

## Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

### Headteacher's Newsletter

May 2024

#### WHAT LEARNING HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

At Broadbent Fold we continue to provide a rich and broad curriculum, which meets the needs of all our pupils and gets them prepared for their future. This term has been packed:

**EYFS** – Pupils have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They planted their own beans and have been taking good care of them. EYFS have been learning all about what plants need to grow. The seeds grew so huge!

**Year 1** – The children have been learning all about where the North Pole, South Pole and equator are on a globe and comparing the key features of hot and cold places. They had a video call from a South Pole explorer and a trip to Eureka! What a lucky bunch of pupils.

**Year 2** – Our pupils have been learning to survive in the woods, obviously with the help from Mrs Anson! They have been growing, planting and creating dens.

**Year 3** – As well as their linking project, pupils have been going back in time to WW2. They visited Stockport Air Raid Shelter and have done some impressive writing.

**Year 4** – Have been inspired by their work on Mountains and created water colour paintings represented Cezanne's Mont Sainte Victoire. They are also learning their times tables facts ready for the test in June.

**Year 5** – The Anglo Saxons have taken over year 5. They have loved this topic and some of the more gruesome elements to learning the historical facts about battles.

**Year 6** – Have been doing lots of revision, but aside from that they have been reading Skelling and composing some outstanding pieces of work.



#### ATTENDANCE

As a school we aim for 98% attendance, which is above the national average each year. Please look at your child's attendance certificate on Arbor, as this will show you their percentage. Term-time holidays are not authorised. Fines are currently being issued for unauthorised absences and letters sent home to remind families about the importance of attendance. Children who are as low as 90%, will be invited in for an attendance review on how we can improve this. If you feel you need support, please contact school.

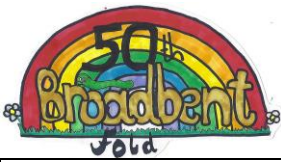
#### CURRICULUM

**'Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum. This helps pupils, including those with SEND, to acquire and develop the knowledge that they need to succeed.'** Ofsted 2023



**Lum Head Linking School Project** - For our School Linking Project Broadbent Fold Primary welcomed Lum Head Primary. Children really enjoyed creating a Together Town collage together, writing Together poems. Most importantly it was a special day creating memories with their new friends. The staff and pupils expressed lovely comments about our school and pupils. You should be proud year 3.

**Careers Week** – This took place this week and in line with our school moto - Learning Today for Tomorrow's World. Pupils will be exploring skills they need for jobs now and in the future. We have: *Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire Service, accountant, GB athlete, Sale Sharks rugby player, Engineer, architect, Holy Trinity* to name but a few. Thank you to our



families who are supporting this week too. We are reviewing our curriculum and ensuring these skills are embedded into learning. Have a look on our blog for our pictures and questions all week.

**Blindside** – Year 5 and 6 watched a performance called 'Blindside'. This was a monologue highlighting the sensitive topic of violence against women and girls. Following the performance, we worked in groups to discuss the mature content of the themes explored. The children were respectful and sensible and all discussed how to spot signs of an unhealthy relationship and who they could turn to for help. We are very proud of our pupils and the mature attitude today.



**Outdoors** – Our school planter at the front of school was kindly donated to school by Stalybridge Women's Institute. Mrs Holt from the WI came to visit school to see how the flowers in the planter were developing. Mrs Holt was very happy that the Eco leaders have been looking after planter so well and have planted new bulbs and bedding plants. The Eco leaders also showed Mrs Holt our vegetable garden and the crocuses flowers that we had planted in the winter. Mrs Holt showed us a bird's nest that she had found in her garden. In gardening club we have weeded the

beds and planted some carrot and lettuce seeds. We were delighted to find that our apple trees and cherry trees are producing flowers. Fingers crossed we will get lots of fruit in the autumn!

**Rugby** – The Jason Robinson Trust have been in school delivering rugby lessons to our KS2 pupils. Charlie Felix Baffour has been in school teaching us his skills from Sale Sharks. **Mini Marathon** – Our pupils have been taking part in the TCS Mini Marathon where they had



until the 10th May to try to run 2.6 miles. They have found some sessions difficult but showed great perseverance and kept moving. Well done everyone! **Disney Football** - Lots of fun was had at the Disney Shooting Stars club with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. They played lots of games focusing on fundamental movement skills whilst pretending to be a Disney character. We also practised our dribbling skills, throwing and catching.



**DRUHM** – The whole school took part in DRUHM fitness where we put our BEAT, RHYTHM and Fitness to the test. We were enhancing our hand-eye-foot coordination, rhythm, timing and proprioception, the awareness and position of our body in space and time. Oh what fun we had! Thank you for organising Miss Mainprize.

**THANK YOU and Goodbye!**

**We say a huge goodbye and good luck to Mr Higham – thank you for all you have done! Thank you to the brilliant staff and pupils at Broadbent Fold, who make our school superb each day. Thank you also to our volunteers who help support reading and forest school. You are marvellous. We shall see you all on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**