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*Learning for Life*

## Broadfield Primary School

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### OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

**IT'S OFFICIAL: WE'RE FULL!** I'm delighted to say that for the first time since the school opened in January 2008 that we are now officially full. The school roll has grown by over 50 places over the last three and a half years and we are now no longer able to accept any new pupils. When the second cohort of Nursery children join us in January we will have 480 children on roll. A full roll brings increased stability in the classrooms and a higher level of resources for the children, Staff are still fully committed to maintaining an ethos where 'every child is known and cared for as an individual' despite the large number of children in the school. Thank you for your confidence in the quality of education that we are providing. The vast majority of new entrants to Broadfield have come as a result of word of mouth recommendations.

**BRING YOUR SPECIAL ADULT TO SCHOOL WEEK.** Thank you for all the helpful feedback from last week's highly successful 'Bring Your Special Adult to School Week' which saw nearly 200 adults accompanying their child to school.. We will take on board your comments when planning the next event. Amongst the dozens of appreciative letters, emails and cards received were the following comments:

*'What a treat being in my grandson's class; I was fascinated and enjoyed every minute. Now I know why my grandson just loves going to school!'*

*'What an excellent idea enabling parents to sit alongside their child. It was exciting to see the things the children got up to and learnt during the lesson!'*

*'I like the way 'The Broadfield Way' was emphasized throughout the assembly. It's a good thing for the kids to follow!'*

*'I enjoyed being able to observe my child in their school environment in such a lovely, relaxed, informal way. I really enjoyed the morning.'*

*'The staff were very welcoming!'*

**OLYMPIC WEEK ONE.** Our Olympics Work Party has planned **three super weeks of Olympic events** spread throughout this school year. The first week takes place from **17-21 October**. The children are invited to come to school in their PE kit, football (or other sports) or national dress on Monday 17 October. We are asking that they bring a contribution of **£1** to help pay for the costs of the Olympic Week. I will send out a separate reminder letter about this event. We have bought every child a **scrapbook** for them to compile a collection of work and cuttings in over the course of the year. Hopefully this will be a memento that they will keep for years to come. We will also be launching a new **behaviour** and **attitude** incentive scheme called **'Going for Gold'**. Children will be awarded with **bronze, silver** or **gold** stickers on their own record card **as they achieve personal targets** or demonstrate Olympic values such as **'courage'** or **'respect'**. The week will also feature a **theatre visit** and various other visitors will be coming to the school to talk to the children about different aspects of the Olympic Games. A visit from former Broadfield pupil and now top triple jump athlete **Bradley Pike** will round off the week.

**'OUR OLYMPICS, OUR WORLD' CULTURAL EVENING.** As part of our first Olympics Week, Year 6 teacher and joint KS2 leader **Miss A Tinsley** has organised an **'Our Olympics, Our World' Cultural Evening** from 6.45 to 8.00pm on **Wednesday 19 October**. Come along and enjoy **free food** and **cultural activities** from across the globe. We are grateful to **Sainsbury's** in Apsley for their support of this event. Look out for a separate letter giving more information.

**CAKE SALE SUCCESS.** Thanks for your support for the recent **KS2 Cake Sale** for the **Guide Dogs** charity organised by Year 6 pupils **Becca Byford, Casey Freeman** and **Bailey Cowan** in response to the visit of Steve Cunningham, 'the fastest blind man on the planet'. The children raised an amazing **£100** for the Guide Dogs charity.

**CYCLING TO SCHOOL.** The majority of the Year 5 children have successfully completed their Bikeability training over the past fortnight. Well done, children! Any child is permitted to cycle to school on the condition that their parent signs and follows the Cycle Policy available from the School Office. Parents are reminded that cycles should

not be ridden on the school grounds at any time and that children are **required to wear a cycle helmet** if they are cycling to school.

**SURVEY OF PARENTAL OPINION.** In the next few days we will be sending home our annual **Survey of Parental Opinion**. Although it is still quite early in the school year we find this survey very helpful in capturing parents' views on a variety of aspects of school life. The questions are the same as those that would be used by Ofsted as part of an inspection. Please return your completed form to your child's teacher by Friday 21 October.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS.** Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 should by now have received information about the date and time of next week's parent/teacher consultations. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have not received an appointment. Consultations for parents of children in **Foundation Stage** will take place from 3.30 - 5.00pm on **Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November**. A separate letter will follow.

**UNIVERSITY OF HERTS MASTER CLASS.** Deputy Headteacher **Miss L Ingram** has arranged an exciting link this school year with the **University of Hertfordshire** and **Adeyfield School**. As part of the partnership, staff from the University and Adeyfield School will work with **gifted and talented mathematicians** in **Year 6**. What a wonderful opportunity!

**GETTING READY FOR WINTER.** Although it's still only early October no doubt the colder weather will be here soon and then with it the threat of snow as we move into Winter. Following its success last year we are once again forming a **Parents' Snow Clearance Team** who will receive a text alert then meet on site to work with staff to clear pathways in the event of heavy snow. Please look out for the letter that will be sent home soon and sign up if you can help. Parents are reminded as it becomes colder that every child should have a coat (clearly labelled with his or her name) in school every day.

