



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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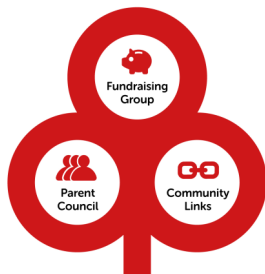


Parents and Friends

It was great to see so many parents come along to find out about Broadwater Down Parents and Friends last Thursday.

This is the name we have given our school community and the plan we have devised to increase parental involvement in school life.

The meetings began with parents and grandparents working together to build the tallest tower (and I can assure you there were some very impressive structures) and then staff and parents explained how parents can get involved in the following ways:



Thank you to Emma, Dawn and Sarah for their help and support. If you would like to know more, please go to the website: Parents/Parents and Friends and Parent Council.

Tuesday 1st November

If you would like to help out next term, could you spare half an hour or so to cut out and laminate resources for the teachers? If you are artistic, you could also help out with putting up displays.

If you can make the date, please let me know.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Friday 21st Oct	5.30pm - 7pm Spooky Disco
Monday 31st Oct	Enterprise Week
Wed 9th Nov	2.50pm Year 6 Assembly
Friday 11th Nov	Home Clothes Day for £1
Monday 14th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18th Nov	Children in Need—Dress as a superhero
Friday 25th Nov	Home Clothes for contribution of chocolate/bottle for PTA
Friday 9th Dec (TBC)	3.30pm Christmas Fair
Monday 12th Dec	1.30pm *See below
Tuesday 13th Dec	2pm FS/KS1 Christmas
Wednesday 14th Dec	9.30am Production
Tuesday 20th Dec	6.30pm KS2 Christmas Service at St Mark's Church
Thursday 22nd Dec	Start of Christmas holiday
Wednesday 4th Jan	Start of Spring Terms

Next year's INSET Days:

Tuesday 3rd January
Monday 5th June

*FS/KS1 Christmas performance dress rehearsal, suitable for those with toddlers and babies.

Keep an eye out for the calendar on the school website.

Blooming Marvellous

Congratulations to Penny and her team of KS1 gardeners who won a **GOLD** in this year's Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition. The second year running - Well done!



Attendance Watch

After a poor start, our attendance has recovered and risen to 95.38% I will be contacting parents to discuss attendance where it falls below 95%. We need to work together to crack this!



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Exciting Times!

With Stone Age Day for Year 3, African Day for Year 2, and a visit to the Globe Theatre for Year 6, the year has certainly begun with a host of exciting opportunities for the children.

Coming soon.....

Enterprise Week

31st October—4th November

Children will work collaboratively to plan money-making schemes to raise money for Children in Need. Watch out for parent-mail communications and posters with more information as plans are hatched!

Anti-Bullying Week

14th November—18th November

'Power for Good'

We will be exploring ways of helping each other, being kind and identifying when to speak up about friendship issues.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November

The week will finish with Children in Need day when we invite children to dress as a superhero for a donation to charity.



E-Safety Crew

Last Friday, Mrs Thomas and I took a crew of five Year 5 and 6 pupils to train how to become e-safety ambassadors for the school. As such, the children will have the role of teaching pupils how to keep safe online. They will also support parents by providing information. An 'E-Safety' page has been added to the pupil zone on the website. The children will also lead an assembly during Anti-Bullying Week in November on cyber-bullying.

Back to the Stone Age...

As you will know, we work extremely hard to bring the curriculum to life and inject excitement into learning. This was illustrated perfectly in Year 3 last week, when the children came to school dressed as Stone Age people, as part of their topic. During the day, the children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wide range of learning opportunities including making clay pots, fire lighting as people in the Stone Age would have done, building shelters and taking part in a Stone Age feast! They also had a representative from the Tunbridge Wells museum who came into school to deliver an archaeology session that explored the concept of the 'Stone Age' and its importance to the development of civilisation.



Everyone dressed up and they all looked fantastic as Stone Age people!

This term's core value focus has been on **COLLABORATION**.

Mrs Lonie