. Here is a summary of the responses:

		Agree / Strongly Agree (%)	Disagree / Strongly Disagree (%)
1.	My child enjoys school	100	0
2.	The school keeps my child safe	100	0
3.	The school informs me about my child's progress	99	1
4.	My child is making enough progress at this school	98	2
5.	The teaching is good at this school	100	0
6.	The school helps me to support my child's learning	100	0
7.	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	98	1
8.	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group or changing school)	99	1
9.	The school meets my child's particular needs	97	2
10.	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	98	2
11.	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	99	1
12.	The school is led and managed effectively	100	0
13.	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	100	0

Numbers do not necessarily equal 100% due to rounding.

As always, a number of parents chose to write additional comments. Here is a selection of them:

- 'Coffee mornings are great as an opportunity for parents to understand better what is happening in class.'
- 'Bring an adult to school day is great as a chance to experience your child's learning.'
- 'Interaction with the class teacher is good - she's always available.'
- 'My child has been only been at Broadfield for 4 weeks. She absolutely loves coming to school and has made lots of new friends.'
- 'Keep up the great work. It is much appreciated by those who care.'
- 'I am very happy with the school. You have turned my child around and shown him that school is a good place to be!'
- 'I think the school is an excellent example of what a school should be like. It's a shame they aren't all like this.'
- 'Once again, as always, so pleased my child attends such a fantastic school. He loves going and has made many friends.'

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS. There are lots of things that will be happening in the run up to Christmas. Check the list of dates at the end of this newsletter for details of the **FS/KS1/Y3 & Y4 Productions**. A separate letter giving parents the opportunity to order tickets for these events will be sent home next week. We hope to be able to sell a DVD of each of the shows later in the term.

Other key 'Christmas' dates include:

- Friday 2 December 3.15 – 4.30pm **BSA Christmas Fair**
- Monday 5 December – Wednesday 14 December: Christmas Post Box (*Please ensure all cards are in an envelope marked with the child's first name, initial of surname and class*).
- Monday 12 December 1.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Adeyfield Free Church. (*Admission by ticket only; letter to follow*).
- Tuesday 13 December 1.00pm Y5 & Y6 to pantomime at Adeyfield School (letter to follow)
- Thursday 15 December 1.30pm Class Christmas parties (Including Nursery).

Broadfield Primary School Parents' Calendar 2011 – 2012

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Please note that letters may be sent out later in year which amend this calendar

Date	Day	School Event
17-Nov	Thursday	** Walk to School Launch ** (new entry)
18-Nov	Friday	** Children in Need ** (new entry)
19-Nov	Saturday	
22-Nov	Tuesday	** Family Maths Course (1.00-3.00pm) ** (new entry)
23-Nov	Wednesday	January 2012 intake Nursery parents' and children meeting (2.00pm)
26-Nov	Saturday	
29-Nov	Tuesday	FS Christmas Production dress rehearsal (10.15-11.00am)
30-Nov	Wednesday	FS Christmas Production dress rehearsal (2.00-2.45pm)
01-Dec	Thursday	KS1 Christmas Production dress rehearsal (10.00-11.00am) FS Christmas Production (2.00-2.45pm)
02-Dec	Friday	FS Christmas Production (10.15-11.00am) BSA Christmas Fair (3.15-5.00pm)
03-Dec	Saturday	
05-Dec	Monday	KS1 Christmas Production (1.45pm) Christmas post box opens
06-Dec	Tuesday	KS1 Christmas Production (10.00am) Y3/4 Christmas Production dress rehearsal (FS, KS1 and Y5/6 watching) (1.45pm) Parent/Teacher Consultations (children moving to YR) (3.30-5.00pm)
07-Dec	Wednesday	Year 3/4 Christmas Production (2.00pm)
08-Dec	Thursday	Last Y5 swimming this term Year 3/4 Christmas Production (7.00pm)
10-Dec	Saturday	
12-Dec	Monday	KS2 Carol Service at Adeyfield Free Church (1.30pm)
13-Dec	Tuesday	Year 5/6 to pantomime at Adeyfield School (1.00pm)
14-Dec	Wednesday	Last day for Christmas post box
15-Dec	Thursday	Nursery parties am and pm
15-Dec	Thursday	Class Christmas parties (1.30pm) BSA Christmas dressing up day Last day of Autumn Term for Nursery

