



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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World Book Day

During book week, Miss Harmer, our librarian, held various activities and quizzes in the library during lunchtimes to celebrate World Book Day and promote our children's love of reading! On Thursday 6th March 2014, our house captains held a book exchange. On the day children were invited to bring in any books they had outgrown or no longer needed. They then received a book token that was used to claim a book donated by another child. Thank you to all those who supported this event.



As part of Sainsbury's World Book Day celebrations, the Tunbridge Wells store invited children's author Jane Hissey into their store on Thursday 6th March. Jane is best known for her famous 'Old Bear' book. Our Year 2 class were lucky enough to be invited to hear Jane read extracts from 'Old Bear' and her other stories. Sainsbury's provided the children with healthy snacks and Jane was kind enough to give every child a signed copy of one of her books, as well as the school a signed original print for our school library. This was an amazing event to be part of and we are very grateful to Sainsbury's for inviting us and to Jane Hissey for her generosity.



Mother's Day Portrait Competition

A big congratulations to Tom Hickson-Smith who was chosen as a Highly Commended Winner in this year's Mother's Day Portrait Competition at Royal Victoria Place. The Mother's Day Portrait Gallery will be open until Sunday 6th April and all the entries from Broadwater Down, and other schools in the local area, are on display to the public if you would like to view them. The Gallery is located on the Upper Mall opposite Costa Coffee at Royal Victoria Place. Through winning the competition, Tom has won an amazing £300 for our school! Well done Tom!

New Curtains

This week we have had new curtains fitted in the school hall. They look fantastic and will make a huge difference to the school. The children are particularly excited about them but have assured the staff that they have just been put up for the Easter disco and will be taken down after the school holidays!





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Round Table Giveaway

Recently the PTA applied for the annual Round Table Giveaway and were lucky enough to receive a generous £250 towards our school library. After discussion with Miss Harmer, our school librarian, the PTA put the money towards buying a new display bookcase for Key Stage 1 books, as well as buying over 60 books for the library! These included some reference books and a good range of both classic and more modern titles for all the children to enjoy. We would like to say a big thank you to the Round Table and are extremely grateful for their generosity.

Sport Relief

Sport Relief in March saw our children running 1 mile around our school grounds! Great fun was had by all and we would like to thank all the children who took part and everyone who sponsored them. Due to your generosity we raised an amazing £520! Sport Relief will now use this money to help transform lives both in the UK and across the world.



Meet the Headteacher

Our new Headteacher, Vicki Lonie, is very much looking forward to meeting you all in the new term and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to our school. On Thursday 24th April, Mrs Lonie would like to invite you into school to meet her. There will be two sessions available: 9am and 7.30pm.

DATES FOR TERM 5 2013/2014

22nd April: Staff Development Day—No school for pupils

23rd April: Start of Term 5

24th April: 9am/7.30pm: 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions

5th May: May Day Bank Holiday—No school for pupils

Week beginning 12th May: Key Stage 2 SATs

23rd May: End of Term 5

3rd June: Staff Development Day—No school for pupils

4th June: Start of Term 6

Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff, parents, Governors, volunteers, PTA and pupils for all your support and hard work during my time as Acting Headteacher. I have really enjoyed the role and could not have done it without you all! I am looking forward to resuming my role as Deputy Headteacher after Easter and to having my own class from September. I am committed to supporting the school on its continuing journey of improvement. Thank you.

Emily Lightbody, Acting Headteacher