



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took part in our pyjama day in aid of Children in Need, we raised **£515** for this great cause!

This week a group of Y3/4 pupils accompanied by Miss. Bruce and Mrs. McKrell have begun a four day course entitled Wild Tribe led by a member of the team at EQE. The children and staff will be learning bush craft and fire making skills and once the course is complete we will be reinstating Forest Crew sessions beginning for classes during the spring term.

Thank you to all of the pupils who entered Jeff Smith MP's Christmas card competition. Our school entries have been delivered to his offices today. We have also selected a winner for our school and the design will be used on our Christmas card – This will be announced in our assembly on Monday.

Later in the newsletter you will see a message from the Didsbury in Bloom team. We would like to congratulate the team on their much deserved recognition in the King's honours list. The work that they undertake across Didsbury is very impressive and we are proud to support them in their many projects.

Beginning next week we will be introducing prefects in school. Some of our Y6 children have applied for these roles and will be taking on jobs around school throughout the day, including supporting our younger children at lunchtime.

As part of our work towards the silver Healthy Schools award we will be re-introducing our approach towards healthy eating. We have noticed that some packed lunches are quite unhealthy and snacks at break time are often crisps or chocolate. Further information will be provided to parents in due course and this topic will be covered through an assembly with our pupils, however it is our intention to reinstate our Healthy Eating policy from January 2024, a copy of which can be found in the policy area of our school website.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.
Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year is **97%**.

Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 24.11.23 was **94.1%**

The following classes attendance was above our target W/E 24.11.23:

Oak - 99%, Beech - 97%, Alder - 99%, Aspen - 98%, Rowan 99%.

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 17.11.23:

Oak - 99%, Beech - 99%, Poplar - 99%.

Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm - Ayla & Benji, **Pine** - Aisha & Laith, **Beech** - Eli & Josef, **Ash** - Liyana & Siena.

Alder - Harvey & Mustafa, **Larch** - Freya & Eliza.

Rowan - Narges & India, **Aspen** - Arish & Sofia, **Spruce** - Aleen & Marin, **Poplar** - Lucas & Minsa.

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

Elm - Lachlan & Anaya, **Pine** - Narayan & Samayyah, **Beech** - Summer & Raffi, **Ash** - Sarah & Lyla.

Hazel - Sultan & Yusuf, **Alder** - Zainab & Sehaj, **Larch** - Blake & Efrem.

Rowan - Frankie & Asha, **Aspen** - Omar & Avery, **Spruce** - Alia & Farhan, **Poplar** - Alish & George.

Dates for your diary:

1st December 2023 - Non-uniform Day for a donation of a chocolate item for our Christmas Fair Tombola (no items containing nuts please)

6th December 2023 - Christmas PTA Volunteer Evening at 6pm (please see flyer attached) - The evening will be an opportunity for parents to meet up for coffee and cake and also help with preparations for the upcoming Christmas Fair.

13th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day - Suggested donation of £1 for charity Save the Children!

13th December 2023 - School Christmas Dinner - If you would like to order a Christmas dinner for your child. Please do so via SchoolGrid before Friday 8th December 2023 to help our School Caterers plan.

14th December 2023 - Cinema Christmas Trip - Children need to wear school uniform and can bring one drink and snack (no items containing nuts please). We will be leaving straight after registration at 9.05. Please arrive at school on time.

14th December 2023 - School Christmas Fair - 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Please if you can Volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. [Please contact - pta@broadoak.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:pta@broadoak.manchester.sch.uk)