		Last day for After School Club
16-Dec	Friday	Last day of Autumn Term (School closes at 2.15pm)
17-Dec	Saturday	
19-Dec	Monday	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM 2012

03-Jan	Tuesday	Staff Training Day (School closed)
04-Jan	Wednesday	First day of Spring Term (except Nursery) Nursery staff home visits
05-Jan	Thursday	Nursery staff home visits
06-Jan	Friday	Nursery staff home visits
07-Jan	Saturday	
09-Jan	Monday	Nursery starts for older (existing) children. Parents of new starters (Jan intake) should refer to the letter with their specific start date
12-Jan	Thursday	Y5 swimming resumes
14-Jan	Saturday	
21-Jan	Saturday	
28-Jan	Saturday	
03-Feb	Friday	KS2 BSA Valentine Disco (6.00-8.00pm)
04-Feb	Saturday	
08-Feb	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations (Yrs 1 – 6) (3.30-6.30pm)
09-Feb	Thursday	Parent/Teacher consultations (Yrs 1 – 6) (3.30-6.30pm)
11-Feb	Saturday	
13-17 Feb	Monday - Friday	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
18-Feb	Saturday	
20-Feb	Monday	School resumes
25-Feb	Saturday	
29-Feb	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) (3.30-5.00pm)
01-Mar	Thursday	Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) (3.30-5.00pm)
03-Mar	Saturday	
05-Mar	Monday	Olympic Week 2
06-Mar	Tuesday	Olympic Week 2
07-Mar	Wednesday	Olympic Week 2 <i>** Y6 Swimming Gala at Cavendish School (1.00-3.00pm) ** new entry</i>
08-Mar	Thursday	Olympic Week 2
09-Mar	Friday	Olympic Week 2
10-Mar	Saturday	
12-Mar	Monday	
17-Mar	Saturday	
20-Mar	Tuesday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
21-Mar	Wednesday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
22-Mar	Thursday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
23-Mar	Friday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
24-Mar	Saturday	
28-Mar	Wednesday	Y2 visit St Albans Cathedral
29-Mar	Thursday	Last Y5 swimming this term Nursery Ends Last day for After School Club
30-Mar	Friday	Last day of Spring Term (School closes at 2.15pm)
31-Mar	Saturday	
02-Apr	Monday	EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2012

16-Apr	Monday	Staff Training Day (School closed)
17-Apr	Tuesday	First day of Summer Term (incl Nursery)
21-Apr	Saturday	
25-Apr	Wednesday	FS Sponsored Circuits (to be confirmed)
26-Apr	Thursday	FS Sponsored Circuits (to be confirmed) BSA Bag to School collection (2.00pm)
27-Apr	Friday	Y1 – Y6 Fun Run (1.30pm)
28-Apr	Saturday	
01-May	Monday	<i>** Y1 visit to Discovery Centre, Bracknell ** (new entry)</i>
04-May	Friday	BSA FS/KS1 Disco (5.00-6.30pm)
05-May	Saturday	

