



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Children Championing Children

Congratulations to all of the children who worked so hard to raise money for Children in Need. During Enterprise Week, children planned a range of activities to raise money. These included car-washing, hair-braiding, a nail salon, selling of toys and games, as well as a number of sponsored events. The activities were supported superbly by parents and led to a fantastic total of £1118. Well done to everybody that took part and showed what a caring school we are.



November also saw the hosting of Anti-Bullying Week. This was an opportunity to explore what constitutes bullying and how it can be tackled. We revisited the fact that bullying is on-going unkind behaviour rather than one-off unkind incidents. We explained how it is not bullying if two pupils of equal power and strength fight or quarrel so on-going disagreements, clashes of personality and feuds do not constitute bullying. There was a focus on on-line safety and cyber-bullying. Our new E-Safety Crew led an assembly to share important information with the children.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Friday 9th Dec	3.30pm–5.00pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 12th Dec	1.30pm	*See below
Tuesday 13th Dec	2pm	FS/KS1 Christmas
Wednesday 14th Dec	9.30am	Production
Friday 16th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day -
		donations to Save the Children
Tuesday 20th Dec	Christmas Dinner	
	6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Service
		at St Mark's Church
Thursday 22nd Dec		Start of Christmas holiday
Wednesday 4th Jan		Start of Spring Terms

Future year's INSET Days:

- Tuesday 3rd January 2017
- Monday 5th June 2017
- Monday 4th September 2017
- Thursday 4th January 2018
- Friday 5th January 2018
- Monday 4th June 2018

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

Attendance Watch

As part of Project 95, a number of parents met with me recently to discuss their child's attendance. These were very useful meetings, with parents and school working together and the result will hopefully be improved individual attendance.

Our current whole school attendance figure is 95.48%. Please remember that planned absences can only be authorised in advance and that holidays are not a reason for non-attendance.

Please also remember that children should be on the playground at 8.50am, ready to go into class at 8.55am. Supervision of children is the responsibility of parents until this time.



Staff News

We welcome Mrs Tanya Pulford to our team, who will be supporting a child in Year 1. We are also fortunate enough to have both Mrs Thomas and Mrs Seymour supporting as teaching assistants in other year groups.



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Curriculum Corner

Our curriculum has been as exciting as ever...

Year 3 have embarked on their topic 'Bella Italia' with a visit to Pizza Express to learn to make Italian-style pizzas.



Year 2 visited the Tower of London as part of their topic, 'An Eye on London'.



Year 5 took a trip to the Baptist church as part of their RE lesson. Thank you Gareth (Andy's dad) for the invite!



Last week, pupils from Year R to 6 had visits from the Fire Service. The children explored ways in which to keep safe as part of the PSHEE curriculum.

PTA Christmas Fair

3.30-5pm on 9th December

Not long now until our exciting festive fair. Please come along and support in whatever way you can. There will be opportunities to win prizes and buy gifts as well as visit Santa in our magical grotto.

We are asking children to decorate a jam jar and fill it with small toys and sweets in preparation for the fair. Please send in the decorated jam jars on Monday 5th December. There will be a prize for the most beautifully or creatively decorated jar in each class. If you are able to help on a stall, please sign up in the entrance hall or contact Sarah West.

Raffle tickets are on sale with some very exciting prizes. House points will be awarded for ticket sales so please try your hardest to involve the local community.

If you have any unwanted toys and games that are in good condition to donate for the bric-a-brac, please bring them into school on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December.



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Basketball team, who won the 'Spirit of the Games' award at this month's interschool competition.



Parent Council

Parent Council met this month - minutes can be found on the website. Years 3 and 5 still require a representative due to resignations connected to time commitments. Please see me if you are interested. The next meeting will focus on reports to parents. If you have any comment relating to these, please pass these to your representatives.

The lead-up to Christmas is always a busy time. If in doubt about an event, please ask. Make sure you have signed up your child for Christmas lunch.

Mrs Lonie