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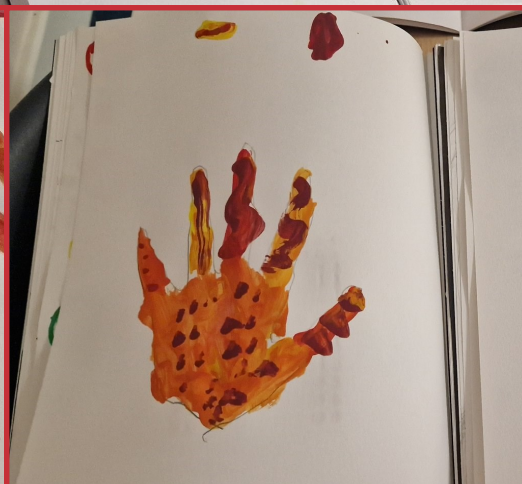
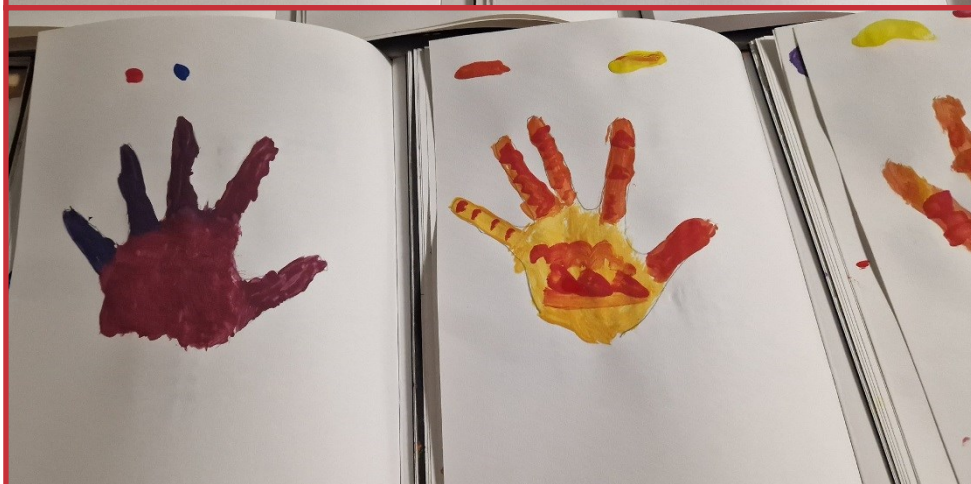
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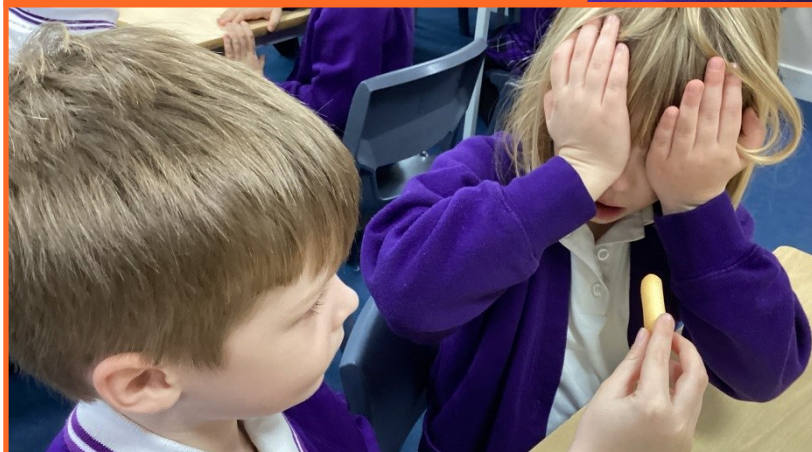
Resilience

KS1 have been exploring blending primary colours to create secondary colours this week. The children experimented, creating different shades of the secondary colour.



We have started to learn about the 5 senses in Science. Last week, we focused on smell and taste.

The children tried to identify food items by smell or taste alone.



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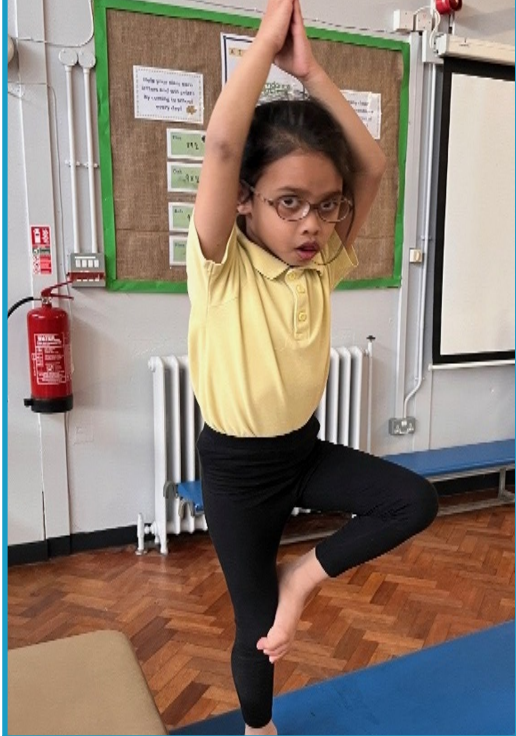
We have been practising different printing techniques.

This week they used shaving foam and drawing ink to print flames to represent The Great Fire of London. Next week they will add Tudor Houses!





