



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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## Let's Have a Welly Good Time!!

This month, we were delighted to be presented with 1,000 copies of the Broadwater Down Primary School Welly Walk leaflet (sent home before the half-term break) by the High Weald Education Officer. Our fantastic Year 5 pupils helped to research, plan and test the walk as part of the High Weald Heroes (HWH) Education Programme last year.

The Welly Walk will be a great resource for the whole school to explore, enjoy and learn about their local landscape for years to come. The walk is circular and starts and ends at the school gate, making it easy and free to use.



**In the spring, all KS2 pupils will walk the Welly Walk route to celebrate its launch. KS1 will follow later in the year.**

Broadwater Down Primary School is a member of the HWH Education Programme which offers free workshops and resources linking learning about the local landscape to the curriculum. The Welly Walk leaflet was produced by the High Weald Partnership who delivers the programme.

Tunbridge Wells sits within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which covers 1461 km<sup>2</sup> of South East England.

We hope you make use of the leaflet and walk.

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Half-Term Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October

Monday 29th Oct	INSET Day
Tuesday 30th Oct	Return to school
Friday 2nd Nov	5pm—6.30pm Spooky Disco
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 – 10.30 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Friday 16th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 30th Nov	3.30—5.30pm Christmas Fair
Friday 7th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal at 1.30pm*
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Friday 14th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day— please bring in a donation for Save the Children
	3.15pm Hawkenbury Christmas Cake Sale
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
	6.30pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service at school
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties
	End of Term

\*Suitable for parents with babies and young children



## Parent Governor Vacancy

**I hope you will have read with interest the communication before the holiday regarding our parent governor vacancy.**

**If you would like to know more about the post, please come and see me.**

## Staff News

**We welcome Ms Gesson to the office. She will be working Mondays and afternoons for the rest of the week, with Mrs Parker continuing each morning from Tuesday to Friday.**



**We also welcome Mr Perry, our new teaching assistant, who will be working in our Yr 2 class and Mrs Smith, who will be joining the Year R team.**

**Due to Mrs Fox's on-going illness, Mrs Seymour will be moving to Yr 1, while Mrs Woods will be moving across to the Yr 4/5 class for the majority of the week.**



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## Team Challenge

To promote our core value of **COLLABORATION** in term 1, the school took to the challenge of making the strongest bridge....

Pupils across the school learned how to work together. Not everyone finds working in a team or partnership easy, so it was a good way of developing the key skills of listening, communication and compromise to achieve a shared goal.



Year 6 had great fun designing and making their bridges for "Team Challenge Day". Whilst all the teams worked together and collaborated to make a successful bridge, the winning team was chosen for their inventive troll-themed bridge and the perseverance they showed in making their design work.



Congratulations to our Chair of Governors, Penny, Mrs Jacques and their team of gardeners for winning the silver gilt in the 'Bee Friendly Garden' entry into the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition. They were commended for their team effort.



## Fundraising Group (PTA)

Sarah and her team are working hard to plan this term's festive treats. If you can help in any way, please speak to Sarah:

Wrapping presents

Sticking tombola tickets on items

Running a stall

Selling raffle tickets

Securing prizes

Your contribution, however small, is greatly appreciated.

The PTA has just paid for 18 new laptops for use across the school from last year's efforts!!



## Policies

Our website [www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk](http://www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk) has lots of information regarding the school and what the children are up to. If you would like to read and comment on our Behaviour Policy or SEN&D Policy, please take a look and email me with any comments. We will discuss these further at Parent Council.

Well done to our Year 6 pupils. They acted as tour guides for prospective parents at our open day recently and were praised by all for their eloquence and passion for the school. They were a credit to the school and to their parents.



This term's core values are **KINDNESS and RESPECT.**

Mrs Lonie