**HOLIDAY DATES.** A full list of holiday dates for 2011/12 is attached. Parents are reminded that Monday 21 November is a normal school day (and not an occasional day) following an error in a previous communication. Holidays booked in term time will almost always not be authorised. Requests for absence of any sort must be made in writing on the form available from the school office or on the school website ([www.broadfieldprimary.org](http://www.broadfieldprimary.org))

**HARVEST COLLECTION.** Thank you for your generous support of this year's **Harvest Appeal**. The children enjoyed listening to **Owen Cooper** of **Dacorum Foodbank** in a recent assembly. The boxes of food will be taken to the Foodbank depot by parent volunteers today. If you still wish to donate food for this good cause, please leave your donations at the **Windmill Children's Centre**.

**EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND VISITORS.** The following events have been discussed to enrich the children's education:

Date	Year Group	Visit/Visitor
6 October	4	Visit to British Museum
11 October	5 and 6	Drugs education visit
14 October	5	Visit to Hatfield House
18 October	Whole school	Quantum Theatre visit ('Personal Best')
20 October	2	Visit to Hemel Hempstead Central Library
9 - 11 November	4	School Journey to Woodrow High House
10 November	2	Victorian Day in school
11 November	Whole school	Visit of professional trumpeter
13 December	5 and 6	Visit to Adeyfield School Pantomime

**REMEMBRANCE DAY.** Parents are invited to join the whole school in the Infant playground at 10.50am (for 11.00am) on Friday 11 November when a professional trumpeter will be playing **The Last Post** as part of our short time of silence in memory of those who suffer or have suffered as a result of conflict across the world. Please arrive via the main entrance.

**DRIVER REQUIRED.** We are looking for a driver to go to an address in **Luton** to deliver some **boxes of sports kit** that the **School Council** have collected for schools in **Uganda**. Please let me know if you are able to assist.

#### **IN BRIEF.**

- Our electronic payment system (**Wisepay**) is now fully up and running following some technical difficulties earlier this term. You can access Wisepay via the homepage on the school website.
- Parents of children in Year 4 and below are reminded that their child should be brought to school and collected by an adult. Please let your child's class teacher know if somebody different from usual is collecting your child.
- **Windmill Children's Centre** urgently needs some volunteers to help at a very busy parent and toddler group in Highfield on Tuesday mornings. Transport can be provided if required. Please call 426303 or pop into the Children's Centre for more details.

- Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded that the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is **Monday 31 October**. If you are making a paper application then you are encouraged to do so by Friday 21 October. Online applications can be made via [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions).

**STAFF CHANGES.** I am pleased to report that we have appointed a new teacher for class 3B from November. More information will be sent to parents of children in 3B in due course. Mrs Holmes, the current teacher, will be emigrating from the UK later next month. We will miss her and thank her for her valuable work at Broadfield. We also welcome **Mr J Byrne** as a new Mealtime Supervisory Assistant (MSA) **Mrs D Morris** as a maternity cover MSA and **Miss R Arkle** as a casual Teaching Assistant. We also say 'goodbye for now' to MSA **Mrs K Horton** who has gone on maternity leave.

**GOVERNING BODY CHANGES.** The following changes have taken place in the Broadfield Governing Body this term:

- Nr N Evans** has been appointed **Chair of Governors**
- Mr J Lee** has been appointed **Vice Chair of Governors**
- Mr J Adams, Mr J Thomson** and **Mrs C Burns** have stepped down from the governing body after many years of service. We are very grateful to them for the real impact they have had in helping the school to continually improve and develop. **Mr Adams** was very involved in the oversight of the Windmill Children's Centre and **Mr Thomson** helped steer the school's work in ICT. **Mrs Burns** has served on the governing body over very many years and has been very influential in helping the school to develop in numerous ways.

**BROADFIELD STARS.** The following members of the school community have each achieved something special:

- Ashleigh Seager** (4F) of Bury Judo Club who gained a **silver medal** in the 8-9 years under 28kg Welsh National Judo Championship at Hereford.
- Nathan Hopkins** (4P) who has been nominated for a **2011 Herts Award** at the Watford Colosseum later this month.
- The following pupils have passed the following grades in Mr Keegan's **Karate Club**:  
 White to Red belt - **Jessica Hurman** (5S), **Aidan Loughran** (4F)  
 Red to Orange belt - **James Hayward** (5S), **Michael Hristozov** (3D), **Ellen Lamb** (4F), **Aiden Mitchell** (5S) **Andrew Boardman** (5B), **Emily Lovegrove** (4F), **Molly Ward** (4F), **Kai Chalmers** (4P), **Chantelle Cripps** (4P)
- Svetlana Nanda** (2W) who has moved to **ASA Swimming Stage 4**. Her swimming teacher commented that '*Svetlana works very hard at swimming and is a pleasure to teach*'

**LAST DAY OF HALF TERM.** School closes for the half term holiday at the normal time on Friday 21 October. The term resumes on **Tuesday 1 November**.

