



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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## Out and About

**Now that the new classroom is fully installed, work on the development of the school grounds can continue.**

**Thank you for your patience with the walk around the school for drop-off and pick-up. Widening and extension of the path leading to the playground from the front of the school is planned for half-term.**

**Hopefully, this will mean that all pupils can soon be dropped off and picked up from the playground via the new path. Access around the back of the school will cease.**

**The development of the woodland has recommenced with clearing of dead/unwanted wood and brambles, installation of pond liner and a dipping platform in November and the installation of the outdoor classroom once these works are completed.**



**I am also very excited to announce the start of the Early Excellence project running at Broadwater. This involves our Early Years staff working with an Early Excellence expert to design and create an inspirational, engaging outside learning environment for our pupils. Plans will be shared once finalised—ideas so far include a builders' merchants, mud kitchen, outside home corner and stage. Please see the next page for items that we need...**



## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 19th Oct	Maths Week
Wed 21st Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 22nd Oct	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of Term 1
	Spooky Disco
Monday 2nd November	First day of Term 2
	Enterprise Week
Friday 13th Nov	Children in Need
Monday 16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th Nov	Open Morning for Reception Class 2016
Friday 27th Nov	Home Clothes Day for £1
Tuesday 15th Dec	6.30pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mark's Church
Wed 16th Dec	2pm Foundation & KS1 (Yrs R-2) Christmas Play

## Further INSET Days:

Monday 4th January  
 Monday 22nd February (Provisional)  
 Monday 6th June

## Sports Mark

We are very pleased and proud to announce that we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Award!



This is a national award that recognises the sporting provision here at Broadwater Down, including the Sainsbury's events we have competed in.

It is a fantastic achievement for the school and the hard work for the Silver Award starts now!

Mr Neill and Miss Davis (Sports Leaders)

## Greenhouse for Sale

Buyer to deconstruct and remove.

If you are interested, please come to see me or email to make me an offer!





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## Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

24th September 2015

It was the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition. The competition concerns gardens and gardening. Our school entered the competition hoping for good results from the judges.

It was held at Hotel du Vin, where many other people who had entered other categories were waiting for the mayor to reveal the bronze, silver, silver gilt, gold and the gold and overall winner.

The schools category came first and the prizes were given. It went through bronze, silver, silver gilt and gold. At this time we



were thinking that we were not going to receive a prize. Then the gold and overall winner was awarded. To our colossal surprise we were given

the prize for our genius use of recyclable materials to construct our mini greenhouse. So we should give a huge thanks to Penny Kift for this amazing achievement.

By Emilia Taylor (Head Girl)

Do you have any of the following to spare....?

house bricks  
trowels  
spanners  
saucepans  
baking trays  
mixing bowls  
kitchen utensils



fabrics  
large plant pots  
large cardboard boxes



**CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Neill who marries his beautiful bride this Saturday. Have a great day!**



## Car Park

As a reminder, parents and children should always use the footpath which runs from the main gate to the school.

For those parents/pupils with bikes and scooters, these should only be ridden once off the school site, not within the car park area.



## Website

Just a reminder that the website is updated with photographs of recent events, curriculum newsletters, learning logs and school policies, including the complaints policy. The calendar is updated for the term ahead, once dates have been finalised within school. Unfortunately, this cannot be done too far in advance as dates for staff training and similar events are not released until nearer the time and we try to avoid changing dates once they are set. Look us up at [www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk](http://www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk). The website is currently being revamped for a more up-to-date look. Watch this space!

## Half Term Break

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

I look forward to seeing you at the start of next term, on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Lonie



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## PTA SPECIAL

### PTA Events This Term

- Spooky Disco** Friday 23rd October  
5-6.30pm
- Home Clothes Day for £1 donation** Friday 27th November
- Christmas Event** Friday 4th December  
3.30-5.30pm
- More details about this event can be found opposite.

### And your help is needed....

Please remember that all parents are members of the PTA and as such, any help, however small, is vital to the success of the group. If you would like to find out how you can help, please speak to Lauren. Contact details opposite.

Some ways to help.....

- Bring in cleaned jam jars
  - Take Christmas raffle tickets into work or around the neighbourhood to sell
  - Bring in old CDs, DVDs and computer games
  - Bake mince pies for the Reception Open Morning on 17th November
  - Bake mince pies or Christmas biscuits for the Foundation & KS1 (Yrs R-2) Christmas Play
  - Help serve teas and coffees at the two events above
  - (Please tell us if you plan to do any of the last three suggestions)
  - Donate good quality unwanted school uniform
- Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### NEW Christmas Event

This year the PTA will be holding a special Christmas event for the children. For £7.50 each (£5 for third sibling), the children can enter into our Christmas wonderland to take part in craft activities, competitions and games. There will be an opportunity to see Santa and food will be provided.

Last year's Christmas fair was a real success and I'm sure this new event for children only will be even more enjoyable.



### Help needed....

- Can you help to run a stall, oversee craft activities, games or the film room, or help provide food from the kitchen?**
- Can you help with preparation beforehand—wrapping presents, producing posters, preparing prizes?**
- Can you help with securing prizes for the raffle? Do you know any local businesses or companies who would be willing to kindly donate any prizes?**
- If yes, please can you let Lauren (Siofra and Cerys's mum) know.**

Her e-mail address is [lozzared@mac.com](mailto:lozzared@mac.com)

### Christmas Cards

*The children have created Christmas cards this term which have been sent away for publication. Please support the PTA by purchasing sets of cards for your friends and family.*



### Bags for Life

Bags will be sent home this week. Please fill them with any unwanted clothing (not uniform) and place in the greenhouse before 17th November. Bags are collected and money is raised for the PTA.