07-May	Monday	Bank Holiday: School closed
12-May	Saturday	
14-May	Monday	KS2 SATS
15-May	Tuesday	KS2 SATS
16-May	Wednesday	KS2 SATS
17-May	Thursday	KS2 SATS
18-May	Friday	School Photographer – Classes/Teams
19-May	Saturday	
21-May	Monday	
26-May	Saturday	
29-May	Tuesday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
30-May	Wednesday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
31-May	Thursday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
01-Jun	Friday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
02-Jun	Saturday	
04-08 Jun	Monday - Friday	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
09-Jun	Saturday	
11-Jun	Monday	Staff Training Day (School closed)
12-Jun	Tuesday	School resumes Olympic Week 3
13-Jun	Wednesday	Olympic Week 3
14-Jun	Thursday	Olympic Week 3
15-Jun	Friday	Olympic Week 3 Broadfield Olympics at Jarman Park Athletics Track (all day)
16-Jun	Saturday	
18-Jun	Monday	Whole school theatre performance - Salt Mine Theatre Company
21-Jun	Thursday	Open Evening and Book Fair (6.00-8.00pm)
23-Jun	Saturday	
28-Jun	Thursday	Parents' meeting – new entrants to Reception (4.30pm)
30-Jun	Saturday	BSA Summer Fete (11.30am-2.00pm)
02-Jul	Monday	Y5/6 Production dress rehearsal (FS, KS1, Y3 + Y4 watching) (1.30pm)
03-Jul	Tuesday	Y5/6 Production (1.45pm)
04-Jul	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations – children leaving Nursery (3.30-5.00pm) Y5/6 Production (7.00pm)
05-Jul	Thursday	Y6 Induction Day at new secondary schools Y2 to Roald Dahl Children's Gallery Parent/Teacher consultations – children leaving Nursery (3.30-5.00pm)
07-Jul	Saturday	
10-Jul	Tuesday	Transition afternoon (all classes N – Y5 with new teacher) (1.30-2.55pm)
11-Jul	Wednesday	Parents' Meeting – New entrants to Nursery (2.00pm) Leavers' Disco (6.00-8.00pm)
12-Jul	Thursday	Y2 Parents' meeting – moving to KS2 (2.15pm)
14-Jul	Saturday	
19-Jul	Thursday	Last day of Summer Term for Nursery Last day for After School Club
20-Jul	Friday	FS/KS1 Closing Assembly (9.45am) Y6 Leavers' Assembly (10.45am) Last Day of Summer Term (School closes at 2.15pm)
21-Jul	Saturday	
23-Jul	Monday	Occasional Day (School closed)
24-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Holiday



Broadfield Primary School
Windmill Rd
Hemel Hempstead
Herts HP2 4BX

31/10/11

Dacorum foodbank
The Hub
Paradise Depot
Paradise
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire
HP2 4TF

t: 01442 250969
e: office@dacorumfoodbank.org.uk
www.dacorumfoodbank.org.uk

Open Monday-Friday 10:00-12:00
(except bank holidays)

Dear Mr Heasman

We are very grateful to you for the Harvest donation you supplied to us. As you may know we launched the Dacorum Foodbank with great success on 16th September approx 70 people turned up to support us, and The Mayor of the Borough of Dacorum Cllr. Gillian Chapman unveiled a plaque which is now installed in the entrance of The Hub. This also made the front page of the Gazette.

In our first month of using vouchers we have helped 40 families/individuals. This is set to continue as we increase the numbers of organisations holding vouchers.

The response from organisations, churches, schools and individuals have been amazing and deliveries have been coming in thick and fast including one Monday when we took 14 different donations in! We've not finished weighing the harvest food in yet but have had over 6,000kg food given so far...!! In previous years this has lasted until the summer but we know we are going to have to keep collecting certain items so we keep up with demand.

If you wish to continue collecting please let us know and we can supply you with a poster, and also let you know (preferably via e mail) when we have a specific need.

Please find enclosed a certificate for you to display.

Once again thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bennett
The Dacorum Foodbank Team



Broadfield Primary School

An Olympic hopeful returned to his primary school to inspire youngsters to leap for their dreams.

Under-18s triple jump champion Bradley Pike visited Broadfield Primary School as part of an Olympic-themed week.

He has hopes of competing in the 2016 Olympic Games.

Headteacher Matthew Heasman said: "He was not only an example of athletic prowess but also a model of modesty. It was more than just about sport. It was about character and integrity – he was a good role model!"

The school has planned to host three Olympic-themed weeks in the run-up to the London games and Bradley – pictured right (11-1173) showing off his gigantic jumping skills – has agreed to return and help out at the school's own mini version of the Olympic Games next June.

Meanwhile cash saved up over many years has paid for new play equipment at the school in Windmill Road, Hemel Hempstead.

The pirate ship has been such a hit with youngsters that they do not want to go home at the end of the day. Instead they leave mums and dads waiting while they climb aboard for some imaginative fun.

Mr Heasman said: "It is a nice problem that no one wants to go home."

The play equipment was officially opened by Jane Prior, pictured left (11-1155) who was headteacher at Broadfield Infants' School before it merged with the junior school in 2008.

2. 1. 1