**DATES FOR THE YEAR.** Below is a an updated summary of dates for the rest of the school year. We will update the online diary as new dates are added and changes made. To make it easier for you to identify the changes they are asterisked and in italics with an explanation in brackets of the change, eg (*new entry*) or (*was 28 Mar*).

## **AUTUMN TERM 2011**

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

Date	Day	School Event
07-Oct	Friday	Walk to School Week School Photographer - portraits
08-Oct	Saturday	
12-Oct	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher Consultations (Y1 – Y6, 3.30 – 6.30pm)
13-Oct	Thursday	Parent/Teacher Consultations (Y1 – Y6, 3.30 – 6.30pm)
14-Oct	Friday	Year 5 to Hatfield House
15-Oct	Saturday	
17-Oct	Monday	Olympic Week 1 ('Everyone an Olympian' sports dressing up day) <b>**YR Coffee Morning 9.15-9.45am**</b> ( <i>new entry</i> )
18-Oct	Tuesday	Olympic Week 1 (Including whole school theatre performance)
19-Oct	Wednesday	Olympic Week 1 ('Our Olympics, Our World' Cultural Evening, 6.45-8.00pm)
20-Oct	Thursday	Olympic Week 1
21-Oct	Friday	Olympic Week 1
22-Oct	Saturday	
24- 28 Oct	Monday - Friday	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
29-Oct	Saturday	
31-Oct	Monday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
01-Nov	Tuesday	Term Resumes
02-Nov	Wednesday	<b>** BSA Bag to School collection (2.00pm) **</b> ( <i>was 3 Nov</i> )
04-Nov	Friday	BSA FS/KS1 disco (5.00 –6.30pm)

05-Nov	Saturday	
08-Nov	Tuesday	Parent /Teacher Consultations – Foundation Stage (3.30-5.00pm)
09- Nov	Wednesday	Parent /Teacher Consultations – Foundation Stage (3.30-5.00pm) Year 4 School Journey to Woodrow High House
10-Nov	Thursday	Year 4 School Journey to Woodrow High House <b>** Year 2 Victorian Day **</b> (new entry)
11-Nov	Friday	Year 4 School Journey to Woodrow High House
12-Nov	Saturday	
19-Nov	Saturday	
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 (3.15-4.30pm)
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) <b>** BSA Christmas dressing up day **</b> (new entry) Last day of Autumn Term for Nursery Last day for After School Club
16-Dec	Friday	Last day of Autumn Term (School closes 2.15pm)
17-Dec	Saturday	
19-Dec	Monday	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

## **SPRING TERM 2012**

03-Jan	Tuesday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
04-Jan	Wednesday	<b>First day of Spring Term (except Nursery)</b> 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	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
18-Feb	Saturday	
20-Feb	Monday	<b>School resumes</b>
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
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	<b>** Y2 visit St Albans Cathedral ** (new entry)</b>
29-Mar	Thursday	Last Y5 swimming this term Nursery Ends Last day for After School Club
30-Mar	Friday	<b>Last day of Spring Term (School closes at 2.15pm)</b>
31-Mar	Saturday	
02-Apr	Monday	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>

## SUMMER TERM 2012

16-Apr	Monday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
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) <b>** BSA Bags to School collection (2.00pm) ** (was 28 Mar)</b>
27-Apr	Friday	Y1 – Y6 Fun Run (1.30pm)
28-Apr	Saturday	
04-May	Friday	<b>** BSA FS/KS1 Disco (5.00-6.30pm) ** (note change of end time)</b>
05-May	Saturday	
07-May	Monday	<b>Bank Holiday School closed</b>
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	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
09-Jun	Saturday	
11-Jun	Monday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
12-Jun	Tuesday	<b>School resumes</b> 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	<b>** Whole school 'Olympics' theatre performance ** (new entry)</b>
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 <b>** Y2 to Roald Dahl Children's Gallery ** (new entry)</b> 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) <b>Last Day of Summer Term (School closes at 2.15pm)</b>
21-Jul	Saturday	
23-Jul	Monday	<b>Occasional Day (School closed)</b>
24-Jul	Tuesday	<b>Summer Holiday</b>

### **BROADFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2011 - 2012**

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2011</b>	
Half term holiday	Monday 24 October - Friday 28 October
Staff training day	Monday 31 October
Second half of term starts	Tuesday 1 November
Term ends	Friday 16 December (2.15pm) (Nursery Thursday 15 December)

<b>SPRING TERM 2012</b>	
Staff training day	Tuesday 3 January
Term starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half term holiday	Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February
Term ends	Friday 30 March (2.15pm) (Nursery Thursday 29 March)

<b>SUMMER TERM 2012</b>	
Staff training day	Monday 16 April
Term starts	Tuesday 17 April
Bank holiday	Monday 7 May (School closed)
Half term holiday	Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June
Staff training day	Monday 11 June
Second half of term starts	Tuesday 12 June
Term ends	Friday 20 July (2.15pm) (Nursery Thursday 19 July)

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2012</b>	
Staff training day	Monday 3 September
Term starts	Tuesday 4 September