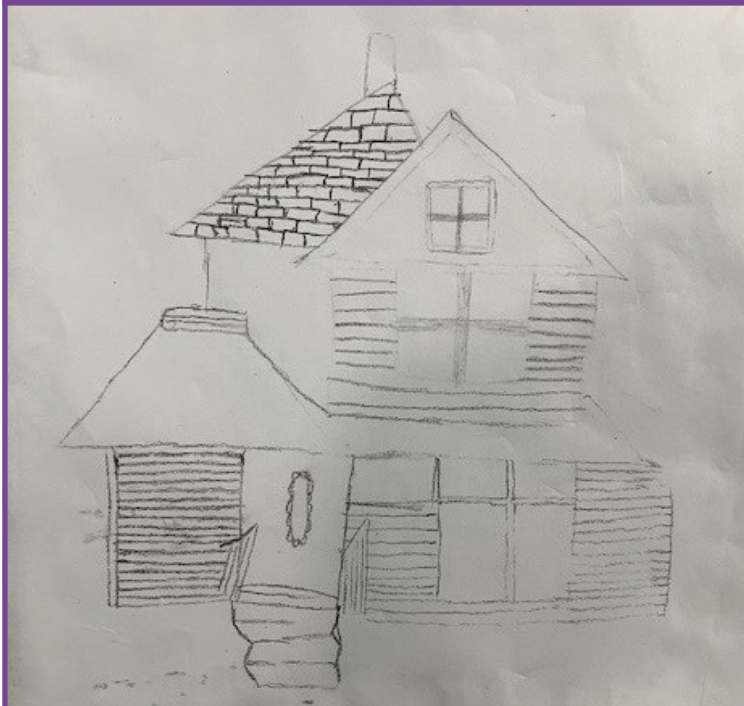
In PE, KS1 have been learning to be ready to receive a ball this week. The children played dragon flame ball, where the knights had to stop the flame from reaching the kingdom and a dragon egg game where they had to quickly roll 2 dragon eggs across a line as quickly as possible!



Year 1 and 2 have loved practising their balances on the equipment in gymnastics!



This half term, UKS2 have been studying architecture and architects in Art & Design lessons.



We have really enjoyed using our sketching skills to draw different houses. We used our observational drawing skills to ensure we included everything down to the tiniest detail.

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**Broad Oak Primary pupils and families help Didsbury Park to a Royal Award!
We have had some amazing news from Brian Johnson at Didsbury Park!**

Broad Oak Primary have supported Didsbury Park for many years and will continue to do so.

We believe that by taking part in local community environmental projects and volunteering we ultimately help Didsbury be a better place for everyone.
Pupils broaden their learning about nature and what it is to care for where they live.

Congratulations to all the volunteers!



**THE FRIENDS OF
DIDSBURY PARK**

Dear Broad Oak Primary School,

Thank you to the parents and children for all the volunteer support they have undertaken with the Friends of Didsbury Park over the years. All their work at leaf clearing, bulb planting, litter picking etc has really been appreciated.

This year the volunteer work in Didsbury Park has been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours, published on Tuesday.

The Friends of Didsbury Park have been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service - an award equivalent to an MBE, and the highest award in the UK, which can be granted to a voluntary organisation.

We hope as a contributor to this volunteer work that you will be proud of being part of this prestigious award.

Thank you once again

With best wishes

Brian Johnson
Friends of Didsbury Park



**The King's Award
for Voluntary Service**
The MBE for volunteer groups

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BROAD OAK PTA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
PTA EVENING

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH AT 6:00 PM
IN THE SCHOOL DINING HALL

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED
WITH OUR PTA AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US GET
READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GET
INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



HOLIDAY INSPIRED FILM SHOWING IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR THE KIDS
IF YOU WISH/NEED TO BRING THEM

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BROAD OAK PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
3.45PM

Games | Stalls | Santa | Food | Drinks
Tombola | Raffle | Crafts | Face Painting
and much much more!



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
IN THE
THE OLD PARSONAGE
11AM-4PM

**MEET SANTA AND
HIS ELVES!**

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

CHRISTMAS STALLS

HOT DRINKS

**MULLED WINE AND
MINCE PIES**

**JASPER
THE PUPPET DOG**

**HYMNS BY
NORTHENDEN
COMMUNITY
CHOIR**

RAFFLE

**£2 FOR EACH CRAFT
£3 VISIT TO SANTA**

£5 FOR BOTH!

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Henshaws is 186 years old this year, and we support anyone of any age who has a sight impairment, sight loss, and often an additional disabilities.

This year our incredible Henshaws Children and Young People Choir will be performing, they are absolutely amazing.

Often disabilities are very scary for children to understand, I feel this event demonstrates no matter what your disability, anything is possible with the right support. It would be wonderful to see some of your pupils there.



MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL



WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023

Doors open at 7pm | Concert starts at 7.20pm

ADULTS

£10*/£14

CONCESSIONS

£6*/£10

Concessions = those with visual impairments, disabilities, students, children and OAP

GUIDES/CARERS

FREE!

FAMILIES

£25*/£30

Family tickets = 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children

*Early bird pricing will end 6th November

FEATURING

Dave Steele - The Blind Poet
Denise Leigh & Stefan Andrusyschyn
Svitoch Ukrainian Choir
Leo Hicks
Henshaws Children & Young People Choir

BOOK NOW:

henshaws.org.uk

0300 222 5555

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Henshaws society for blind people,
charity number 221888



<http://www.henshaws.org.uk/>

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GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly from the school.

Receive instant messages, complete surveys and forms, book your parents evenings and more.

Select your school to get started!



LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:
- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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